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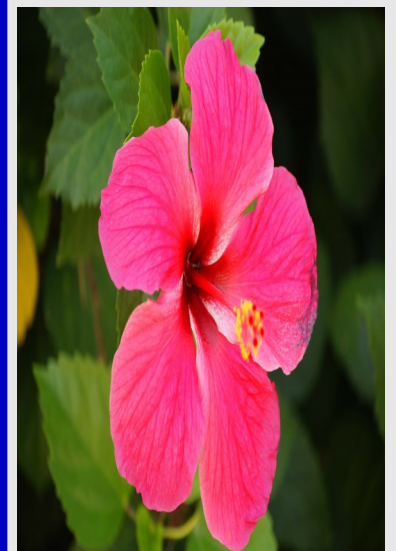
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February Calendar Winners

02/01/16	182	NONE		
02/02/16	237	PETE WOLBERT	SUE KEELAN	\$50
02/03/16	333	PATRICK KERLIN	JESSICA KERLIN	\$10
02/04/16	718	LARRY S. BLUM	BOB WILLMETH	\$10
02/05/16	514	KEVIN STULL	MELINDA WARHAM	\$10
02/06/16	336	MEGAN MINIUM	JAN DODD	\$10
02/07/16	623	NONE		
02/08/16	511	PENNY JALOSKY	SUSANNA GIESEY	\$10
02/09/16	364	DALE TERRY	ANGEL LUTCHER	\$10
02/10/16	129	NONE		
02/11/16	596	ELWOOD A. BEACH JR.	BOB WILLMETH	\$10
02/12/16	725	SUSAN FREEMAN	ANGIE BANNER	\$10
02/13/16	435	RHONDA JOLLEY	LAUREN JOLLEY	\$10
02/14/16	678	MICHAEL REINSEL	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10
02/15/16	669	BETH MARSHALL	JUSTIN PLACER	\$10
02/16/16	986	GERRY BRUCE	KERRI BRUCE	\$10
02/17/16	840	KAYLA CARD	MELINDA WARHAM	\$10
02/18/16	978	RICK BUCKHAM	TAMI BAKER	\$10
02/19/16	386	MICHELLE HILLIARD	ALLI MITCHELL	\$10
02/20/16	686	GWEN REINSEL	GWEN REINSEL	\$10
02/21/16	422	JEFF BYHAM	JEFF BYHAM	\$10
02/22/16	645	NONE		
02/23/16	050	MARTY KEELAN	SUE KEELAN	\$10
02/24/16	001	MICHELE BIXLER	DENNY PEDEN	\$10
02/25/16	650	THOMAS GRECCO	MARY GRECCO	\$10
02/26/16	236	SUZANNE O'NEIL	SUE KEELAN	\$10
02/27/16	315	NONE		
02/28/16	637	LINDA FOY	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10
02/29/16	545	ROBERT L. BRENOT	MEGAN DISQUE	\$10



**AWESOME
JOB!!** 



Staff Birthdays!

MARCH

Kevin Berry, Janitorial (3/8)

Ron Radecki, Janitorial (3/18)

*Steve Phillips, Janitorial
(3/19)*

*Randall Hickey, Human Ser-
vice Aide, DuBois (3/22)*

*Tabitha Tucker, Accounts
Payable, Seneca (3/22)*

Kim Dolan, Pre-Voc Instructor, Seneca (3/24)

Billie Guiste, Pre-Voc Instr., Clarion (3/24)

Jessica O'Neil, CHB Instructor, Seneca (3/30)



APRIL

Bruce Webster, Pre-Voc Sub, DuBois (4/6)

Deb Banner, CHB Instructor, Clarion (4/20)

Lauren Jolley, General Acct., Seneca (4/22)

*Elaine Mellon, Pre-Voc In-
structor, Seneca (4/24)*

*Justin Placer, Program Spe-
cialist, DuBois (4/24)*

*Marti Jo Wilt, FWL Assistant
Coordinator, DuBois (4/26)*



Staff Anniversaries!

MARCH

*Karen Alley, FWTL Direct Care/Peer
Specialist, Dubois (3/9/2015)*

*Alli Mitchell, Program Specialist, Seneca
(3/9/2015)*

*Gwen Reinsel, Program Specialist, Clarion
(3/9/2015)*

*Brianna Myers, HCH Instructor, DuBois
(3/23/2015)*

*Deb Banner, CHB Instructor, Clarion
(3/26/2014)*

Kevin Berry, Janitorial (3/31/2015)

APRIL

Terry Hebert, Janitorial (4/2/2015)

Joey Patterson, Janitorial (4/3/2014)

*Melinda Warham, Administrative Assistant,
Seneca (4/13/2014)*

*Jennifer Makufka, Pre-Voc Instructor,
DuBois (4/14/2014)*

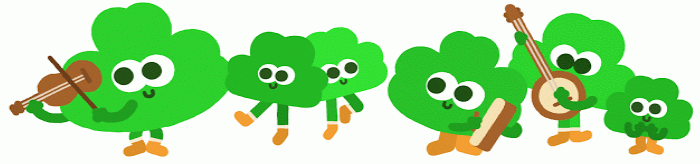
JC Kiser, Janitorial (4/15/2015)

*Cloyd Knavel, Maintenance/Truck Driver,
Seneca (4/15/2013)*

Lester Pepperman, Janitorial (4/15/2015)

*Mary Hunsberger, Mobile Work Crew
Leader, Seneca (4/19/2010)*

St. Patrick's Day is a very festive holiday and is celebrated annually on March 17th. The Irish have observed this religious holiday for thousands of years. North America has only observed this holiday since the late eighteenth century. Even though it is not a legal holiday in the USA, St. Patrick's Day is widely recognized and celebrated throughout the country with Irish festivals, parades, food like corn beef and cabbage, drinking, prominent displaying of the color green and Irish traditions.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN FACTS:



1. WE SHOULD REALLY WEAR BLUE

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

2. SAINT PATRICK WAS BRITISH

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.



3. THE IRISH TAKE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SERIOUSLY

As you might expect, Saint Patrick's Day is a huge deal in his old stomping grounds. It's a national holiday in both Ireland and Northern Ireland.

4. SO DO NEW YORKERS

New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. Since 1762, 250,000 marchers have traipsed up Fifth Avenue on foot – the parade still doesn't allow floats, cars, or other modern trappings.



5. CHICAGO FEELS LUCKY, TOO

New York may have more manpower, but Chicago has a spectacle all its own. The city has been celebrating Saint Patrick by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. It takes 40 tons of dye to get the river to a suitably festive shade!

6. IT USED TO BE A DRY HOLIDAY

For most of the 20th century, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland, which meant that the nation's pubs were closed for business on March 17. (The one exception went to beer vendors at the big national dog show, which was always held on Saint Patrick's Day.) In 1970, the day was converted to a national holiday, and the stout resumed flowing.



7. IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS

Not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World. The route ran for 26 yards between two pubs. Today, Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity – its brief parade runs for 98 feet.

What do the Irish flag colors symbolize?

The **Irish** government has described the symbolism behind each color as being that of green representing the Gaelic tradition of Ireland, orange representing the followers of William of Orange in Ireland, and white representing the aspiration for peace between them.



8. THERE'S A REASON FOR THE SHAMROCKS

How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.



9. COLD WEATHER HELPED SAINT PATRICK'S LEGEND

In Irish lore, Saint Patrick gets credit for driving all the snakes out of Ireland. Modern scientists suggest that the job might not have been too hard – according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to any snakes. Through the Ice Age, Ireland was too cold to host any reptiles, and the surrounding seas have staved off serpentine invaders ever since. Modern scholars think the “snakes” Saint Patrick drove away were likely metaphorical.



10. THERE'S NO CORN IN THAT BEEF

Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as “corns.”

11. THE WORLD RUNS UP QUITE A BAR TAB

All of the Saint Patrick's Day revelry around the globe is great news for brewers. A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations at \$245 million. And that's before tips to pubs' bartenders.



12. IT COULD HAVE BEEN SAINT MAEWYN'S DAY

According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick wasn't originally called Patrick. His birth name was Maewyn Succat, but he changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.

13. THERE ARE NO FEMALE LEPRECHAUNS

Don't be fooled by any holiday decorations showing lady leprechauns. In traditional Irish folk tales, there are no female leprechauns, only nattily attired little guys.



14. BUT THE LEPRECHAUN ECONOMY IS THRIVING

Another little-known fact from Irish lore: Leprechauns earned that gold they're guarding. According to legend, leprechauns spend their days making and mending shoes. It's hard work, so you can't blame them for being territorial about their pots of gold.

15. THE LINGO MAKES SENSE

You can't attend a Saint Patrick's Day event without hearing a cry of “Erin go Bragh.” What's the phrase mean? It's a corruption of the *Irish Éirinn go Brách*, which means roughly “Ireland Forever.”

Easter Wishes

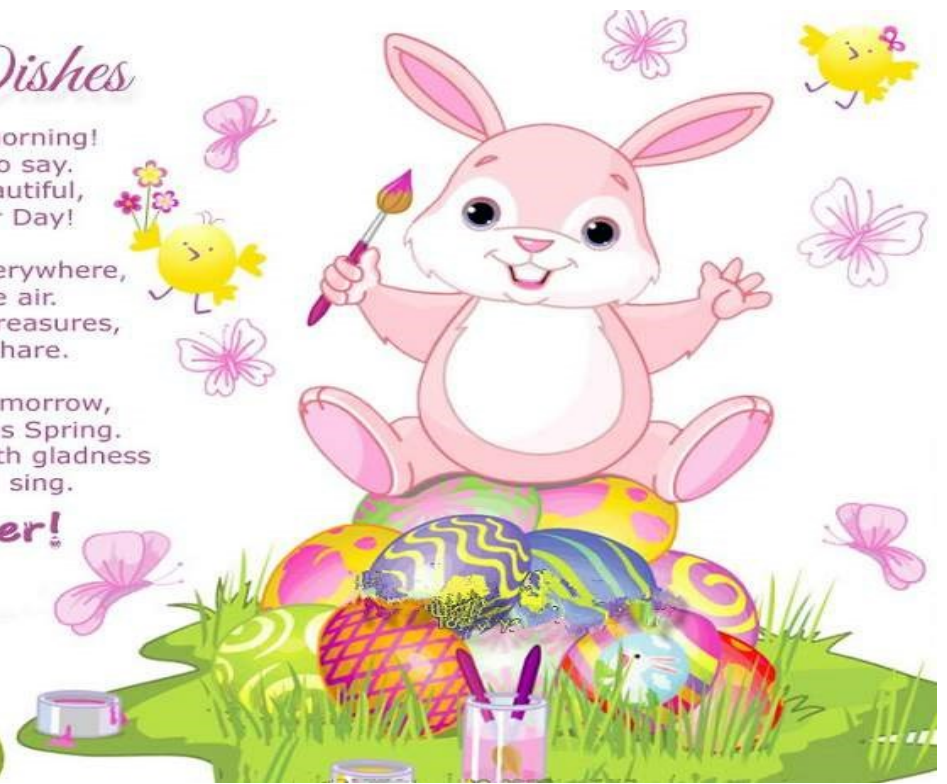
Oh! what a beautiful morning!
I've just dropped in to say.
I hope you have a beautiful,
And wonderful Easter Day!

Flowers are blooming everywhere,
Bird songs are in the air.
Spring is unfolding her treasures,
And wants us all to share.

Easter gives hope for tomorrow,
As after the winter comes Spring.
Our hearts can be filled with gladness
As hearts rejoice and sing.

Happy Easter!

HAPPY
EASTER



Easter Basket Word Search Puzzle

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

EASTER BASKET WORD LIST

BASKET
CHOCOLATE BUNNY
CHOCOLATE EGGS
COLORED EGGS
COLORFUL
CREAM EGGS
DECORATED
EASTER BUNNY
EASTER EGGS
EASTER MORNING

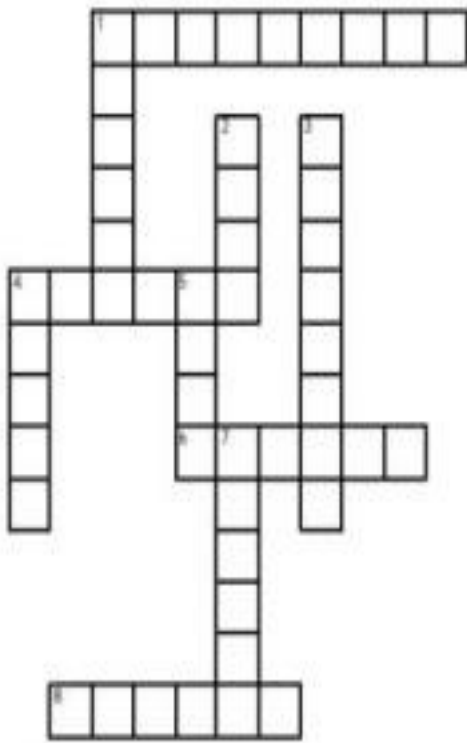
EGG HUNT
EGGIES
FAKE GRASS
HANDLE
HARD BOILED EGGS
JELLY BEANS
MARSHMALLOW
PEEPS
TREATS
WOVEN



Easter Crossword



Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues



- basket
- bonnet
- bunny
- chicks
- chocolate
- daffodil
- eggs
- hunt
- parade
- spring

Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

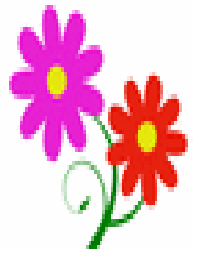
Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!



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Signs of Spring



1. OPGR _ _ _ _ _
2. FEUYRBTLT _ _ _ _ _
3. SRSGA _ _ _ _ _
4. ORMHTARWE _ _ _ _ _
5. SNTGLHUI _ _ _ _ _
6. UDB _ _ _
7. DDNLIAENO _ _ _ _ _
8. ORELWF _ _ _ _ _
9. EBE _ _ _
10. GLBDYAU _ _ _ _ _
11. OMLQB _ _ _ _ _
12. ERGEN _ _ _ _ _

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Happy Easter!

Participants at Clarion enjoying the Easter festivities!



Congratulations to Phillip (one of our guys in Seneca), Lanie Fry (Community Employment Program Specialist in Seneca), and Phillip's ENTIRE team on his recent employment success. Phillip is one of the first to complete the exact model the state wants to see agencies follow. This took a lot of work on everyone's part! Phillip started in Pre-Voc services, then went on to Pre-Voc/STEP, then to Pre-Voc/STEP/Community Employment. As of Friday, 02/26/2016, Phillip left Pre-Voc completely and will be working in the community, providing his own transportation, and working with Lanie as needed. While we are sad we won't see him here at the center, I'm sure we can all agree how exciting it is to see his transformation! Congrats again everyone!



Hello &
welcome

New Staff / Transfers in February

Rick Homer – CBH Instructor – 2/8

Lee Mortland - Janitorial – 2/8

Shannon Bearer – Janitorial – 2/11

Bonnie Gilbert – Pre Voc Instructor, Clarion – 2/16

William Reed Jr. – Macropak – 2/16

Tyler Nieswonger – Janitorial – 2/29

50/50 Raffle Drawing Winner

February 5th - Angie Banner

February 19th - Rose Bell

March 4th - Jenny Myers

March 18th - Tim Stewart

Every payday there will be a 50/50 drawing for \$1.00/week. Proceeds raised will go towards a Summer Picnic and/or Christmas Party for Staff. See Melinda Warham to participate!



If you would like to share an inspirational story, a fundraiser notification, photos of an outing, or anything that you are excited to share, please send the information to Melinda at

mwarham@vtdc.org.