

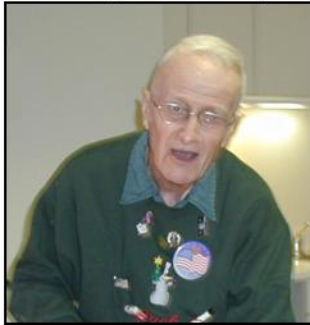
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Jack Honored for His Contribution in Capturing a Purse Snatcher

Written by: Mike Hoyt



March 18th began as an ordinary day for Jack Moreland. He spent the day working for MARC, Inc. and then went home to exchange St. Patrick's Day decorations for Easter decorations around his apartment.

Jack just happen to be peering out the window when a man fell from a fourth story window right in front of him into the courtyard of his complex. Jack immediately called 911 and it was later found that this man was wanted for a purse snatching incident at the Mobil Gas Station earlier that day. Manchester Police and Fire

Rescue Personnel came and took the man to Hartford Hospital where he was treated for life threatening injuries.

On April 11th, the Manchester Police and Fire Departments presented Jack with a plaque, hat, and shirt for his help in capturing a criminal. The celebration took place at the Fire Department on Center Street and was attended by Jack's brother, sister-in-law, and nephew who came all the way from Gorham, ME for this special presentation. Many of Jack's closest friends were also there to witness this event.

**Congratulations Jack
for receiving such an honor!!!**

The Excitement of Neil's First Apartment

Written by: Richard Quappé

On April 12th, Neil O'Connor moved into his first apartment with MARC, Inc. and is rooming with one of his good friends, Brian McKenzie. Neil had lived at home with his parents until then, but there was always a question of when he would get his own place.

Neil, with the help of his family, has decorated his bedroom to show off his personality and is also working together with Brian to decorate the rest of the apartment. The two men have a great deal in common as they both enjoy singing and entertaining others. They also like sports, shopping and hanging out with friends.

Neil has worked in the community for a number of years and moving out into his own apartment was the next step in his plan of becoming independent. Our staff has been working closely with him to teach him the

responsibilities of living on his own such as shopping, banking, cooking, and cleaning. He is doing a fantastic job in learning all of these activities and is enjoying living on his own.

**Residential is thrilled to
have Neil join us and
welcomes him to our
family.**



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Bob's Discount Furniture Recognizes Hard Work

Written by: Katharyn M. French

On March 18th, Gabriel Acosta, Charlie Bean, Ron Berthiaume, Heidi Greenberg, Darrin Irvin, and Neil O'Connor all received Certificates of Appreciation for all the extra work they performed at Bob's Discount Furniture for a co-worker who was out for an extended period of time. The certificates were personally signed by the owner of the store, Bob Kauffman, and then presented by Evette and Myrna, two of Bob's employees during a celebration. To help celebrate the occasion, everyone enjoyed some cake which had the inscription, "Good Job Guys."



Striving for Literacy

Written by: Regina Ricci

A couple of months ago, Brian Bongiovanni voiced an interest in learning how to read and write with the goal of going to college once he has achieved this. MARC immediately answered his request with a personal tutor who works with him twice a week.

Brian is doing well with his first steps toward his goal. He works on a variety of activities to help him to read and write. He studies phonics cards to become more familiar with the sounds of individual letters and letter combinations that eventually make up words. He reads from books such as "Sam and the Firefly" and also reads along with some audio books. Brian has also been

writing almost on a daily basis, improving the shape of his letters.

This is just the beginning and Brian knows that it is going to take years before he is fluent enough in reading and writing to attend college, but he is very determined to accomplish this. He is working hard and he said that he will continue to work hard until he achieves his goal.

**Great Job Brian!!!
Keep up the good work.**

If you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything.

A St. Patrick's Day Tradition

Written by: Regina Ricci

What is St. Patrick's Day without hearing the sounds of an Irish Pipe Band marching through the office? We were ever so fortunate to receive a special visit from the Glastonbury Pipe Band on that day.

It was quite a sight to see. Each member of the band was all dressed from head to toe in the traditional wears of Ireland. Each outfit consisted of a Balmoral hat, shirt and jacket, a Kilt with a wide belt clasped with an engraved silver buckle and a Sporrán around the waist, Piper Kilt Hose decorated with Flashes, and Brogues (shoes).

The members of the band, Jim Farrell, Ed Fisher, Patrick Whalen, Tom Dalton, Jimmy Moore, Damon Matus, and Reverend Bing Scherer played beautifully. They

marched through the building playing for each office. This is a tradition that we all look forward to each year. It is such a treat.

**Thank you to all of the band members.
We really enjoyed listening to your tunes.**



Celebrating Anita's 50th Birthday

Written by: Richard Quappé

On March 21st, Residential celebrated Anita Simao's 50th birthday. About 70 family members and friends gathered at the Manchester VFW hall festively decorated with balloons and streamers. Dinner and dance music was provided by two of Anita's friends from Residential, Allan Storch and Bill Swanson.

Anita arrived in a lovely aqua dress with a matching jacket and hat. She looked beautiful and was thrilled to see everyone there to help her celebrate her special birthday.

The party started off with a buffet-style dinner consisting of Anita's favorite foods, sausage and peppers, meatloaf, roasted peppers, corn, salad, and bread. After dinner, two beautiful ice cream cakes, one chocolate and the other vanilla, were presented to Anita and everyone sang "Happy Birthday." She made a wish and blew out a big candle, symbolizing 50 years.

While everyone was finishing up their dessert, Anita opened her many presents and cards from her family and

friends. After thanking everyone for coming and for the gifts, the dance floor filled up and everyone danced the night away. This was a party that Anita, her family and friends will remember for a long time to come.



Dancing to the Irish Beat

Written by: Regina Ricci

The St. Patrick's Day Dance, sponsored and organized by the Manchester High School's Class of 2007, was an exciting time for everyone. People served and students danced the night away together doing the Limbo, the Electric Slide and many other types of dances.

The students decorated the cafeteria with the Irish spirit in mind. There were paintings of clovers and even a pot of gold on the windows. The tables and walls were sprinkled with green clovers, miniature hats, and a variety of other green decorations.

Drinks, sandwiches, and cookies were also provided by the school for anyone who needed an energy boost from all the dancing.

Many thanks to Chris Prytko, Dave Brysgel, and the Class of 2007 for such a wonderful dance. Everyone looks forward to this dance every year. It is a great opportunity for our people to get together with their friends as well as meet some new friends from the high school.





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