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Celebrating April

- **Records & Information Management Month**
- **Global Astronomy Month**
- **Poetry Month**
- **Jazz Appreciation Month**
- **Stress Awareness Month**

Entertainer Fernando
1:30 PM, 394 Building
April 8

Entertainer Jack
2:00 PM, 1350 Building
April 17

Prom Fashion Show
6:00 PM, 1350 Building
April 17

Easter
April 21

Entertainer Tom
2:00 PM, 400 Building
April 24

William's Fair Shake

Historians believe that the famous playwright William Shakespeare was born on April 23, 1564, and then died on that same date in the year 1616. Some argue that too little is known about Shakespeare to prove he was a famous writer, yet a wealth of records of his life exist.

William Shakespeare's father, John, was a prominent figure in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon. John was a successful glove maker, tanner, and wool dealer as well as a respected city councilman and town mayor. William Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, also came from a prosperous family. Her father ran a successful farm near Stratford. The Shakespeare family's wealth, sadly, did not last. By the time William was about 10 years old, his father's business had collapsed, and they were forced to mortgage even Mary's inheritance. Perhaps this is why young William attended a rather unremarkable local school and completed his education at the age of 14.

William Shakespeare desired to be more than the son of a farmer, so he left Stratford for London, where he became an actor. He progressed from acting to playwriting and eventually became the owner and manager of the very venues where his plays were performed, the Globe and Blackfriars Theatres. As Shakespeare's fame grew, he caught the notice of the noble classes. His drama company became the official troupe of both Queen Elizabeth I and King James I, and his works were regularly performed before the royal court. Shakespeare's success won him the respect of his peers and garnered him vast wealth. As a show of his success, he returned to Stratford-upon-Avon to purchase the largest house in the town. Where Shakespeare's father had lost a fortune, William had built one. Surprisingly, a definitive collection of Shakespeare's plays wasn't compiled until after his death. In 1623, two members of his troupe published the so-called *First Folio*, which remains to this day one of the most important works in the English language.

A History of Halley's



The most famous comet in our cosmos must be Halley's Comet, and yet its namesake, astronomer Edmond Halley, never even saw it. This is because it only appears every 76 years. Many should

consider themselves lucky to see it once, or perhaps even twice, in their lifetimes, although seeing it has been known to cause as much concern as awe.

On April 3, 1066, Halley's Comet appeared in the sky over England. The "long-haired star" was presumed to be a bad omen, a sign of doomsday to come. Indeed, later that year, King Harold II of England was killed during the Battle of Hastings by the forces of William the Conqueror. The prophecy seemed fulfilled. This is considered the most famous appearance of Halley's Comet and is even depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry, a tapestry detailing the Norman conquest of England. The comet streaks overhead while King Harold II and some Englishmen fearfully watch it pass.

Halley's Comet has made several appearances throughout human history, and the Battle of Hastings was not the only time it incited a world-changing invasion. In the year 1222, Mongol ruler Ghengis Khan believed that Halley's Comet was his own personal star. Seeing its westward arc across the sky led him to sweep westward from Mongolia and invade southeastern Europe.

Not all stories of Halley's Comet end in bloodshed. Some historians believe that the biblical Star of Bethlehem, followed by the Wise Men in the birth story of Jesus, was not a star at all but Halley's Comet. The comet did make an appearance in the year 12 BC, after all. The comet's appearance in 1301 also inspired artist Giotto di Bondone's painting of the birth of Jesus. Halley's Comet is clearly seen flying through the sky over Jesus' manger in the depiction of the nativity. Halley's Comet will not return again until 2061, but we can be sure that its appearance may inspire not just awe but more stories of disaster. After all, the word *disaster* comes from the Latin *dis-astra*, meaning "against the stars."

April Birthdays

In astrology, those born April 1–19 are Rams of Aries. Like rams, Aries charge forward with courage, confidence, and enthusiasm. They embrace action, take risks, and will fight for their goals. Those born April 20–30 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls are stable, reliable, patient, and determined. They will work hard and finish the job no matter what gets in their way, but they expect to be rewarded!

Washington Irving (author) – April 3, 1783
Bette Davis (actress) – April 5, 1908
Billie Holiday (singer) – April 7, 1915
David Letterman (TV host) – April 12, 1947
Glen Campbell (singer) – April 22, 1936
Ella Fitzgerald (singer) – April 25, 1917
Duke Ellington (bandleader) – April 29, 1899

Resident Birthdays

Ruth M. - April 8
Ken – April 26
Bill – April 30

From the Activity Directors Desk

Things will begin to look a lot greener this month because Spring is here. Along with Spring comes the start of our walking club, weather permitting.

We are in the process of becoming part of the Brown County Library Outreach program. The library has quite a few large print books that they have taken out of circulation just for this program. That means every month we will be receiving 50 large print books for our residents to enjoy.

We are still working on our Izaak Walton Fishing trip. As soon as I have more details, I will let everyone know.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact Kassie at (920) 412-6224 or kassie@angelstouchcbrf.com.