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Picture Perfect

May is Photography Month, a time to not only enjoy snapping photos and capturing memories, but a time to look at the world differently, through the eyes of a photographer. And with pocket-sized cell phones equipped with powerful cameras that rival the top traditional cameras, it seems as if everyone these days is capable of high-quality photography.

Photography has always seemed a bit magical. After all, photography gives us the ability to freeze a moment in time and cherish it forever. Photographers may record important moments in history, capture the energy and emotion of a single memory, or stage scenes to send political messages or make social or cultural critiques. In the end, however, what makes a photograph special is its subject matter and composition. What is the play between light and shadow? Is color saturated or muted? Are faces joyful and energetic or melancholy and lonely? A simple photograph communicates so much—both a message to the viewer and the self-expression of the photographer. And now that cell phones put cameras in the hands of most everyone, photography has become a part of many peoples' daily lives. In this way, photography has never been more democratic than it is today.

Just as a cell phone is a device used for communicating via voice or text, the cell phone camera is also a mode of communication, but via picture. The first camera phone was unveiled in 1995 to little fanfare. At first, it seemed strange to pair a phone with a camera. Today, cell phones without a camera are both unthinkable and unmarketable. The most powerful cell phone cameras are filled with sensors and meters that allow users to simply point and click to make mini masterpieces. Apps like Instagram, Tumblr, Snapchat, and Pinterest share photos with millions of people instantaneously. We share images of our children, vacations, artwork, and even our food. In Egypt and China, cell phone cameras captured images that broadcast revolutions to the world. In these ways, photography is more than art—it is a means to make your voice heard.

Celebrating May

**Global Health and
Fitness Month**

Gardening for Wildlife Month

Kentucky Derby
May 2

Nurses Week
May 6–12

American Indian Day
May 9

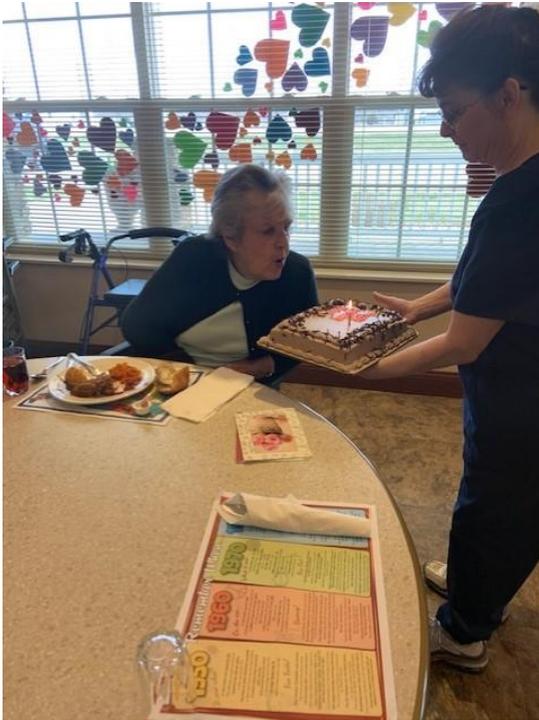
Mother's Day: U.S.
May 10

O. Henry Pun-Off Day
May 15

National Polka Festival
May 22–24

Memorial Day: U.S.
May 25

Here are the pictures of the birthdays last month. We enjoy celebrating with you all.



Mabel



Joe



Bob



Everyone enjoyed coloring Easter eggs together.



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo



Cinco de Mayo enjoys widespread popularity across the United States, despite many Americans mistaking the holiday as Mexico's Independence Day. Cinco de Mayo revelers take note! Mexico's Independence Day is held on September 16. It commemorates the day in 1810 when a Catholic priest known as Father Hidalgo made a speech in the town of Dolores calling for independence from Spain. Hidalgo's speech has since been called the "Cry of Dolores," and the town is now known as Dolores Hidalgo. Cinco de Mayo commemorates a very different event on a date over 50 years later.



Making Dog treats for the animal shelter and hopefully our bake sale.

Window Visiting



May Birthday:

Happy Birthday to Laura Freeman on May 24. We all hope you have a great day.



“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be

Dear Families,
We would like to thank all of the families for their patience and kindness as we work hard to keep your loved ones safe at this time. We have had many families who come to visit through the windows and via internet. If you are interested in this just call ahead and we will make sure you can see your family and friends.



Seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart!”