

Heritage Happenings

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Heritage of Wauneta

St. Patrick's Day

At Heritage where I live, the main dining room has been decorated with green and white for the holiday.

We may have considered it just another day but here at the home we got to have a party and learn about St. Patrick and that St. Patrick's real birth name could have been Michael O'Shawnessy. Several other choices were given to us. Karla, activities director, had the questions and answers for us.

St. Patrick was a missionary for 30 years. He wasn't Irish at all. He changed Ireland's national color to green. One figure connected with St. Pat's Day is the Leprechaun. They are Irish shoemakers. They wear green as a camouflage. Ireland is not famous for production of potatoes. Irish stew is made of lots of potatoes and lamb.

In the U.S., the rivers at Chicago and New York are made green. Some people dye their hair green (as seen on TV). At our party here at Heritage we played the Hot Potato game. Karla had a big brown cloth potato that when squeezed it began playing music. The residents were seated in a circle and quickly passed the potato to the next person. If the potato's song stopped abruptly while the person still had the potato, he was "out." The trick was to get rid of the hot potato.

When we had a craft a year ago, Karla had a 3 or 4-foot leprechaun made of cloth and we stuffed him with out-dated newspapers, most of them Wauneta Breezes, wadded up. When he was stuffed solidly, he could stand or sit at the main entrance to greet visitors. We named him "Breezy."

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