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*Have courage and be kind.
For where there is kindness,
There is goodness.
And where there is goodness,
There is magic.*

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The pandemic has certainly changed the world. And our mountain was not exempt from these changes. The trash levels have increased due to restaurants being limited, bars being closed, etc. We are exploring different options including larger dumpsters, a change in our pick up days, etc. We as always ask everyone to break down any boxes prior to placing them in the dumpsters, as well as reading and abiding by the other common sense dumpster guidelines hanging at each location. Also, please inform your contractors that they must remove their construction materials (carpet, scrap wood, commodes, dry-wall, vanities, etc.) from the property. Speaking of contractors-please remember the hallways are common areas. They are not to be used for construction storage or working areas. Also please do not

wax your skis in the halls. The guys have their work cut out for them in keeping them clean with the salt, cinders and the snow.

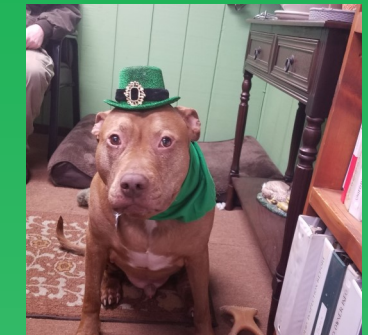
Often I get calls from owners having an item to give away or sell. If you would like anything advertised in the newsletter, please submit to me by the 15th of the month. I will gladly get it in the next edition. Likewise with any birthdays, anniversaries, etc. We would love to share with the community.

For the new owners, please submit a certificate of insurance to the office. As a reminder to our existing owners, if you have not submitted your certificate of insurance please send one in.

MAINTENANCE MINUTE

As we Spring the clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14th., it is a good reminder to check and change batteries. Your smoke alarms, remote

controls, and even your electronic door locks all need changed regularly. Winter is still in full effect. Keep vigilant about keeping



Jax & Tito Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

your cabinet doors open and shutting your water off when you leave. Thank you!





Happy St.
Patrick's
Day!



Lucky Rainbow
Gold Pot
Four Leaf Clover
Shamrock

REAL ESTATE MARKET IS HOT

As some of you may know, the Mountain and Mountain Villas are red hot for real estate sales right now. Regarding that, after many years of service, Beverly Spurling retired from 7 Springs. She is enjoying her new life in North Carolina.

If you have any real estate needs, may we suggest you contact Jenny Harancher at Highlands Resort Realty. Her telephone number is 814-769-3833. Jenny is fantastic and will gladly help with your real estate needs.



**Are the Irish really luckier than everyone else?
The meaning behind this "Irish phrase" may surprise
you!**

"The luck of the Irish" is probably a saying you've heard time and time again, most likely either around St. Patrick's Day, or to do with a sports team such as the Boston Celtics or the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

You probably thought the meaning has something to do with the extreme good fortune of the people of Ireland, but originally the "Irish phrase" had a different connotation.

According to Edward T. O'Donnell, an Associate Professor of History at Holy Cross College and author of "1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History," the term is not Irish in origin.

"During the gold and silver rush years in the second half of the 19th century, a number of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish and Irish American birth....over time this association of the Irish with mining fortunes led to the expression 'luck of the Irish.'

"Of course, it carried with it a certain tone of derision, as if to say, only by sheer luck, as opposed to brains, could these fools succeed."

The word "luck" itself is Middle Dutch in origin, according to Mental Floss. The word comes from 'luc,' a shortening of 'gheluc', meaning happiness, good fortune." The word was probably introduced into the English language in the 15th century as a gambling term.



For each petal on the Shamrock this brings a wish your way. Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.
Irish Blessing
HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



THE SHAMROCK SOUR

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup simple syrup
- 2 ounces Irish Whisky
- 1 tiny drop of green food coloring
- Lime wedges for garnish

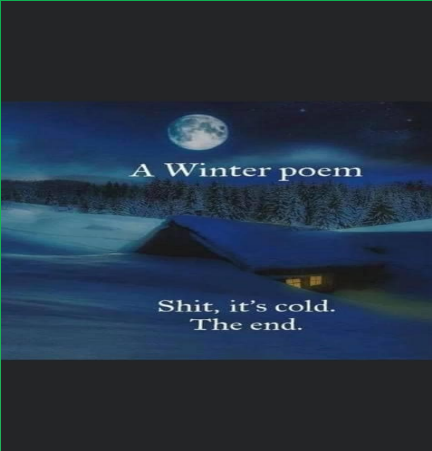
INSTRUCTIONS

- Combine ingredients and shake well; strain over ice
- Garnish with a lime wedge and a shamrock stirrer

Kiss Me I'm Irish
...No really, I'm IRISH!

YourBirthdayQuotes.com





There is only one way to succeed at anything and that is to give everything.

-Vince Lombardi

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On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"

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ADOPT YOUR NEXT BEST FRIEND FROM THE SHELTER



March

Daffodil flower signifies fresh start, admiration, buoyancy, and compassion. You have a very imaginative bent in life so you are inclined towards art. You always channelize your energy in positive things. You are great at handling difficult situations of life. You are kind-hearted by nature.

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March Birthstone

•Aquamarine•



A symbol of honesty, loyalty, and beauty. The aquamarine is supposed to offer protection from evil and is also said to bring love and affection back into a failing relationship.

MARCH 20TH IS
THE FIRST DAY OF

SPRING



SPRING TRIVIA

1. What is the first day of spring called?
2. Which type of meat is traditionally popular in spring?
3. T/F: The fall and spring equinoxes are the only two times during the year when the sun rises due east and sets due west.
4. How many hours of daylight and darkness are there on the first day of spring?
5. What is the average spring temperature?
6. What year in spring had the most amount of rainfall?
7. How much did it rain that year?
8. T/F: Sense of smell can be more acute in spring.
9. What year had the coldest spring?
10. T/F: The first day of spring in the Southern Hemisphere is also the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

ANSWERS: (1) Vernal equinox (2) Lamb (3) True (4) 12 Hours (5) 46°F (6) 1947 (7) 13 inches (8) True (9) 1962 (10) False. First day of fall.

The Mountain.

If the mountain seems too big today
then climb a hill instead.
If the morning brings you sadness
it's ok to stay in bed.
If the day ahead weighs heavy
and your plans feel like a curse,
there's no shame in rearranging,
don't make yourself feel worse.
If a shower stings like needles
and a bath feels like you'll drown,
if you haven't washed your hair for days,
don't throw away your crown.
A day is not a lifetime
a rest is not defeat,
don't think of it as failure,
just a quiet, kind retreat.
It's ok to take a moment
from an anxious, fractured mind,
the world will not stop turning
while you get realigned.
The mountain will still be there
when you want to try again,
you can climb it in your own time,
just love yourself til then.

— Laura Ding-Edwards