

## The Story Behind the Plate

On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to require license plates on vehicles. At that time, the state didn't provide the plates. Rather, individuals created their own license plates out of leather, brass, or whatever was available. When people began to create unlawful plates, state governments stepped in and began making their own.



In 1903, Massachusetts became the first state to issue plates. The very first license plate was number 1, issued to a man named Frederick Tudor. Amazingly, his family still maintains an active registration, which gives them the right to use the number 1 on a modern plate.

The first plates were made of iron covered in porcelain enamel. The background was a dark blue with the numbers in white. There were no standard sizes back in the early days of license plates. The more numbers on the plate, the larger the plate got. Motorcycles, too, needed license plates. The first looked identical to car plates, but started with the letter Z.

As if letters and numbers weren't enough, many plates have had slogans touting a state's fame or history. In our quiz below, try to connect each state with one of its license plate slogans.

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| 1. Idaho           | A. Sunshine State      |
| 2. Missouri        | B. Vacationland        |
| 3. New Hampshire   | C. Land of Lincoln     |
| 4. Washington      | D. Garden State        |
| 5. Illinois        | E. Stars Fell On       |
| 6. New Jersey      | F. America's Dairyland |
| 7. Pennsylvania    | G. Live Free or Die    |
| 8. Wisconsin       | H. Show-Me State       |
| 9. Florida         | I. Keystone State      |
| 10. Alabama        | J. First in Flight     |
| 11. Maine          | K. Evergreen State     |
| 12. North Carolina | L. Famous Potatoes     |

Having trouble? Perhaps a road trip is in order....

**Answers:** 1. L; 2. H; 3. G; 4. K; 5. C; 6. D; 7. I; 8. F; 9. A; 10. E; 11. B; 12. J

## April Birthdays

In astrology, those born between April 1–20 are Aries, the Ram. Rams are adventurous go-getters and full of enthusiasm, charm, and energy. They make dynamic pioneers and adventurers—undeterred when the going gets rough. Those born from April 20–30 have the star sign of the Bull of Taurus. Bulls show steady, dogged persistence in achieving their goals. Once goals are reached, they enjoy being rewarded, especially with beauty and peace at home.

Marlon Brando (actor) – April 3, 1924  
Spencer Tracy (actor) – April 5, 1900  
Walter Winchell (columnist) – April 7, 1897  
Jackie Chan (actor, stuntman) – April 7, 1954  
Charles Wilson Peale (artist) – April 15, 1741  
Paloma Picasso (designer) – April 19, 1949  
Shirley Temple (actress) – April 23, 1928  
Carol Burnett (comedian) – April 26, 1933  
Jerry Seinfeld (comedian) – April 29, 1954



## April's Movie: We Can Be Heroes

When alien invaders kidnap Earth's superheroes, their kids are whisked away to a government safe house. But whip-smart tween Missy Moreno will stop at nothing to rescue her superhero dad, Marcus Moreno. Missy teams up with the rest of the superkids to escape their mysterious government babysitter, Ms. Granada. If they want to save their parents, they'll need to work together by using their individual powers--from elasticity to time control to predicting the future--and form an out-of-this-world team.—[Netflix](#)

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# Providence News

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## Meet The Managers:

### Executive Director/Admin.

Denice Day, LNHA

### Director of Nursing

Pauline Basinger, RN

### Asst. Dir. of Nursing

Marcy Valliant, LPN

### Infection Control

Laura Clayton, RN

### Director of Social Services

Shirl Felder, LSW

### Director of Nutrition

Amy Fox, CDM, CFPP

### Dietician

Amy Apple, RD

### Director of Activities

Shawn Lind, ADC, CDP, CMDCP

### Admissions Coordinator

April Hupp

### Spiritual Care

Courtney Hurlburt

### Director of Maintenance, Housekeeping, Transportation

Lisa Wallen

### Medical Records

Kelly Coffey

### Director of Rehab

Chris Reffitt, PTA

### Business Office

Tara Villarreal

### Staff Development

Nicole Koch, RN

## Raining Cats and Dogs

Cats and dogs have long held the title of “humans’ best friends,” but April shines a special spotlight on their roles in our lives. From cuddly companions to tireless helpers, these animals bring joy and purpose to millions. This month, three events highlight their importance and the incredible humans who support them.

World Stray Animal Day on April 4 reminds us of the countless cats and dogs in need of loving homes. Globally, millions of stray dogs and cats live on the streets or in shelters. Organizations worldwide work to rescue and rehome these animals, giving them a second chance at life. If you've been considering adopting but can't, donating time, money, pet food, or gently used blankets and towels can make a world of difference.

Later in the month, Therapy Animal Day on April 30 celebrates the unique bond between people and therapy animals. Did you know therapy dogs and cats can lower blood pressure and reduce stress levels? These specially trained animals provide comfort and emotional support in hospitals, schools, libraries, and nursing homes. Their calming presence has even been shown to improve recovery times in patients.

Let's not forget Volunteer Appreciation Week, running April 20–26. Behind every happy adoption are volunteers who give their time and hearts to help animals. Whether it's walking dogs, cleaning kennels, or fostering kittens, these heroes make a significant impact. Many shelters report that volunteers contribute thousands of hours each year, saving lives and creating happier futures. This week is a great opportunity to thank them, or even join their ranks!

This April, whether you're celebrating a beloved pet, supporting therapy animals, or helping stray cats and dogs find homes, take a moment to appreciate the furry friends that make life brighter. And remember, even small acts of kindness can have a major impact.



**Always Available Food Menu**

Available 5:30 am-7:00pm Call Ext. 247

**\*Outside these hours, please ring your call light and the nursing staff will assist.**

**\*Some items are also on unit at your nurse’s station.**

**Soups:**

Chicken Noodle

Tomato

Vegetable

**Sandwiches:**

Assorted lunch meat

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Egg and Cheese

Tuna/Chicken/Egg Salad

Grilled Cheese

Grilled Chicken Breast

**Salads:**

Fruit and Cottage Cheese Plate

Chef Salad

**Cereal:**

Oatmeal

Raisin Bran

Cheerios

**Snacks:**

Assorted Cookies

Peanut Butter Crackers

Chips

Apple, Orange, Banana, Apple Sauce

Yogurt

Pudding

Ice Cream & Sherbet

***The Kitchen’s phone ext. is 247***

**Attention Family and Friends:**

*If you want to eat a meal with your loved one you may purchase a meal ticket at the front desk for \$5.00 (meal from kitchen) or \$3.00 (meal from the Grille). Thank you.*

**BINGO BUCK STORE**

When coming to the Bingo Buck Store

Residents will “pull” a number to know when they get to enter the “store”. Example: If there are 20 people, 20 numbers will be drawn. No matter what time they line up for the event, if they draw number 7, they will be the 7th person to shop. Any questions see Shawn Lind, Activity Director.

**RESIDENT BANKING**

**Banking Hours at PCC are:**

Monday – Friday 9:00-3:00

Saturday 11:00-1:00

Sunday 11:00-1:00



**McDonald’s Day  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Activities will have a sign-up sheet to order from a select menu from McDonalds. Residents that sign up to do this activity will meet in the Activity Room at 11:45 for lunch. Prices vary depending on the meal you order.

*\* McDonald’s Day falls on April 15, the anniversary day of when Ray Kroc, the founder of McDonalds, opened his first McDonald’s restaurant in Des Plaines, Illinois, in 1955. The very first McDonald’s restaurant was opened by New Hampshire brothers Richard and Maurice McDonald on May 15, 1940, in San Bernardino, California.*

**Resident of the Month:**

**January:** Marilyn Ohlemacher

**February:** Donald Maxam

**March:** Janet Weaver

**April:**

**May:**

**June:**

**July:**

**August:**

**September:**

**October:**

**November:**

**December:**

**Employee of the Month:**

**January:** Tracy Gochenour, STNA

**February:** Kemaria White, Dietary Asst.

**March:** Cassie Sanford, Receptionist

**April:** Mandy Wise, Transportation

**May**

**June**

**July**

**August**

**September**

**October**

**November**

**December**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

**Surge Protectors and Extension**

**Cords are PROHIBITED! This is to prevent a fire within in the building!**

**Resident of the Month**

Congratulations Cecilia Massi! Cici is one of our Bingo Enthusiast. There isn’t a single bingo session that goes by that Cici doesn’t miss. She is a social butterfly and enjoys time visiting with staff and residents. Cici was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. She came to Ohio with her father to help him with farm work. He grew ill and eventually passed away, resulting in Cici living with her sister in Norwalk. She met her late husband in 1968. She did housekeeping at Cedar Point before starting a family. Cici had 2 daughters. She has a granddaughter and a grandson. Her favorite things besides bingo are pickles, cheese pizza and spinach dip. She say “when you have all that what else do you possibly need”! Congratulations, Cici!

**Employee of the Month**

It is with joy and appreciation that we announce Mandy Wise, Transporation, as our Employee of the Month. Mandy joined our team 11/25/2024. is cosiderate to the residents she is responsibel for and respectufl of their needs and time. She gets them to and from their (off campus) appointmens with no worries. Mandy has really stepped up in a time of need the past couple of months as the Transporttion Dept and Supervisor really leaned on her to assrue the job was done sufficiently and with care. Mandy stepped right up and showed up! She is a team plery and has excelled since day 1, bringing her transportation experince the the front of the line and withign her first week on the job you would have thought she has been a part of the PCC Family for years. She is a problem solver and self sufficient. Families and Residents love her. We are so proud of Mandy! Congratulations, Mandy, Employee of the Month for April 2025.