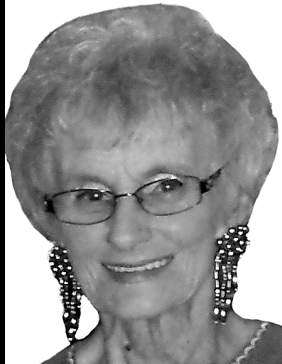



Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona

Patrick was born in the 4th century into a wealthy family. At the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken captive to Ireland as a slave. He claims he was told by God in a

dream to flee from captivity to the coast, where he would board a ship and return to Britain, which he did. Upon returning, he quickly joined the Church in Auxerre in Gaul and studied to be a priest.

In 432, he was called back to Ireland, though as a bishop, to Christianize the Irish from their native polytheism. After nearly thirty years of evangelism, he died on March 17, 461.

In the early 1600s. Saint Patrick's Day became a holy day of obligation for Roman Catholics in Ireland.

Saint Patrick is best known for having driven all of the snakes out of Ireland, however, there probably have never been snakes there.

Our 2018-2018 Winter Visitor Season will officially end after March 31st, some of you will be drifting out before then, some will remain to witness the beauty of spring in the desert and some hardy souls will stay throughout the year to enjoy balmy summers and that glorious freak of nature, the Monsoon.

Please drive safely and come home to us next season. We will have activities going on for the whole month so there is still plenty to do. Check the schedule on page 2 and special events on page 3, but be sure to check the big calendar for up-to date information.

Our **Quilt Showcase and Craft Sale** will be on the 2nd at 10:00am. Check with me to see if there are any tables available.

The **Shuffleboard Tournament** will be on the 3rd at 9:00am. Sign up if you want to participate

Our last **Activities Meeting** of the season will be at 8:30am on the 5th.

The **Chordial-Aires** will perform on the 6th at 7:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at my office or from Norma Bogard, Space 297.

A **Beginners Free Motion Quilting** class will be at 9:00am in the North Hall on the 8th. Sign up in the sewing room.

The **Golfers Lunch** will be on the 9th at 1:00pm.

Our annual **Fathers Day Dinner** followed by entertainment will on the 12th at 5:30pm. Sign up and buy tickets in my office.

Ladies Tea and Fashion Show will be at 1:00pm on the 15th. Please sign up.

We will have a traditional Irish **Corned Beef and Cabbage** dinner at 5:00pm on the 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's day.

Biscuits and Gravy will be served for breakfast at 8:30am on the 21st. Purchase tickets in my office.

Join the fun on the 27th at 1:00pm for the **End-of-Season Party**. There is no charge, so please sign up so we can have enough food on hand to feed everyone.

On the 30th come to the main hall at 10:00am and help color **Easter Eggs**.

The 1st of April will be our last **Little Church in the Desert Worship Service** at 10:00am.

Also on April 1st is our **Easter Dinner** at 1:00PM. Turkey & Ham will be provided by the park at no charge. Sign up for a dish you will bring to share.

Marilyn Douglas will make sure year-round residents will have the supplies they need to support their activities.

The freezers and refrigerators in the Main and North Halls are to be used only for storage of supplies for activities and not for resident's personal food or ice.

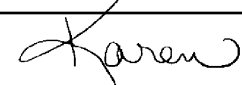
Denny Hill has posted some great aerial videos of the park and the RC races on his website www.iowafight.com.

I want to thank all of the volunteer coordinators. Without them none of the activities or special events would have been possible. There are so many of you and to single out a few for recognition would be a disservice to the many others.

I also want to thank all of the residents who are always eager to, without being asked, help clear tables, wash dishes and contribute in many ways to make my job more of a joy than just a job.

I look forward to the 2018-2019 season and renewing all of the friendships I enjoy so much.

Wishing you a rainbow, For sunlight after showers, Miles and miles of Irish smiles, For golden happy hours, Shamrocks at your doorway, For luck and laughter too, And a host of friends that never ends, Each day your whole life through.



"When we are at the worst times of our lives, when we are battling with something, or struggles, whatever it may be, when we are at our highest point as well, when things are going really well, we want somebody to comfort us and be there for us and to say, 'Well done.' That's Jesus!"

Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks

POP, WATER, ICE & COFFEE

Soda pop and bottled water are available in the refrigerator for 50¢ each and ice for \$1.75 per bag is available in the freezer inside the north hall. Place the money in the box on the west wall inside the north hall.

DONATE YOUR PENNIES

There is a bucket in the north hall for collecting your spare pennies. At the end of the season Emma will roll the pennies and we will donate them to the Apache Junction Food Bank. Last season we collected \$57.50.

MEALS

Unless you are advised differently always bring your own table service and glasses/cups to meals and ice cream Socials.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. It's an excellent way to meet new people get first-hand involvement with the activities. If you wish to volunteer come to the activity office and we will find something for you to do.

DAILY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

ALL ACTIVITIES, VENUES AND SCHEDULE MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

CHECK THE BIG CALENDAR IN THE NORTH HALL FOR MOST RECENT UPDATES

ACTIVITY	TIME	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
QUILTING & SEWING—SEWING ROOM	ALL DAY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MEN'S COFFEE - NORTH HALL	6:00 AM		X	X	X	X	X	X
HIKING	8:00 AM		X		X			
COFFEE & DONUTS - MAIN HALL	8:30 AM		X					
WORSHIP SERVICE - MAIN HALL	9:00 AM	X						
WATER AEROBICS	9:00 AM		X		X		X	
SHUFFLING	9:00 AM		X	X	X	X	X	X
PICKLE BALL	9:00 AM		X	X	X	X	X	X
CREATE & CHAT - NORTH HALL	9:00 AM				X			
GOURD CLASS - NORTH HALL	9:30 AM			X				
MAHJONG - MAIN HALL	1:00 PM				X			
OUT OF PARK POOL	1:00 PM		X					
CARDS - NORTH HALL	1:00 PM			X		X		
POKENO - NORTH HALL	1:00 PM							X
MUSIC HOUR - MAIN HALL	4:00 PM		X					
IN-PARK BAND PRACTICE - MAIN HALL	4:00 PM							X
POKER	6:00 PM		X				X	
BILLIARDS	6:30 PM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BIBLE STUDY - MAIN HALL	6:30 PM			X				
PINOCHLE - NORTH HALL	6:30 PM				X			
FRIDAY GAMBLING	6:30 PM						X	
ICE CREAM SOCIAL - NORTH HALL	6:30 PM	X						
TEXAS HOLD'EM - NORTH HALL	6:30 PM							X
CARDS - NORTH HALL	6:30 PM		X	X	X	X		
CRIBBAGE - NORTH HALL	6:30 PM			X				
CARD BINGO - NORTH HALL	7:00 PM	X						
IN-PARK BAND PRACTICE - MAIN HALL	7:00 PM				X			

March 2018 Special Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 10:00am Quilt Showcase & Crafts Sale (Sign up for table)	3 9am Shuffleboard Tournament & Lunch (Sign up)
4	5 8:30am Activity Meeting/free coffee and donuts.	6 7:00pm Chordial-Aires (Tickets req'd)	7	8 9:00am Beginners Free Motion Quilting in Main Hall (Sign up in Sewing Room)	9 1:00pm Golfers Lunch	10
11	12 5:30pm Fathers Day dinner & show (Sign up & buy tickets)	13	14	15 1:00pm Ladies Tea & Fashion Show (Sign up)	16	17 5:00pm Corned Beef & Cabbage (Sign up & buy tickets)
18	19	20 5:00pm Potluck Dinner (Sign Up)	21 8:30am Biscuits & gravy breakfast (Sign up & buy tickets)	22	23 9:00am Pinochle Tournament (Sign up)	24
25	26	27 1:00pm End of season party (Sign up)	28	29	30 10:00am Color Easter Eggs	31
APRIL 1ST 10:00am Last Day of Church 1:00pm Easter Dinner - Turkey & Ham - No Charge (Sign up)						

CHECK THE BIG CALENDAR IN THE NORTH HALL FOR DETAILS AND CHANGES

**A BIG thanks to
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