

The Atrium News

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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT BILLY MARCH



PHOTO: At left, Billy smiles in the kitchenette. He probably just beat me at Rummy!



Billy March, ne William, is one of 8 boys and three girls born to Charlie and Leola March. "My mother passed, but she was a beautiful woman, who was always very kind to everyone" says Billy.

The whole family grew up in Prospect, right here in Johnstown, where Billy remembers having good times with his friends on "his turf." One of the things he recalls fondly is playing football in a field up in Prospect. "I used to play quarterback! I love throwing passes and running the ball too!" remembers Billy.

I would have to imagine Billy was a pretty good player too. At over 6' tall, if I saw him running at me with the ball, you'd better believe I wouldn't try to tackle him!

A certified welder when he was older, Billy always enjoyed working, even at a young age. "I used to shine shoes with my buddy Mark! We'd get up early in the morning and go down to the park. I had people that would only come to me. I used to put that cream on and get my towel popping, man you couldn't tell me

anything! I'd go home with \$60 in my pocket on a good day!"

These days, what Billy is perhaps most well known for is his love of music. Billy has sang his whole life, whether it be in the Angellica choir at the church his father bought, or in the March Singers— a quartet he sang in with his brother, Billy always had music in his life. When I asked him what part he sang, he answered, "Anything from bass to tenor! I could hit all of the notes." Let me tell you, he still can! Not many people would be able to boast the range that Billy has.

Aside from regular walks to the music store, Billy keeps me most entertained with our regular games of Rummy 500— in which he beats me pretty often. If you ever have the time, come in and sit a spell with Billy, maybe play a hand. You won't regret it!

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE ATRIUM

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday Church Service is held at 2 p.m. every other Sunday of the month, and is celebrated by Reverend John Mains of the Fountain of Life Church.

March Dates: March 14th, 28th.

CATHOLIC MASS

Catholic Mass is celebrated each Monday in the Main Lounge.

- MARCH 1 Father Anthony
10:00 a.m. St. Emerich
- MARCH 8 Father Thomas
10:00 p.m. Resurrection Church
- MARCH 15 Father Radasky
10:30 a.m. St. Clement's
- MARCH 22 Father Bernard
10:00 a.m. St. Therese
- MARCH 29 Father Radasky
10:30 a.m. St. Clement's

PRAYER CIRCLE

Prayer Circle is held every Tuesday in the Main Lounge at 9:30 AM. Prayer Circle is led by our Activities Department.

ROSARY

Rosary Service is held every Wednesday in the Annex Dining Room at 10 AM. Led by resident Anna Frances Kist.

PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer Service is held every Thursday at 10:45 AM in the Main Lounge.

- MARCH . 4 Pastor Rowlands
- MARCH . 11 Pastor King
- MARCH . 18 Pastor Plotts
- MARCH . 25 Pastor Verner

Normally this is the "mark your calendar" section of the newsletter, but we have so many new faces around here this past month I thought I would introduce you to them!



Alan Rauch
Activities

Wilhemina Peaks
Nursing

Nastassja Newkirk
Nursing

Laternia Brantley
Nursing

LeeAnn Miller
Nursing

BIRTHDAYS, FRIENDS & CELEBRATIONS

Irish Blessings:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



May you be in Heaven a full hour before the devil knows you're dead!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Atrium will feature
a presentation on:
"SPRING INTO HEALTH"

Part of the
Senior Wellness Day Series
Wednesday, March 17th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Atrium
Main Lounge - Downtown
Free Parking and Refreshments

PUBLIC WELCOME!
RSVP: 535-5347



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR RESIDENTS:

March 4th—Harry Sheets
March 7th—Derna Kurtz
March 9th—Alice Chestnut
March 9th—Emma Parker
March 12th—Thecla Templeton
March 13th—Donald Kiepert
March 23rd—Louise Paige
March 28th—Billy March

Happy Birthday to our Staff:

March 1st—Myrtle Hechler
March 7th—Elma Wirfel
March 14th—Eric Heptner
March 22nd—Alan Rauch
March 25th—Kevin Bean

Welcome to our new residents:

Joseph Zahurak!

Newsworthy Notes...

- Time to Spring forward! Set your clocks an hour ahead for daylight savings time March 13th before you go to bed.
- We're cooking up a storm in our kitchenette! If your loved one has a favorite recipe, pass it our way and we'll make it together! We cook every Thursday and are always searching for new things to make. Pop in for a bite, why don't ya?
- Looking for a place to visit with your family member at the Atrium? Our Kitchenette is available for use to visit with a larger group, or to cook your family member a favorite meal. Call Kevin in Activities at 535-5347 to check for availability.

NEWS

ACTIVITY NEWS

What a great fun time we had in February! If you weren't able to make it down for our Valentine's Day dance, boy did you miss out! Our new friend Paul Stephenson came in and entertained us all

with some excellent music that had us all up and out of our seats.

Everyone got all dolled up and showed us they could still shake it on the dance floor when the spirit moves them and

did it ever! By the end of the night, I was worn out from the number of punches on my dance card.

Not to be overlooked in all of the dance mayhem were our King and Queen of the dance—Herb Kist and Emma Parker (picture at left) Don't they make a lovely pair?

A special thanks goes out to all of the Atrium staff who made the evening possible. Everyone had a hand in the success of the evening from our great housekeeping staff who helped decorate, to our medical personnel who helped make sure everyone was able to come down and enjoy themselves. Thank you all!!!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick was originally born between Maewyn Succat, but his Romanized name was Patricius and it was this name that eventually caught on.

One of the more interesting facts about him is that *he wasn't Irish*. While it is not known exactly where he was born, most reports have him as being either English or Scottish.

St. Patrick got his first taste of Ireland by being kidnapped as a child and sold into Irish slavery. After 6 years, he had a dream in which God told him to escape. Taking a boat, he eventually made his way to France where he joined a monastery.

While there, he had another dream in which an angel named Victoricus gave him a letter marked, "The Voice of the Irish" so he set out for Ireland with the Pope's blessing and spent over 20 years converting the largely Druidic population to Catholicism.

St. Patrick died March 17th, 461 AD, and we have celebrated it as St. Patrick's Day ever since.



Our dance Queen Emma Parker and King Herb Kist dance the night away at left.



Photo: At right, Resident Council President Don Haney joins the Senior Serenaders in song.

Photo: At right Emma Caputo and Jen dancing cheek to cheek!



Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

V G D H V C T Z K Q W P V A R
 X Z L U S I F O S Y O C Q D Q
 Y C E Q B P A N O T B N B R Z
 L E P E H L A H O Q N J V A K
 N L R U K K I F S E I X C C O
 A T E J E C G N E I A M I L I
 N I C S X O I R P Y R R T U D
 F C H M L N G R V R T I N A S
 A A A D J S I H E A H E I N N
 N T U X Z M D F P M W P A V L
 N D N E G E L W N B I U S U P
 N T J W W K L Q U C H L Y U P
 J B Q A P F Z O K U N Q O J X
 I W I N B I R E L A N D G S Y
 J D C K C O R M A H S Y B Z X

SPRING!!

Fun quotes to mark Spring's Awakening

Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn. ~ Lewis Grizzard

Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer. ~Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson

Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year. ~Ogden Nash

Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems. ~Rainer Maria Rilke



CELTIC	DUBLIN	GREEN
IRELAND	IRISH	LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN	LIMERICK	PATRICK
POT OF GOLD	RAINBOW	SAINT
SHAMROCK	SNAKES	



ABOUT THE ATRIUM

The Atrium is a personal care home dedicated to assisting our residents on their journey through the "circle of life" with enhanced and individualized services. We are conveniently located in downtown Johnstown. We offer:

The Atrium
A Choice Community



"Celebrating Life"

- Air conditioned facilities;
 - Private rooms with private baths;
 - 24 hour in-house nursing service;
 - Delicious meals served in our elegant dining rooms and nutritious snacks available 24 hours per day;
 - House keeping and laundry services;
 - A variety of daily activities and social programs;
 - In house beauty/barber shop;
 - In-house weekly religious services;
 - 24-hour security;
 - Assistance with daily living needs such as bathing, grooming, dressing and medications.
 - Much, much more!
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