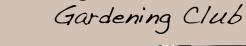


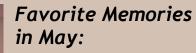




Last Month's Happynings!

Kentucky Derby Day!





-Mother's Day **Celebration** (Above) Thank you to all who came to celebrate some amazing mothers at our Mother's Day Brunch!

-Kentucky Derby Day (Left) Our residents enjoyed placing bets on their favorite racehorses: our Bickford Family Members! We also enjoyed decorating hats for the occasion!

-Garden Club (Right) We've been working hard painting flower pots, nd potting



My Dad's Hands

Bedtime came, we were settling down, I was holding one of my lads. As I grasped him so tight, I saw a strange sight: my hands- they looked like my dad's! I remember them well, those old gnarled hooks, there was always a cracked nail or two. And thanks to a hammer that strayed from its mark, his thumb was a beautiful blue! They were rough, I remember, incredibly tough, as strong as a carpenter's vice. But holding a scared little boy at night, they seemed to me awfully nice! I gave little thought in my formative

years of the reason for Dad's raspy mitts: The love in the toil, the dirt and the oil, rusty plumbing that gave those hands fits! Thinking back, misty-eyed, and thinking ahead, when one day my time is done. The torch of love in my own wrinkled hands will pass on to the hands of my son. I don't mind the bruises, the scars here and there or the hammer that just seemed to slip. I want most of all when my son takes my hand, to feel that love lies in the grip.

-David Kettler

Happy Father's Day Bickford of Raytown!















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3:30 Ice Cream Social 6:30 Bean Bag Toss

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4:00 Afternoon Walk 6:30 Card Games

Meeting 6:30 Wii Bowling

6:30 Movie &

4:00 Story-Telling

Popcorn

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