



The Village Voice

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The first day of spring is March 20th and after the cold winter we have experienced, spring will be very welcome. A sure sign of spring are the little crocuses, with their yellow and purple petals pushing up through the soil. The grass lawns around Westminster will soon be turning green and the birds will be singing again. After so many months of looking at white snow, it will be great to see all the beautiful colors of spring.

Construction Corner

The Westminster Village leadership team oversees all aspects of the project and looks forward to fulfilling its promise of providing a new environment where residents can experience a rewarding and dynamic lifestyle for the later decades of their lives. To paraphrase the words of John F. Kennedy, “The energy, the faith and the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our community and all who serve it.”

How Do Our Swans Survive the Winter?

We frequently are asked the question, “*How do the swans, in the Westminster pond, survive through the winter?*” Actually, the swan feathers provide remarkable insulation against the cold. Swans have a gland at the base of its tail that makes oil.

Swans use their bills to spread the oil over their feathers. The oil coats the swan’s feathers providing insulation as well as waterproofing. Swans will also fluff out their feathers to create air pockets for additional insulation in cold temperatures. The swan’s diet consists of aquatic plants, grains, pond weeds, and any bugs that have the misfortune to fly or swim too close. The swans at Westminster have an



advantage because the fountain in the middle of the pond keeps the water from freezing over completely, so the swans can remain in the water.

Residents Learn about Smartphones and iPads!

Many of the residents that have *Smartphones*, *Tablets* and *iPads* expressed an interest in learning more of what their devices could do, so the Westminster Activities Department started a class entitled, “*Tips and Tricks for Your Smartphones and Tablets.*” Residents in this class are learning about different applications and new techniques that they can use on their devices. The class has proved quite helpful and the residents are finding that technology can be fun, as well as useful.



Resident Activities For March

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Band



There are quite a few events for residents to on the BSU Campus in March. They have the opportunity to attend the *US Army Concert* at Emens and “Turning Pages: The History of Newspapers in Muncie” with retired Star/Press reporter, John Carlson. The BSU Women’s Basketball season will be winding down in March, ending with the team coming to Westminster for a fun filled evening. Residents will be attending the Theatre of Dance’s production of “Oklahoma” or going to the BSU Planetarium to see a program titled, “Undiscovered Worlds.” Also in March, The Lunch Bunch will be dining at “Olive Garden” and the Yorktown Pizza King. Many of the residents will take in the Artist Series “Memphis” at Emens. Back at The Village there will be Apples and Caramel for Johnny Appleseed Day and green Shamrock Shakes on St. Patrick’s Day. Several residents that have a love for quilting have started a Saturday quilting group. The creative residents that have interests in sewing are excited about this new group and the prospect of sharing their love for quilting with friends.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!