WHAT'S COMING UP

April 1

April Fools' Day

April 2

Good Friday

April 4

Easter

April 7

National Walking Day

April 11

National Pet Day

April 15

Tax Day

April 22

Earth Day

April 30

National Arbor Day



APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER



Dear Residents and Families,

This past year has been a challenge for everyone, and few have experienced more challenges than our residents, our associates, and their families. We are raving fans of our residents and care team members, and we do our best to express our love, appreciation, and encouragement to them for who they are and what they do.

Because we all can get tired, I know that our patience and kindness can be tested every day. So my message this month is continue to be kind and pass it on! As we spring into spring, many of us will feel better quickly.

I pray that we all continue to lift each other up as we move forward to happier and healthier times. There is a saying that goes, "Only look down on someone when you are reaching out your hand to pull them up." Everyday, many of us have opportunities to reach out and lift up others who are in need. It could be anyone of our residents, co-workers, family members, or close friends. Let's all do our part to think about who that person is in our lives whether at Rosewood or elsewhere, and act on "lifting them up," not just passing them by. I also ask that if you are struggling and needing a hand to reach out and pull you up, please talk with someone around you and let them know. Talk to a Rosewood caregiver, a nurse, or one of the many Chaplins on campus. Throughout our community we have so many amazing, caring people. That is why I am confident that they will do all they can to get you on your feet again.

We have made it a priority to begin to safely reopen our community as soon as we get the greenlight from the Georgia Department of Health. Please lift Rosewood up in your prayers.

Let's rise up together. Thanks to each of you for all you do to support each other. May God bless you and your families!

Greg Pflug,Executive Director



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

March was marvelous! Rosewood started the month with a brand new bus, and the residents were able to break it in during our sunshine tours. They love the new layout and design the bus provides. As the weather has gotten warmer, we have been able to go into the courtyard in the afternoons, and enjoy the beautiful sunshine, see the flowers begin to bloom, and watch the birds fly in for snacks from the birdfeeder.

There was also a special St. Patrick's Day lunch provided with delicious cupcakes and fun culinary creations. St. Patrick's Day festivities continued with crafts and snacks, including rainbow and pot of gold art creations and Leprechaun hat treats!

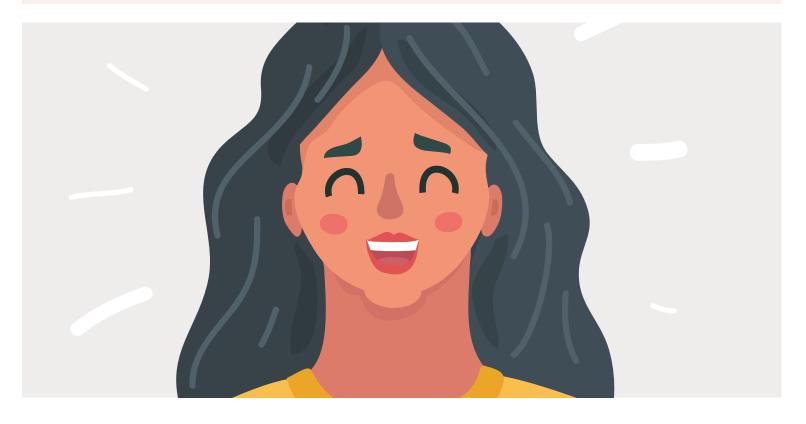


FUN FACTS

- » April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month.
- » April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.
- » The name for the month of April originally came for Aprilis, which means to open.
- » Easter is almost always in April, and, with it comes other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.
- » The birthstone for April is the diamond.
- » April's zodiac signs are Aries (March 21–April 19) and Taurus (April 20–May 20).
- » The birth flowers for the month of April are the sweet pea and the daisy.
- » The Lyrids meteor shower appears April 16–April 26 each year, with the peak generally occurring on April 22.
- $^{\circ}$ On April 15, 1912, the famous Titanic hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.
- » Earth Day is celebrated on April ${\tt 22nd}$ each year.
- » April is Humor Month, so get laughing!
- » April is the only month with an "i" in its name.
- » Leonardo da Vinci and William Shakespeare were both born in April.
- » Noah Webster copyrighted the First Edition of His Dictionary in April.
- » April only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar.
- » George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States on April 30, 1789.
- » On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched, and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is often misquoted today.
- » After a 1,500 year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens.



APRIL IS NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH



There's undeniable power in laughter, and that's why National Humor Month was instituted for the month of April. Laughter, the benchmark of humor, is shown to lead to improved well-being, boosted morale, enhanced communication skills, and an enriched life over all.

It's no coincidence that the national month of humor kicks off with April Fools' Day! As the saying goes, laughter is the best medicine, so we hope you'll get a few laughs out of the jokes below!

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything!

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backwards?

A receding hare-line.

What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack?

The best of thymes, the worst of thymes.

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!

What did the buffalo say when his son left for college?

Bison.

How does a squid go into battle?

Well-armed.

What do you call a bee who can't make up his mind?

A maybe.

Never criticize someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes.

That way, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.



FROM THE BLOG





April Fool's Day - Pranks Across History

Though April Fools pranks are an old tradition in American and European cultures, no one really knows the exact origins of this trickster's holiday. Some historians link these traditions to ancient European festivals in which people dressed in costumes to fool each other, and as the holiday spread across Europe and into the Americas, these practical jokes soon became a popular rite of spring. The pranks got more involved over the years, and here are a few of the best April Fools hoaxes history has to offer.

WASHING OF THE LIONS

The earliest known April Fools' Day prank recorded occurred in London in 1689. People were told to go see the annual ceremony of the washing of the lions at the Tower of London. Tons of people showed up, but to their surprise, it was all a joke, and there was no such event or lion-washing ceremony. The street prank tricked so many people, mostly out-of-towners, that it was pulled year after year. Eventually, in the mid-19th century, they even started printing up fake tickets to add to the hoax. Hundreds of thousands of people showed up, only to realize it was a silly trick.



In the middle of the 20th century, April Fools' Day started to become a media event, which led to the Swiss spaghetti harvest. On April 1st, 1957, the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) told viewers that there had been an exceptionally successful spaghetti crop that year in Switzerland, due in part to the spaghetti weevil having virtually disappeared. BBC showed footage of "spaghetti harvesters" gathering spaghetti noodles from trees! Some viewers were upset by the prank, and others called the network asking where they could get a spaghetti plant.

TACO LIBERTY BELL

In 1996, Taco Bell ran an ad in newspapers announcing that it had purchased the Liberty Bell. Though this was a risky move as it irritated some people, it proved to other businesses that if you can pull off a stunt like this that gets people talking about your brand, you can get a big bang for your buck. This prank wasn't all about light-hearted humor, but also about creatively piggybacking on this holiday to promote their business.



POKÉMON PRANK

This particular prank actually resulted in the development of an extremely popular game. On April 1st, 2014, Google played a trick on the general public in publishing a Pokémon game in which players could use Google Maps to hunt down and catch Pikachus and Bulbasaurs, which would pop up on the map screen for gamers to "catch." The prize for the biggest collector was to be a job at Google as "Pokémon Master." This funny prank turned into the phenomenon we now call Pokémon Go.

A RHINO FOR CITY COUNCIL

In 1959, in São Paulo, Brazil, students were tired of the city's inflated prices and overflowing sewers, so they launched a campaign to elect a rhinoceros to the city council. The craziest part of it all? They won! The rhino, named Cacareco (meaning "rubbish") was already a popular figure in the area when the students began her political campaign. The students worried that of the 540 candidates seeking city council seats, none of them would adequately address the city's problems, so they used Cacareco to make a point. The beloved rhino won a city council seat with 100,000 votes, far more than any other candidate in the running, and though she was disqualified by the election board, she still remains part of one of the most famous protests in Brazilian history.

These interesting historical stories remind us that April Fools' Day can be about so much more than just fun tricks and hoaxes. It can be used to make a stand, make an impression, or just make someone laugh. However you approach this holiday, we hope you'll tap into your silly side, and have a little fun with it.



Judy Gibson

Judy has been a member of our community for several months now! She is from East Lake, Tennessee, and more recently from Soddy Daisy. Judy was married to Wayne Gibson for 36 years, and has four girls and many grandchildren.

She worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield in Process Claims for many years. Some of her favorite hobbies include cooking, and playing in a bowling league.

She now enjoys BINGO, cooking club, and many of our social programs at Rosewood. You can always find Judy with a smile on her face, and she is notorious for making us all laugh.



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EASTER FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

- » The origin of the Easter Bunny dates back hundreds of years, beginning in pre-Christian Germany. The hare was said to be the symbol of spring and fertility. As Christianity spread across Europe, pagan traditions blended with Christian holidays, which saw the Easter Bunny lay colorful eggs for well-behaved children on Easter Sunday.
- » More than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are produced every day. That is 500 million creme eggs per year! If you stacked them on top of each other, you'd have a tower 10x higher than Mount Everest.
- » Decorating Easter eggs is derived from a Ukrainian tradition. This traditional act called "pysanka," involved the use of waxes and dyes, taking off after Ukrainian immigrants came to the U.S.
- » The world's largest Easter egg in Vegreville, Alberta, Canada, stands 31-feet tall, 18-feet wide, and weighs 5,000 lbs.
- » Soft pretzels used to be associated with Easter. It was custom in Germany to eat a pretzel and a hard boiled egg for Easter, because the pretzel twists resembled arms crossed in prayer.
- » The date of Easter changes each year because it is decided by the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon, which is said to signal the beginning of spring.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!



James Parker



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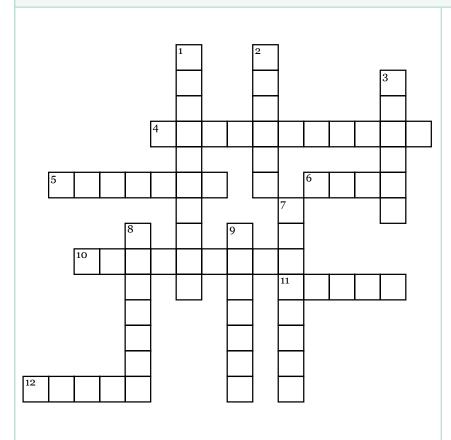
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CROSS-WORD



Across

- 4. The famous playwright, William _____
- 5. The birthstone of April
- 6. The Friday before Easter: Friday
- 10. Greek goddess of love
- 11. _____Day is celebrated on April 22
- 12. April _____Day is celebrated on the first day of April

Down

- 1. First U.S. President, George _____
- 2. City where the first modern Olympics took place
- 3. The _____Meteor Shower appears every April
- 7. One of the birth flowers of April
- 8. "April _____bring May flowers"
- 9. "Unsinkable" RMS _____

Thank You,

for your outstanding service & care!

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Faye Wise

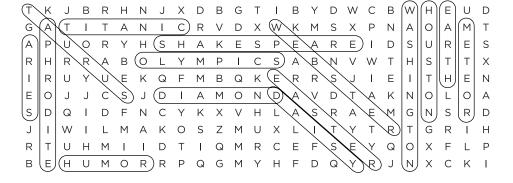
Nurses understand, plan, encourage, wipe tears, bandage, teach, hold hands, laugh, listen, comfort, monitor, and care, all without a prescription. Faye is one of our wonderful nurses in the Memory Care unit. She has been a nurse at Rosewood since 2016, and she constantly shows how much she genuinely cares about our residents. Her expertise in the field has been beneficial to our facility and the hospice and home health nurses who enter the facility. She has proven her commitment to service time and time again, and is faithful, providing communication reports to all parties necessary. Faye has trained many nurses over the years, but that is just the tip of the iceberg for her. Medication management is extremely important, but so is comfort care provided to our aging residents. Such as when Faye brings her curling iron and scissors to style a resident's hair or when she brings snacks from home because she knows how happy it will make a resident. Faye recognizes that music lifted the spirits of memory care residents, and realized we did not have any musical instruments in the department. As such, Faye and her husband donated an electric piano that is played frequently to the delight of our residents and families. Faye, the entire team respects and applauds you for your commitment and servant leadership!

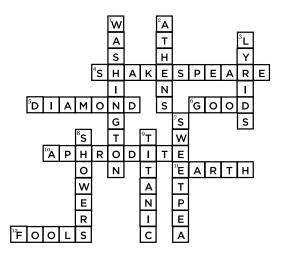
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Maria Medina

Maria has been a team member at Rosewood since 2016. She is a MedTech on our 2nd shift in Personal Care. Maria is responsible for guiding and directing the care team on her shift, monitoring resident care, and administering medications. She has a strong work ethic, and is extremely dependable. She is kind and compassionate toward the residents, and takes the time to give detailed reports to families. She is always a team player, and encourages her team to do better each day. Thanks for all you do, Maria!

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