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# Resident Housecall

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## March 17th St. Patrick's Day Celebration



People were dressed in green in honor of the day. There were green blouses, sweaters, slacks, earrings, beads and even green hair! The yummy punch and snacks were green!



There was a quiz to see who knew the most about the day.



The Activity Director was heard to answer the dining room phone: "Irish Pub!"



There was a shamrock hunt in the front lobby.

One resident confessed to having kissed the real Blarney Stone in Ireland!



March 28th  
What happened to Spring???



## Jane's Corner

Jane Gaskill, Administrator

### Greetings...

Can you believe it is April in 2009. I know it was winter because of the cold.. but where is the snow or moisture. We'll count on April showers.

Busy times exercising for the Olympics'. Everyone worked so hard.. You know that old saying "Use it or lose it". Well we will be using it at the Senior Olympics which, due to the snow storm, had to be rescheduled for later in April.

*Welcome to our  
New Residents:  
Joe Heaton  
Pete Nutter  
Ruth Nutter  
Maynard Shelite*

*In Sympathy  
and Remembrance:  
Florence Nickel  
Don Denny*

Wellness is a big issue today in our world, we have to keep exercising and moving. So our Restorative girls are great at making this happen at Shares.

The facility has applied for the States Nurse Aid Waiver for the next 6 months. The approval arrived 3-20-09. This waiver allows staff in training to work at the level they have been trained and can progress until completion of their education. Congratulations to Marisa Haltom and Oran Clayton for completing the Medication Courses.

The facility has several teams working on resident satisfiers, we want life at Shares to be all it can be. Noise has been one dissatisfiers for a long times. There is bells, intercoms, staff, TV's and carts.. We are trying. Any suggestions. We keep trying to make dining experience great... We have added two new small dining areas, this makes more space in the big dining room. We value your input ... tell Jane or Jean.

Staff practice Fire safety and Storm safety as the season is upon us. Evenings are usually times when pending storms come. Staff may ask you to come out into the halls away from the windows, halls are the safest place to be. They will get you back when the danger has passed.

Thank you to all the staff that risked life and limb to come to work during the heavy snow time. You make a difference!

**Immediate Attention:** the InnerView process will be coming in April. These interviews will effect the facility's Medicaid payments and consumer rating if not completed. We will get those to you as soon as we get them. Thank you in advance for participating.

I must close to save space for others. I have an Open Door if you want to talk

*Until next time...Jane*

## Resident Council Minutes

The meeting of the Share Convalescent Home Resident Council was called to order on March 11, 2009 by the chairperson. Opening ceremonies were completed followed by the reading of the minutes.

Concerns voiced at the meeting were: staff members failure to put a new roll of toilet tissue on when the other roll is empty. Sausage has not been served at breakfast and there are too many cold plates being served. It was brought up that they would prefer a choice of a sandwich or a salad plate and that the do not like the roll ups. One person expressed a personal opinion, these need to be given to the dietary manager.

A suggestion was made that the housekeepers sweep the floor prior to mopping it, and that the bathrooms needed to be cleaned better and more often. It was also requested that housekeepers sweep under the beds.

Resident expressed they would like the stains in their clothes to be pre-treated to prevent garments from being ruined.

Problems in the nursing department included pills being given late due to the med pass being started late and that snacks are not being passed to every room, all residents should be asked if they would like a snack. The meeting was adjourned as there was no further business.

## Meet Rita Wilcoxson

Rita Wilcoxson is the new assistant in the Activities Department at Share. She began her duties on February 23 and works 20 hours per week under the direction of Activities Director Natasha Foster.

Rita was already a frequent visitor, and so a familiar face to most folks at Share. Her mother has been a resident here since October 2006.

Rita was born and reared in Gage, Oklahoma where her folks,



Clarence and Letha (Richardson) Hull had the Gage Locker Plant. She married Larry Wilcoxson on December 26, 1970 - Rita's mom handmade her wedding dress. (Have you **seen** some of Letha's embroidery work??? Awesome!) Rita graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1974.

Rita and Larry have two children, a son Brandon, and his wife, Ryan, of Stillwater, OK., and a daughter, Alisha, of Olathe, Kansas. Brandon works for Home Town Brand Center and Alisha works for Farmers Insurance.

Rita's husband is a farmer/rancher and also sells stock trailers and wheat beds. Rita worked for Panhandle Eastern for 27 years before retiring in July of 2007.

They have lived three miles north of Alva for the past 26 years.

Rita's says her hobbies are not handwork like her mom's...she prefers shopping online on "eBay" to add to her collection of M&M memorabilia (which fills a whole room, so far!). Her favorite piece in her collection is an M&M lunch box from Australia.

Her husband is in a bowling league and she enjoys their annual trips to national tournaments. They will be going to Las Vegas the second week of April. You be sure to check out her pockets when she gets back and see if she was a "big winner"!

We are glad to have Rita on staff at Share. She is a pleasant, helpful and hard working member of the Share team!



Rita and Natasha at the St Patrick's Day party on March 17th.



Above: Rita visiting her mom and viewing a quilt display in the Solarium Below: Rita's mom, Letha, working a Saturday Evening Post jigsaw puzzle in the lobby.



# Happy Easter!





Tasha and Tyler showed up on St. Patrick's Day to let everyone see their new baby Aryn. Little brother Chris was sporting a "Kiss Me I'm Irish" t-shirt. Tasha is a CMA here at Share. Congratulations to the new parents!



U.S. Highway 64, both east and west of Alva, was closed to through traffic during our recent blizzard.

New private dining room on the east wing



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*"Go Green" with us !*

E-mail Jane Gaskill if you would prefer to receive this newsletter by e-mail.

# Happy Easter

## Sundays

3:45 pm... Church Services

5th...Alva Wesleyan

12th...**Easter Service**

Nazarene Church

19th...College Hill

26th...Friends Church

## Mondays

10:30 am

6th & 20th...Balloon Volleyball

13th & 27th...Parachute Games

3:00 pm ... Bingo

## April Activities

### Tuesdays

10 am

7th & 21st...Crafts

14 th & 28th...Word Games

3:00 pm

Story Time

4:30 pm... Happy Hour

### Wednesdays

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm...Bible Study

3:30 pm

8th...**Resident Council**

### Thursdays

10:00 am...Singing

10:30 am...Bible Stories

3:00 pm

2nd...Cookie Time

9th...Easter Egg Dyeing

16th, 23rd & 30th:

Game Time & Wii Games

### Evening Activities:

Tuesday evening: 6:45

20th...The Williams

Wednesday evenings: 5:30

Every week: Ice Cream Social

Thursday evening: 6:45

16th...Methodist Service

### Fridays

9:45 am

Morning Coffee Break

10 am... Bingo

3:00 pm...Munchies

24th...Funny Money Auction

### Saturdays

3:00 pm

Games

Friday April 10th

Good Friday

Service

10 am

Easter Egg Hunt



**Birthday**

**Party:**

**April 17th**

**3:00 pm**

**Happy Birthday!**

Laverna Kessinger - 1st

Frances Brown - 3rd

Agnes Pemberton - 10th

Carolyn Osbourne - 14th

Lorraine Johnson - 16th

Ronnie Heaton - 29th

