

Getting Ready for St. Patrick's Day

Georgianna, Carolyn and Allison were part of the group of residents making special green shamrock cupcakes in preparation for St Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th.

photo: Penelope Olsen



Weather Outlook

The outlook for March calls for typical Spring conditions, with plenty of chances for rain and/or snow.

Average March temperatures are predicted through the 13th, with highs in the mid to upper 50's and lows in the mid 20's to lower 30's. Skies will be cloudy with frequent chances for precipitation throughout this period, including the possibility of some snow.

A mild cooling trend is predicted to begin by the 14th and last through the rest of the month, with highs in the upper 40's to low 50's. Overnight lows are forecast to be in the lower to mid 20's until the 28th, when lows will rise into the low 30's.

From the 13th, alternating days of rain or snow and sunshine are in the forecast, with the most likely chances for precipitation being throughout the week of the 13th and the week of the 20th. Afternoon thunderstorms are possible from the 26th until the end of the month.

Introducing . . .



Jeannine Huddle

Born in Pueblo, CO, Jeannine grew up in a little mining town. "My father was a coal miner. He was foreman of the mine. My dear mother was the only schoolteacher in Tioga, CO. I attended the one room schoolhouse and my mother, Katherine, was my teacher. First through eighth grades were taught in the one room," she said.

"When I was 9, my mother was offered a job in Brighton, CO. She wanted my dad out of the mine, so we moved to Brighton. My mother then became the only teacher in another one room schoolhouse where first through eighth grades were taught, complete with a potbellied stove. My brothers and I once again had my mother as our teacher. After sixth grade I went to the Junior High in Brighton, and eventually graduated from Brighton High. While there I joined every club they had," she said.

After high school Jeannine attended Colorado State Teachers' College in Greeley [now called *University of Northern Colorado—ed.*]. She majored in speech and drama. "I had a blast. I was always involved in a play when I was there," she said. She graduated in 1958.

The following year she married Fred Wattenberg. He was a farmer in the Brighton area. They had a son, Gary. During this time, Jeannine worked as a speech therapist with children with developmental disabilities. After Fred and Jeannine parted in 1968, she became a sales rep for Revlon, traveling over a five state territory.

She met her second husband, Ray, in Brighton. They married and moved to Las Vegas. He was a poker room manager at the Dunes Hotel. Jeannine

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worked the front desk at Caesar's Palace. "We would go to the major shows in town. We saw Frank Sinatra, Jerry Lewis, Elvis Presley, Sammy Davis, Tom Jones and Lawrence Welk, among many," she said.

In 1981 they moved to Evergreen, where Jeannine took care of her mother. Ray was working in the poker room at the Gilpin casino. When her mother passed away, she worked at another casino in Blackhawk, as a cage shift supervisor [*supervises cashiers and clerks who process financial transactions between customers and a casino -ed.*]. In 1993 Ray died from a heart attack.

She started doing a lot of hiking. Eventually she climbed 32 of the highest mountains in Colorado, called '14ers.' In 2006 Jeannine became a caregiver to her ex-husband, Fred, who passed away in 2015

Jeannine has been living at Mesa Vista for one month. She wanted to have a place in the mountains. "I absolutely love it. I cannot explain the weight that's been lifted off of my head. I am not a person to live alone. Everybody at Mesa Vista has been so kind to me and accepting to me. I also have a dear friend, Jackie that lives in Rifle," she said.

"I'm looking forward to enjoying my life to the fullest and to be as healthy as I can. I plan on participating in more of the activities here and, hopefully, get back into hiking. I love this place," she said.

Adult Day Program

The Mesa Vista Adult Day Program is accepting new members. Open Monday through Friday, from 10 am until 4:30 pm. Members participate in a full schedule of activities, with snacks, soft drinks and coffee always available. A hot lunch is served daily.

For further information call 285-1844



Georgianna 3/8 Ernestine 3/8
Ricardo 3/16 Kathy 3/19
Fred 3/30

Employee Profile



Peggy Roby

Peggy was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where her family lived until she was 9. "It was out in the country. My dad farmed. We had no indoor plumbing. It was very quiet. We went to a country school that taught first through twelfth grade, all in one room," she said.

When she was 9, Peggy's family moved to Boone, Iowa. "My dad got a job at Iowa State. It was a very small town without a lot to do, and I didn't like school much. When I was 16 I got a job as a waitress at a local restaurant, working after school. After I graduated I kept that job," she said.

About a year later Peggy married the love of her life, Rex. He had two daughters and two boys from a previous marriage. She gave birth to her daughter, Theresa, in 1969, and became a stay-at-home mom. They remained in Boone for 20 years. Theresa eventually graduated from college, got married and moved out. Rex's kids had all also left the nest by then.

In 1999 Rex retired. He and Peggy moved to Battlement Mesa, where they bought a house. When Rex passed away in 2003, Peggy decided to go back to work.

She started working at Mesa Vista in 2003, and has been doing so ever since, making her the longest tenured employee here. Peggy is a PCP (Personal Care Provider) for Mesa Vista. "I love the people. All of the people I've seen pass through over the years, both residents and staff. I've seen so many come and go," she said.

"Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we react to it"

— Dennis Kimbro

Colorado History

Propaganda in the Ashcroft Journal

[Editor's note: Located near Aspen, in the 1880's Ashcroft was a thriving mining town. Today the remains are a ghost town that has been preserved and is available for self-guided walking tours, cross country skiing and is also a popular wedding site.]

The Ashcroft Journal was published by Davis H. Waite, who had an ownership interest in the Aspen Times and was later elected the first Populist Party governor of Colorado. In his inaugural editorial in 1882, Waite described the mission of the Journal: "...We shall aim to make our paper a representative of the business interests of Ashcroft. Its columns will mainly be devoted to a full and fit representation of the mines and mining prospects of this portion of Pitkin County and such a complete advertisement of their products, advances and capabilities as shall seem best calculated to invite capital and labor to their development."

The Journal was an organ of promotion for Ashcroft, whose residents were urged to further their own interests by sending the Journal to their friends and families. Only with outside investors and a growing population could the town become a sustainable community. The more investors, the better the prospects for those already invested there. Through bluster and propaganda, the Journal promoted a pyramid scheme for marginal Ashcroft.

One of the hallmarks of respectability was a population of upstanding women, so the Journal promoted women and marriage. Victorian values were broadcast to depict the town as a safe place. The Journal also painted a picture of great prosperity in Ashcroft, hoping to lure wealthy investors. Like the false fronts of Castle Avenue, hyperbole in print added to the stature of Ashcroft.

Its pages filled with boosterism, politics and social commentary, the Ashcroft Journal became the voice of the town and a barometer of its fleeting success. The existence of a newspaper was as important to the town as the minerals underground and the buildings on the streets. It spoke culture, community and business opportunities.

Once the fortunes of Ashcroft turned for the worse in the mid-1880's, the Ashcroft Journal was one of the

first businesses to leave town. The frontier newspaper proved only as viable as the community it publicized.

Mesa Vista News has received special permission to reprint stories from the books written by author Paul Andersen. Mr. Andersen's books provide a wealth of information about the history of Colorado, telling stories that bring back the spirit of the Old Mountain West. This story was taken from his book, 'Aspen's Rugged Splendor.' Mr. Andersen is also the author of 'The High Road To Aspen' and 'Elk Mountain Odyssey.'

Music at Mesa Vista

On Monday, March 7th, Thomasina Russell will be performing in the Fireplace Room. Thomasina sings a variety of acoustic rock and country songs.

On Thursday, March 17th we will be having a St. Patrick's Day party for residents and their families featuring live Irish music, at 3:30 pm.

On Monday, March 21st, at 3:30 pm, Harold and Edith Miller be performing their unique blend of Old-Time music on guitar, autoharp & psaltery, with possibly a guest sitting in.



'Enjoy the little things in life for one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things.'

— Kurt Vonnegut

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:00 Vitals Clinic 11:00 Art Workshop 2:00 Bingo With June 3:45 Bible Study with Ricardo	2 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Crafts with Penelope 2:00 Shopping Local 3:30 Rummy	3 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Wii Bowling 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:30 Baking	4 10:00 Plum Jelly Making with Charlotte 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:30 Afternoon Drive: Rifle Gap	5 10:00 Coffee Klatch 10:30 Video Bible Study with Lou 2:00 Walk & exercises 3:00 Bingo
6 10:00 U Pick 2:30 Grace Bible Service	7 10:00 Horseshoes 11:00 Exercise Fun With Grace 2:00 Word Search 3:30 Live Music: Thomasina Russell	8 10:00 Hedbanz 11:00 Art Workshop 2:00 Bingo With June 3:45 Bible Study with Ricardo <u>Happy Birthday Georgianna and Ernestine!!</u>	9 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Crafts with Penelope 2:00 Shopping Walmart 3:30 Dealer's Choice	10 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Wii Bowling 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:30 History of the West with Al: Yellowstone, Pt. 2	11 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Bible Reading 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:30 Youtube Explorations	12 10:00 Coffee Klatch 10:30 Video Bible Study with Lou 2:00 Walk & exercises 3:00 Bingo <u>Turn clocks ahead at bedtime!</u>
13 10:00 U Pick 2:30 Episcopal Church Service	14 10:00 US Trivia 11:00 Exercise Fun With Grace 2:00 Hangman 3:30 History of the West with Al: Yellowstone, Pt. 3	15 10:00 The Good Old Days with Charlotte 11:15 Art Workshop 2:00 Bingo With June 3:45 Bible Study with Ricardo	16 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Assisted Living Resident & Food Council 11:00 Crafts with Penelope 2:00 Shopping 3:30 Rummy <u>Happy Birthday Ricardo!</u>	17 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Wii Bowling 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:30 St. Patrick's Day Party with live Irish music	18 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Bible Reading 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:30 Afternoon Drive: Roan Creek Road North	19 10:00 Coffee Klatch 10:30 Video Bible Study with Lou 2:00 Walk & exercises 3:00 Bingo <u>Happy Birthday Kathy!</u>
20 10:00 U Pick 2:30 Gethsemani Youth Group Visit <u>First Day of Spring!</u>	21 10:00 Bean Bag Toss 11:00 Exercise Fun With Grace 2:00 Word Search 3:30 So Many Tunes, So Little Time with Harold and Edith	22 10:00 Ultimate Trivia 11:00 Art With Helen 2:00 Bingo With June 3:45 Bible Study with Ricardo	23 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Crafts with Penelope 11:00 Lunch at the Parachute Senior Center 2:00 Shopping 3:30 Dealer's Choice <u>Full Moon Tonight</u>	24 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Wii Bowling 2:00 Bingo 3:30 Act up!	25 10:00 Morning Walk & Exercises 11:00 Bible Reading 2:00 Bingo 3:30 Ice Cream Social	26 10:00 Coffee Klatch 10:30 Video Bible Study with Lou 2:00 Walk & exercises 3:00 Bingo
27 10:00 U Pick 2:30 Lighthouse Church Service <u>Happy Easter!</u>	28 10:00 Residents' Boards & Tree 11:00 Exercise Fun With Grace 2:00 Hangman 3:30 History of the West: Colorado Ghost Towns	29 10:00 Horseshoes 11:00 Art with Helen 2:00 Bingo With June 3:45 Bible Study with Ricardo	30 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Crafts with Penelope 2:00 Shopping 3:30 Dealer's Choice <u>Happy Birthday Fred!</u>	31 <u>Salon is Open</u> 10:00 Residents' Boards & Tree 11:00 Wii Bowling 1:30 Early Bingo with Grace 3:45 Hedbanz	<i>Schedule is subject to change</i>	