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Hi Lites



Friday Afternoon LIVE!

Doc and Donna Probes, along with Andrea Patterson and Dave Murphy perform today, Jan. 21, 3:45 p.m. on The Grove Stage. See page 2.



50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Married in 1972? Deadline to sign up is today, Jan. 21. See page 2.



Sunday Showtime

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Annual Entertainment Showcase is Wednesday

Join us Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. in Busch Hall for an afternoon of great performances. See page 2.



Activity Reminders



Friday Night Dances open with 50s and 60s

Gather your friends and grab a table Friday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 2.

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Fifty years is a long time Sixth in a series of articles to showcase TR

by Margaret Emmetts

The Airstream place to be from the mid-70s into the 80s was TR. Residents told friends about the park and the park was thriving. The need for more meeting space brought about the addition of the Citrus Center which was completed in 1981. Tennis courts were added in 1983 built with funds loaned by residents. The golf course, TR’s “Crown Jewel” got underway in what was swampland and how this project was achieved is an interesting tale.



The swampland is raised four feet to build the golf course.

Since the area where the golf course was to be situated was swampland, it was necessary to raise the ground level of that area. Paul Ruth had a solution as to how this was to be accomplished. He calculated that approximately 50,000 cubic yards of fill was needed to bring the then swampy area above floodplain and to elevate the greens areas to 4 feet above the original swamp level.



A crew works to construct the greens.

Ruth’s solution to the problem was to excavate an area and remove exactly the amount of fill needed to eradicate the swamp. The resultant “hole” created by this excavation would become Mirror Lake. A dragline operator was hired to take out the wet “soup” which resulted in a pile of fill 20 feet high. The project took about a year to complete.

While work proceeded on the golf course, residents questioned Ruth as to how he planned to fill the “hole” to make Mirror Lake. His response was the The Lord would fill it for them.



The “hole” that was to become Mirror Lake.

Ruth’s wife Betty’s favorite story centered about the time Ruth finished the lake and had placed a 4-foot strip of sod around the perimeter to keep the raw edge from eroding. At supper that night Ruth stated that if they could get some rain to set the sod but not too much that would cause erosion, it would be great. Betty asked “Who do you think you are, believing that we have a special line to the Almighty?” The very next morning there was an inch of rain.

File photos

In December it rained heavily – something that is unusual at TR. Mirror Lake was at last filled and resident complaints about filling it finally ceased.

Eager volunteers came up with many ideas for improvements and additions. By 1986, *The TR Times* was begun by a former printing company owner and a retired newspaper editor, Ruth Howes. The paper’s success eventually brought about yet another addition to the Fire Station to house the offices of the paper. That addition was subsequently named “The Ruth Howes Room” in honor of the founding editor.



The TR Times building under construction above. The photo below shows the building as it appears today.



The Golden Years came to an end in the mid-80s when Airstream began marketing motorhomes. At that time the Board decided to outlaw motorhomes on all leased lots, except for The Village and the “Hill,” for the reason that you couldn’t see over them if you were standing too close. The Board refused to grandfather in several that were on the waiting list – two of which belonged to very prominent members of the Airstream community. Their deposits had to be returned with the explanation that their coach was too high. As one of these individuals was a well-known caravan leader, the word quickly spread through the Airstream community.

In the late 1980s the Board wanted to micromanage everything and Ruth said his job ceased being fun. Insult was soon added to injury when park founder Jake Busch was booed off the floor during an Annual Meeting when advancing an idea for an assisted living facility to be built on acreage adjacent to the park. Busch had never earned a penny from his untiring work to build TR and now by advancing his new dream for aging residents, he was being humiliated. The next day Ruth put his stock up for sale and resigned in late 1989 after 17 years of stewardship as manager.

Instability in park management for the next few years led to the park’s decline. The waiting list for sites declined and people began to leave the park. Again the question arose whether the park would survive. Was a turnaround possible and would it happen soon enough to avoid financial disaster?



An aerial view of TR in 1974.

Source: *The Story of Travelers Rest Resort 1972-2012.*

Wednesday

TR’s Entertainment Showcase is Wednesday afternoon

by Ken and Sandy Langell
Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 26 in Busch Hall for our Annual Entertainment Showcase. Doors open at noon and the show starts at 1 p.m.
If you haven’t experienced an Entertainment Showcase at Travelers Rest, you are in for a treat. John Timpanelli’s Tin Pan Alley Talent Agency brings their top entertainers for a full afternoon of performances. Buyers from other parks around central Florida will be here to preview acts and TR residents are also invited. This



JOHN TIMPANELLI
is a good opportunity for you to see several acts and let us know who you would like to see doing a full show at TR!

You may expect to see Doug Gabriel, from Branson, Mo.; Wes Anthony, the wonderful saxophonist that recently performed here; Solomon Kee, who covers Rat Pack era tunes and many others; Good Morning Bedlam, a high-energy folk music band; Rory Gardner, country singer who has performed with Keith Urban and many others.
The TR Pickleball Club will offer box lunches for \$8 and drinks for \$1 while supplies last beginning at noon. Enjoy some lunch, grab a seat and enjoy the show.

Friday Afternoon LIVE! will rock and roll with friends Andrea and Dave



Photo submitted by Donna Probes

Doc and Donna Probes are ready to rock and roll with Andrea Patterson and Dave Murphy.

by Donna Probes
Last year Andrea Patterson and Dave Murphy joined Doc and me for a Friday Afternoon LIVE! show and together we rocked The Grove Stage tent. We had so much fun, everyone get ready. We’re going to do it again.

Calendar items are shifting around a bit. The Irish Coffee House that was scheduled today was moved to the St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on March 17. That left an open night, so Dave will fire up his red-hot saxophone and Andrea will bring her amazing talents on piano and flute to

Friday Afternoon LIVE! with us today at 3:45 p.m. on The Grove Stage.
We’ve got a lineup of rock and roll favorites that will surely elevate your happiness thermometer, even though the cool evenings of January are upon us. We’ll see you in The Grove!

Sunday Showtime



PETER HEFTY & JUSTIN

by Ken Langell
Sunday Showtime presents Peter Hefty & Justin on Sunday, Jan. 23, in Busch Hall.
Peter Hefty is a fantastic ventriloquist and comedian, an international headliner and Critics’ Choice Award Winner! He’s often in the Caribbean, Mexican resorts and certainly known in clubs across the U.S. Over the years, he and his various puppets have opened for Jay Leno, Howie Mandell, Dennis Miller, Loretta Lynn, Judy Collins, Sinbad, Percy Sledge and the list goes on. He has performed private parties for John Mellencamp’s family and the late Dale Earnhardt.

As for Justin – where does Peter Hefty begin and his scene-stealing dummy Justin end? The fact that it’s so hard to tell is part of the magic of Hefty’s act. It is a combination of masterful ventriloquism and hilarious stand-up comedy featuring several different dummies, each with their own personality (including outspoken party dude Frank).
We respectfully request that everyone wear a mask in Busch Hall. Seating will be spaced to maintain a safe distance.
Ice cream treats will be available for purchase, 3:15-3:45 p.m., announcements are at 3:45 p.m. and the show follows.

Friday Night Dances open with the 50s and 60s



Photo by Pam Watkins

Sweet sixteen wasn’t that long ago for our Travelaires Director Phil St. John and his lovely wife Mardelle.

by Pam Watkins
The TR Friday Night Dance Committee and the Travelaires Orchestra are ready to open the dance season next Friday, Jan. 28, 7-9 p.m. with a sock hop and music from the 50s and 60s.
It’s time, once again, to drag out the 50s attire. Ladies, think about circle skirts or pedal-pushers (remember those?), sweaters and pearls, cinch belts and neck scarves. Gentlemen, dig in those closets and find bowling shirts, plaid shirts, trousers with cuffs, and white socks. Is there a fedora on the shelf?
TR is fortunate to have many talented musicians here in the park who enjoy entertaining the crowd with their own big band sound.
TR’s Friday Night Dances are for everyone. Even if you do not dance, come out and listen to our musicians who put so much effort into these performances.
Gather your friends, grab a table and let’s see what the orchestra has to offer.
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Today is the deadline!

Message from the President



KATHERINE SHAWVER

by Katherine Shawver

It has been quite a week! COVID is once again interrupting activities and fun at TR. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone of the COVID protocol: *NOTE:* This protocol is subject to change as appropriate.

- 1) We follow Florida Health Department and Pasco County Emergency Services guidelines and requirements.
- 2) Buildings are open for activities. Masks are optional but recommended and social distancing is encouraged.



- 3) Masks are required in the resort Business Office and the Post Office Lobby as well as the Post Office window area.
- 4) Hand sanitizer is available throughout the resort and disinfecting spray in each building.
- 5) All outdoor activities are open with social distancing encouraged.
- 6) Entertainment will be offered both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor entertainment could move indoors in the event of inclement weather. The Wednesday Concert Series will be held in Busch Hall.

7) Jean Cobb will continue to serve TR as the official authorized COVID spokesperson for the Board of Directors and Park Management. Watch for COVID information from Jean posted on the Residents and Friends Facebook page.

8) We ask residents to do what is appropriate for you to keep yourself safe. We are each responsible for ourselves and to be considerate of our friends and neighbors.

9) We anticipate breakthrough cases of COVID in the park. We ask those who are ill to self-quarantine and notify friends and neighbors who may have been exposed. Seek medical attention as soon as possible; early treatment is most effective.

10) Please take responsibility for your care and respect everyone else for their self-care.

Remember, if activity chairs are uncomfortable or feel vulnerable, they have the option of cancelling the activity or asking participants to wear a mask to participate in the activity.



Gratefully, we still have our beautiful Florida sunshine to enjoy every day. Get out and walk in your neighborhood, we can still visit with our friends and neighbors at a safe distance and get our daily dose of vitamin D from the sun shining on your face.

Keep yourselves, friends and neighbors safe!



A message to all Activity Chairpersons

by Margaret Emmetts

The TR Times is pleased to promote all the special events run by various activities. To do so we need to receive the appropriate information from event organizers. It is not the paper's responsibility to determine what is happening and then put it in the paper.

Notice of an event should appear at least twice. Once announcing the event at least two issues before it happens and secondly as a reminder in the issue closest to the event. If tickets are being sold there should be a full article to announce the event and a brief article each week after ticket sales begin. Information must include the day, date, time and place as well as details of your specific event.

As an example, if an event is to occur on Wednesday, Feb. 28 it should be advertised in **two** issues of the paper - Feb. 16 and Feb. 23.

The TR Times publication and deadline schedule

Deadline	Issue date
01/21/22	01/28/22
01/28/22	02/04/22
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02/18/22	02/25/22
02/25/22	03/04/22
03/04/22	03/11/22
03/11/22	03/18/22



By Margaret Emmetts

The TR Times is looking for a few dedicated volunteers.

Presently we are seeking a Treasurer/Bookkeeper. The applicant should have a knowledge of the Quick Books computer program as well as general bookkeeping.

We are also looking for people who like to take photos. Traditionally we assign a particular photographer(s) to a special occasion. The photographer should record the names of the people in the photo and be able to email the photos to our office.

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An unexpected side effect of COVID

You might not be aware that Florida is the lightning capital of the country and is responsible for more lightning deaths than any other state. Last year there were 11 people in this country that died as a result of being hit by lightning and four of them were in Florida.

Florida gets more lightning strikes because of its semi-topical location and its strong seasonal thunderstorms. The many outdoor activities people enjoy because of our warm weather puts more people at risk of being struck when lightning does occur.

Strange as it may seem, scientists have discovered a connection between COVID and lightning. During the epidemic, lightning strikes world-wide were down. How can this be?

As a result of the epidemic many people were quarantining and working from home. This resulted in less traffic on the roads world-wide. Less traffic means less vehicular emissions. Vehicular emissions put aerosols into the air. To make a long story short, when the air contains a lot of aerosols, they tend to generate ice crystals. The ice crystals in turn contribute to the generation of lightning. When there are fewer aerosols present, the result is rain.

Compared to the 11 deaths last year, there were 17 in 2020. The prior average had been 36 deaths per year. Of the four deaths in Florida, all were men or boys engaged in outdoor activities. One was working on a roof, one golfing and two were on beaches.

Before lightning strikes, ionization columns are set up in the atmosphere. Lightning chooses one of these columns to strike. If you are outdoors and suddenly find the hairs on your arms standing on end, or the hair on your head standing up, immediately move to another location. You are in an ionization column with the potential of being hit. On a trip to a National Park a Ranger related how tourists told him about the “funny” thing that happened while they were out on the lake. All their hair stood on end. They thought it was so funny they took photos. Luckily the lightning did not choose that particular path and they were not struck. The Ranger explained that they were in an ionization column, how lucky they were and what actions they should have taken.

If you can hear thunder, you are within distance of being struck, no matter how far away the thunder sounds. The adage is: When thunder roars, go indoors! *mre*



The Servant’s Plow



Sufficient Grace

by Anthony Shipe

We can all boast about how the accomplishments in our lives came from hard work and achievements. There are those of us who can brag about how we have it all together. The Apostle Paul had been successful furthering the gospel message of Christ throughout the beginnings of the early church, but it came with quite a cost. When Paul wanted to boast about that success, God reminded him that his accomplishments were made possible through trials and difficulties. Paul complained about the thorn in his flesh. This was some type of infirmity that he dealt with that reminded Paul he needed the grace of God daily... to survive.

You have probably heard the story about a ship captain who met a pirate in a Caribbean port. The two had a conversation about their adventures on the high seas. The ship captain noticed the pirate was authentic looking and had a pegleg, a hook for a hand, and an eyepatch. The ship captain proceeded to ask the pirate about such matters and the pirate gave his explanation.

“You see matey, we were in a terrible storm at sea and I was swept overboard into a school of hungry sharks. Just as my men were pulling me out of the water a shark bit my leg off. Then some time later my crew and I found a huge treasure chest on a vacant island. I was digging thru the gold and silver in the chest and the big heavy iron lid came down upon my hand severing it clean off! Arrrrr! So matey that’s why I have the hook.”

“I see,” said the ship captain. “Well tell me how you came to wear an eye patch.”

The pirate explained that one day he was looking up at the ship’s mast checking the rigging to the sails. A seagull happened to be flying over and a dropping had fallen into his eye.

Puzzled, the ship captain asked, “You mean to tell me you lost your eye from a seagull dropping?”

The pirate replied, “Well no not exactly, that was my first day with my hook!”

It is so easy to boast about our accomplishments and even more



ANTHONY SHIPE

difficult to boast about our weaknesses.

One of the themes I use a lot when preaching is about the fact that anyone who ever made an impact for God throughout scripture did so because God used their weakness for a greater purpose. Paul knew that during his weakest moments was when the greatest power came from the Lord.

There is one verse I want to talk about today.

2nd CORINTHIANS 12: 9

If you have red letters in your Bible (the words spoken by Jesus) this is the only red letter scripture in the book of 2nd Corinthians.

It reads:

“My grace is all you need.” -OR- “My grace is sufficient for you.”

The grace that is promised... shows up... right on time.

- There is grace promised... but... not more grace than needed.

- There is grace promised... but... not before the situation happens.

- There is grace promised...but... not less than needed.

The fact is proven that we all experience trials, tragedies and disappointments in our lives. Another fact is that God may allow afflictions to occur and then comes a choice of how we respond to them.

We can become bitter, resentful and blame God for what happened or blame someone else. You can also fall into the trap of believing that you are the only one suffering.

We as Christians must use God’s grace in our daily life.

There is a children’s fable about a discontented pendulum in a grandfather clock. The pendulum

began to reflect on how often it had swung back and forth in an hour. Then multiplying its strokes by hours of the day and night and these into days of the week and finally in the weeks of the year.

Tic-tok, tic-tok the pendulum swung back and forth and reflected on the non-stop motion and became overwhelmed with its task and suddenly stopped.

The clock’s owner would then discover its motionless state and begin to wind up the gears. This was done to start the pendulum moving again. Then the pendulum was reminded that after all it was never required to move more often than once a second and it could not keep time any faster or any slower than required.

The peace of Christ and the grace of God are necessary to our salvation and healing. This grace has always been placed within reach of every person God has created.

GALATIANS 2:9 states “Grace is given or imparted to us.”

2 PETER 3: 18 says “That we will grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.”

Let me close with with Annie J. Flint’s lyrics:

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater.

He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;

To added affliction He addeth His mercies,

To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed before the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources

Our Father’s full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit; His grace has no measure,

His power no boundary known unto men;

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus

He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

AMEN!



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The Siren



by Jean Cobb
RN and First Responder

COVID has turned the world upside down for most of us, even here at TR. This article is intended to summarize our current situation and current CDC recommendations, even though it may all change between the time I write this and the time it is published next week!

The Omicron variant appears to be the most prevalent COVID threat to our residents at the present time. Fortunately, this variant is generally associated with mild symptoms, few complications, and a short duration. Unfortunately, it is highly communicable - often one to two days BEFORE one knows that they have it. Because it is so easily transmitted, it is likely that over the next few weeks the majority of our residents will be infected with Omicron.

For most vaccinated individuals, the symptoms of Omicron will be minimal and the recovery complete. However, an individual who is unvaccinated or unboosted, who is older, or who has other chronic health conditions is more likely to experience more serious symptoms and complications requiring medical care and/or hospitalization.

What are the typical symptoms and complications of the Omicron variant?

The incubation period from exposure to symptom development is typically three days although an individual can be infected and not have any symptoms for the duration of the illness. The top five symptoms include

COVID has turned the world upside down

runny nose, headache, fatigue, sneezing and sore throat. Other less frequent symptoms include fever, nausea, night sweats, and aches and pains. Loss of taste/smell, shortness of breath, and low blood oxygen levels are rarely associated with the Omicron variant. However, shortness of breath may be indicative of pneumonia associated with the COVID virus. As with other COVID infections, it is possible to experience respiratory and cardiac complications as well as issues related to any chronic disease the individual already has.

How is the Omicron variant diagnosed?

Currently, there are two types of tests being used in the U.S. - antigen (rapid) tests and PCR (viral RNA) tests. Both should be administered several days after exposure to the virus. Because Omicron reproduces more rapidly, it is generally accepted that the tests can be administered as early as 3 days after exposure. A positive result is nearly always accurate; a negative result may mean that there was insufficient quantity of virus or that the sample was not collected or processed correctly.

Rapid tests detect specific proteins on the surface of the COVID virus. They can be self-administered at home and are also used at testing centers and in medical facilities. Results are available in 15-45 minutes.

PCR tests are administered at a medical facility or pharmacy and generally require one to three days before results are available. They are typically considered to be more accurate than rapid tests.

How can I avoid being infected with the Omicron variant?

There is no foolproof way to avoid being infected with Omicron. Even a casual encounter with someone bringing groceries or delivering a package could be an exposure. It has become increasingly obvious that while paper

surgical masks and cloth masks may stop droplets from an infected individual, they do little to prevent anyone from being exposed if virus-laden droplets are in the air.

CDC now recommends that a KN-95 or N-95 mask be used to provide the best protection. N-95 masks, which block 95% of particles 0.3 microns or larger, are worn by healthcare workers and are approved by the FDA. KN-95 masks, which meet the same standards, are worn in the industrial community and approved by OSHA. N-95 masks fit the face more closely but are typically harder to find and cost more. Another mask has also emerged as an option, the NF-94, which is manufactured in South Korea. It is comparable to the N-95 medical mask. The critical factor with each of these masks is the close facial fit that prevents the virus from entering around the edges of the mask.

These masks can be reused if they are in good condition. For the individual who wears a mask for short periods of time, it is recommended that several of them be used in a rotating pattern allowing them to dry out from respiratory droplets between uses. They should be replaced if they appear worn out or soiled, should only be handled by the ear loops, and should be stored in a paper bag (never plastic) so that they can dry completely between uses.

If I am infected, how can I best avoid transmitting the Omicron variant to others?

The single best way to avoid infecting others is to self-isolate for the entire time one is contagious. However, Omicron is

known to be communicable for one to two days BEFORE one realizes they may be sick. A better way to protect others as well as one's self, is to wear a good fitting, high quality mask, socially distance, and sanitize hands in all social situations until COVID is no longer a problem.

CDC recommends:

If you are exposed to someone who has tested positive (including two days BEFORE their test was positive or they began having symptoms) AND YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COVID VACCINE AND A BOOSTER, you should wear a good-fitting, high quality mask in all social situations for a period of 10 days. If you reside in a household with others, you should isolate if possible, use a separate bathroom if possible, and wear a mask and distance when physically together. You should also have a COVID test at least 5 days after the exposure.

If you are exposed to someone who has tested positive (including two days BEFORE their test was positive or they began having symptoms) AND YOU ARE UNVACCINATED, you should quarantine for a period of five days, and wear a good-fitting, high quality mask in all social situations for five more days. If you reside in a household with others, you should isolate if possible, use a separate bathroom if possible, and wear a mask and distance when physically together. You should also have a COVID test at least 5 days after the exposure.

If you test POSITIVE for COVID, regardless of your vaccination status, you should quarantine/isolate for a period of

five days. At the end of five days, if you have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and symptoms are subsiding, you can resume activities wearing a good-fitting high quality mask for another five days. You should also avoid travel as well as being around any person who is at high risk.

When it is appropriate to seek medical care?

Most individuals with Omicron can be cared for in a home environment using over-the-counter medications to treat symptoms of a headache or cold, particularly if they have someone who can support them with supplies, food and beverages. Any shortness of breath or chest pain, as well as vomiting, diarrhea or fever that persists should be checked out by a medical professional, as well as concerns about increased symptoms related to management of chronic diseases. Some individuals with Omicron do require hospitalization, so do pay close attention to your circumstance and seek medical care, including emergency services if you believe you need to.

If you have questions about Omicron, feel free to call me and we can discuss them. I am not a physician; I offer the information in this article compiled from multiple sources that I believe are reliable. Please be safe, take care of yourself and care about your TR friends and neighbors, too.



TR has a new addition



Photo by Pam Watkins
TR's brand new Fire Rescue cart.

by Sue Wendt

Have you spotted the new Fire Rescue medical cart? This large white golf cart came to TR from Pasco County Fire Rescue and eventually will be marked with Pasco County decals. The cart with an additional section on the back has a lot more storage than the previous one. Since it is powered by gasoline there is also extra storage under the driver's seat. If you hear the siren and see the medical cart on the road please get out of the way as TR First Responders are going to help a park resident.



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Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik

I want to start by giving a huge thank you to Bud and Alice Wuebker for all their work making toast tongs honoring TR’s 50th Anniversary. I’m not sure of the exact number, but over a thousand of them will be handed out to our residents as souvenirs at the celebration on Feb. 5. Bud and Alice did all the preliminary work at their home over the summer and then Bud and others at the TR Woodshop assembled them.



Photo by Guy Weik

A sample of the beautiful tongs designed and made by Bud and Alice Wuebker.

Connie Bradley plans to start Bridge classes on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Activities Center and is offering them to both beginners and intermediate players. The beginners class was canceled earlier in the season, so Connie offered to include any beginning Bridge players in her class. Don’t be intimidated... Connie says this is a fun-loving group who do not take themselves too seriously! Please bring a mask if you want to join this class.

Continuing Activities for all Residents:

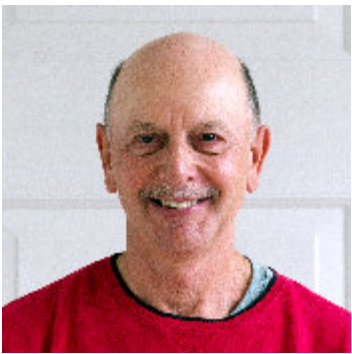
Bingo: Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.

Tuesday Night Movies: Citrus East. **Short: 6:45 p.m. Movie: 7:15 p.m.** As of this time, chairs will be set in small groups and seating will most likely be limited.

Pulled Pork Dinner: Jan. 22 to Benefit TR Fire/Rescue 33.

Entertainment Showcase: Jan. 26, 1 to 4 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Friday Night Dance: Will now begin Jan. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. It will be the **50s and**



GUY WEIK

60s Theme as originally planned. **Veterans’ Walk Dedication:** Friday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m. in front of Busch Hall.

TR’s 50th Anniversary Celebration:

Saturday, Feb. 5: You’ll need a **free meal ticket** for one of two seatings. Tickets will be available at the Post Office. See Linda Smith’s 50th Anniversary article in last week’s paper or information in the Post Office for meal ticket pickup times. We are also looking for volunteers to help for short time periods throughout the day. You can volunteer when you pick up your tickets.

Fashion Show: Is still being planned for **Feb. 10.**

February Parkwide Tag Sale: Because the 50th Anniversary Celebration takes place on the first Saturday, February’s Tag Sale will be held on the 2nd Saturday, **Feb. 12, 8:30-11:30 a.m.** Donuts and coffee *may* be available in Busch Hall... watch for the coffee/donut signs.

Habitat Build: Feb.15 to 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Dade City. Contact Barb Colson.

Canceled or Postponed Activities:

Basketweaving: Canceled for this season.

Chair Yoga: Canceled for this season.

Coffee Socials: Canceled for this season.

Fundraiser for Sunrise Women’s Shelter: Canceled for

Saturday, Jan. 22, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. A donation box will be placed in the Post Office in lieu of the gathering.

Irish Coffee House:

Jan. 21, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall with **Doc and Donna!**

JuBELLation:

Postponed until further notice.

Learning Your iPhone:

Canceled for this season.

Friday Night Dance: Canceled tonight’s dance only. New start date: **Jan. 28!**

Poker Ladies Night Out:

Canceled for this season.

Travelogue Slide Show:

Canceled for this season.

Watercolor Painting: Postponed until further notice.

Woodcarving:

Canceled for this season or postponed until a temporary chairperson wants to take charge for the remainder of this season.

Continuing Class Updates:

Ballroom Dancing: Starts Monday, Jan. 24, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Bridge: Starts Tuesday, Feb. 1, for beginning and intermediate players. Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3 p.m. in Activity Center.

Genealogy: Is not being taught, but *open for individual research*, Fridays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Line Dancing: Day Classes:

Weekly on Monday and Thursday, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East; **Night Classes:** Every Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Mahjong Chinese: Moved to **Citrus West**, Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Table Tennis: Starting up again! Mondays and Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East.

TR Road Riders: Monthly meeting on First Monday, 7 to 8 p.m. and moved to **Hobby House.**

Yoga: Pickleball Yoga only this season Tuesday and Thursday, 8 to 9 a.m. at the Upper Courts.

Amateur Radio Club getting ready for the 50th



by Bill Howard

The Travelers Rest Amateur Radio Club is preparing for the 50th Anniversary Celebration which will be held on Feb. 5. Plans are in motion to have two complete ham radio stations on the air, live from the celebration.

Other amateurs will attempt to contact one, or both, of these stations and by doing so are eligible for an attractive certificate to add to their collection. A good percentage of hams make every effort to contact what are called “special event stations” and receive their certificates. While not a contest, per se, it is just one aspect of ham radio that makes it so intriguing a hobby.

The TR group will be operating on two of the several frequency bands that amateurs have available to them and it is possible that stations across North America, South America, Europe and Asian countries may be lucky enough to make the contact. We have even been issued our own unique call sign, “W50” just for this event. That’s W 50 for fifty years. The club is really hoping that good weather and favorable signal propagation conditions will exist.

The club will be operating from the Driving Range Shed area so stop by and see what’s going on. Other club members will be “roving” around the venues all day using their handheld radios to chat back and forth or assist with communications as necessary.

Otherwise, the club is also in the process of improving equipment and station capabilities. More about that in later articles.

In the meantime, please make a note to stop by and say, “Hi” to our club members on the air at the 50th!

TR Pom-Pom Grannies always have fun



File photo

Pom-Pom Grannies on stage in Busch Hall.

by Donna Neer

Want to have tons of fun? Come check out the Pom-Pom Grannies, (a new name), on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in Citrus East. Laughter and meeting new friends are guaranteed. No dancing, Pom-Pom or drill team experience needed.

Call me at 419-366-0471 if you have any questions OR just come and see what we are doing.

Chinese Mah Jong is growing at TR



by Marcia Hatfield

Each week we help new people learn this easy game that has a family tree that can be traced to the 1300s. “Mah-Jongg as we know it today was created in the mid-to-late 1800s, based on (inspired by, derived from) money-suited card games that do go back to ancient times,” says Tom Sloper on his website <https://Sloperama.com>.

In 1920 Joseph Babcock brought the game to the U.S. and wrote a rule book for play in the U.S. It became widely popular. As a side note, the National Mah Jongg League was established in 1937 and is a very different game compared to the Chinese Mah Jong game played in the rest of the world and here at TR.

We play in a NEW location! Join us in Citrus West at 1 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. No partner needed. No card to memorize. You do not have to own or to bring your own set of tiles. Come to observe or to learn this easy, non-stressful game. Masks required. For additional info call me at 614-946-4411.

OH-IO OH-NO!



by Barb Swartz

After much discussion the Ohio Day committee has regrettably decided to cancel Ohio Day on Jan 23. If you’ve donated a door prize and want it back please stop at lot 01-21 to pick up or we can save it for next year. Just let me know. Thank you.

TR Singing Men



by Steve Gorden

All men are welcome to join the TR Singing Men for fun and fellowship. We plan to record / live-stream a performance to share with a number of the local Nursing Homes. We also hope to participate in appropriate TR activities such as the Annual Talent Show. We guarantee you’ll have a good time. We meet every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Snack Shack Pavilion.

For more information, call Steve Gorden (817) 368-4993.

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Healthy Tips

Allergies versus side effects Part 2

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

In my last article I discussed the difference between side effects and allergies with the specific focus on medications. I hope you found that article informative and helpful.

According to Web MD, over 50 million Americans suffer from allergies of one type or another. Some allergic reactions may be mild in nature or may be as serious enough to threaten one's life. What makes an allergic response life threatening: Swelling of the tongue and/or throat, difficulty or inability to breathe effectively, profuse rash or tachycardia (rapid heart rate) all of which are medical emergencies.

Let's go over some of the various types of allergies.

Food allergies could affect anyone! While there are many food products and by-products that can cause allergic responses, some of the most notable ones are: milk and/or milk products which can cause wheezing, vomiting and hives. Egg allergies, especially egg whites, are more common in children than in adults. Nuts have been known to cause severe

allergic responses, especially peanuts, peanut oil cooking products, cashews and walnuts. Shellfish (crab, shrimp, lobster, scampi) may cause fatal allergic reactions.

Other food products that may cause allergic reactions are products in the legume family such as various types of beans (navy, string, kidney, black and pinto beans), licorice and lentils. Did you know that even pizza could cause an allergic reaction due to casein which is a protein in milk and milk products? Horrors !

Seasonal allergies affect so many people. Spring is the time of year that we normally think of when it comes to seasonal allergies. Allergy sufferers begin their annual ritual of sniffing and sneezing as the trees start to bloom and the pollen becomes airborne. Hay fever (also known as allergic rhinitis) is caused by an allergic response to pollen grains and other substances. Get the Kleenex.

For a person with dog allergies, life in a dog-loving country is not easy. Nearly 40% of American households have a dog. Dog dander gets everywhere, including

places where a dog has never set a paw. My husband cannot be around cats, his eyes become watery, he sneezes, and he starts to itch. For sure, the Neer household will never have a feline family member.

Insect bites can cause localized allergic reaction at the site of the stinger that is not life threatening; however, many can cause a severe allergic reactions that may warrant immediate medical intervention. My daughter carries an 'epi-pen' with her in her purse due to her hypersensitivity to bee stings.

Contact Dermatitis, caused by poison ivy, oak or sumac results from the skin coming in contact with the oil or sap (urushoil). Mold allergies are the result of exposure to fungi.

Other known products or substances that can cause allergic responses are found in cosmetics, cleaning products, latex and dust.

Again, I urge everyone to listen to their bodies; only you know how you feel! Never hesitate to contact your health care provider when you feel it is necessary. (References: Everyday Health, Med MD).

Some interesting facts about golf you might not know

by Margaret Emmetts

Most people know that golf was invented in Scotland. It is sometimes listed as having been invented about 1457, but it is suspected that it was actually created during the high Middle Ages.

Today, golf isn't known as a rebellious sport, but there was a time when it was. Golf was actually banned three times in Scotland between the years of 1457 and 1744. Why would the Scots, who after all had invented the game, ban it? Apparently the government thought it interfered with military training. In early days, players would golf publicly, such as on streets or business properties, which was seen as a nuisance. Apparently after inventing the game, they did not immediately have the foresight to develop golf courses.

Did you know that professional golfer Phil Mickelson, who is right-handed, plays left-handed? Why on earth would he do that? Seems he was taught by his left-handed father and Phil mirrored his dad's golf swing.

Then there are the golf balls. Can you imagine that the originals were made of leather wrapped in feathers? The feathers would be wet, shaped around the leather and

then allowed to dry. This was not only a time-consuming process but the balls weren't very reliable either.

It is suspected that when leather and feathers was scrapped, balls were then made of wood, possibly between the 14th and 17th centuries.

When I visited Peru several years ago our tour guide drove us past a golf course. Realize that Peru is both mountainous and mostly desert. When he showed us the golf course I initially thought it was a tourist joke! There was not a blade of grass on the stony slopes. But no, it was a real golf course. Our guide explained that at the start of the course you were given a piece of artificial sod. You then used this to tee off. You then picked up the Astro-turf and took it with you. Of course, with no grass on which to land, you ball would roll down-hill until it hit some obstacle which stopped its descent. You then placed the sod under your ball and took the next shot. In one area there was a large circle surrounded by blue painted stones. This was a "water hole." I have no idea what par was for these conditions. And no, this is not a figment of my imagination, it is a true story.

Knotty Knitters and Crocheters



Photo by Jackie Gage
Some of the completed, colorful afghan squares.

by Jackie Gage

If you like to knit or crochet we invite you to join us every Thursday. This is a friendly group who call ourselves The Knotty Knitters and Crocheters. Members are more than willing to teach or help with your projects.

You will spend a couple of hours gabbing, joking and laughing while working on your project. We sometimes go on yarn crawls to unique yarn shops and have lunch afterwards.

We are currently busy trying to complete two afghans for the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Feb. 5. These will be raffled off to lucky winners and the funds donated to the TR activities programs.

For further information contact me at 410-212-4738.



SkyMed Pizza Luncheon



by Bill and Sandy Johnjulia

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Come and have a pizza lunch with Sandy and JJ and learn about new benefits offered by SkyMed, North America's premier emergency air transportation service. Bring a guest and you will both get

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ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION
PICKIN’ & GRINNIN’ - 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday of month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2nd Monday, 11a.m. to 1p.m. in Hobby House.
Rob Werner
Harold Keefer

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (HAM RADIO)
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The club invites all amateurs to check in to the 8 a.m. Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Monday thru Saturday.
Bill Howard
Stan Patterson

AQUATICS - POOL (WATER AEROBICS)
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the pool.
Linda Smith

BALLROOM DANCING
Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Jeffrey Duquette

BASKET WEAVING
Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in 
Nancy Polito

BEADAHOLICS
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East.
Kathy Lemke
Kathy Kushman

BEADAHOLICS, TOO
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hobby House Porch.
Dot Brenn

BIBLE STUDY - LADIES AFTERNOON
Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Activity Center.
Rosita Williams

BICYCLING
Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 8:45 a.m. at parking lot behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for rides.
Susan Delaney

BINGO
Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.
Linda Smith

BIRDING
Tuesdays 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars and cameras.
Tom Butler
Norm Eden

BLOOD DRIVE AT TR
Blood drives are held the 1st Monday in December and March. The Blood Mobile will be parked next to the TR Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. unless announced otherwise.
Ken Neer

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.

BOCCE BALL
Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. All games are played at the Bocce Ball Courts located on Snack Shack Road.
Laverne Dennison

BONFIRE/MONTHLY
Dates and times will be posted in *The TR Times* as they are scheduled.
Phyllis Zitzer

BOOK BROWSERS
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.
Nan Lance

BOWLING
Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go.
Lin Buczek

BRASS ENSEMBLE
Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Activity Center. We can always use more brass players.
Bill Watkins
Steve Bowman

BRIDGE CLUB
Beginner and intermediate lessons - Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center.
Connie Bradley
Party Bridge with partners - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. In Citrus West. Partner required.
Connie Bradley

BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL
For information or help with a notice or ad contact:
Betsy Behler
Guy Weik

CHAIR YOGA
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in Citrus East.
Donna Smith

CHRISTMAS FEAST
Saturday, December 25, TBD in Busch Hall. More information will be in *The TR Times*.
Pat Butler
Beannie Wise

CHURCH ASSOCIATION
Sunday Activities: All events in Busch Hall
8:30 a.m. - Choir Practice
9:15 a.m. - Bible Study
9:45 a.m. - Hymn Sing
10 a.m. - Worship service: Rev. Anthony Shipe
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of month.
Rev. Anthony Shipe
Choir Practice
Fridays, 9:30 to 11a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us.
Bernie Gutridge

Praise & Worship
Services - Saturdays, 4 p.m. in The Grove. No services on Dec. 18, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Practice sessions determined by Praise Team Leaders. To become a member of the Praise Team Contemporary Music Leadership team contact Barb Swartz or Marty Schencke.
Marty Schencke
Barb Swartz

CHURCH COMMITTEE
3rd Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Activity Center.
Chairperson needed

CLOGGERS OF TR
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. for beginners and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for continuing students in Citrus East.
Donna Smith
Donna Neer

COFFEE AND DONUTS - AMATEUR RADIO
1st Saturday (during yard sale), 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. Donuts and coffee will be in Busch Hall.
Bill Howard

COFFEE SEMINARS
Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch *The TR Times* for updates.
Guy Weik

COFFEE SOCIAL
Monday thru Friday, 7:30 - 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. Please bring your own mug.
Jim Matkovich

CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)
Mondays, 3 to 5:15 p.m. in Hobby House.
Linda Spencer

CRIBBAGE
Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. in Activities Center.
Chairperson needed

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - CAMERA
Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon in Golf View Pavilion.
Carey Box

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - POST PROCESSING
Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. in Citrus East.
Carey Box

DINE-A-ROUND
Sandy Poast

DINING WITH FRIENDS
2nd Saturday, 5 - 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Chairperson needed

DISPLAY CASE IN POST OFFICE
Diana Hill

DOMINOES
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Linda Gough

DRAWING HUMAN FIGURES
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.
John Hice

DULCIMER DUMDIDDIES
Beginners practice - Mondays 9 to 10:15 a.m. in Citrus West. Advanced Practice - 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in Citrus West.
Lois Showers

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS
3:45 p.m. announcements with program following. Performances will be at The Grove Stage or Busch Hall per weather.
Ken and Sandy Langell

EUCHRE
Fridays, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West.
Jan Werner

EUCHRE/BID
Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Barb Nelson

FIRE/RESCUE 33
Firemen -Tuesdays, 8 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. **First Responders** - Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Activity Center. Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room. **Business Meeting** - 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.
Larry Polzin

FIRE RING SCHEDULING
Guy Weik

FIVE CROWNS
Wednesdays (non concert nights only), 6 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West.
Jackie Thackery

FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS
Saturdays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., In 
Pat McCallum

FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE
1st Saturday of each month, November thru March, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Due to COVID we are having a yard sales. Participants will present their items for sale at their own lots.
Betty and Walt Gilson

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!
Fridays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at The Grove Stage.
Donna Probes

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE
Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. The dance schedule and themes will be listed in *The TR Times*.
Dot Brenn

GAMES NIGHT
Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games.
Linda Smith

GARDEN CLUB
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.
Richard Fischer

GENEALOGY
Open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.
No chairperson

GEOCACHING
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby House.
Bill Bradford

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome.
Vicki Brooks

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP
Contact Office

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE
Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack.
Laurie Gardner

GOLF LESSONS
Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m.
Lynn Meyers

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE
Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.at Starter Shack.
Bill Harkins

GOLF - SCRAMBLES
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at Starter Shack.
Tom and Pat Butler

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Fund raiser only.
Vince Smith

HAND AND FOOT
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game.
Deborah May

HARMONAIRES
Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Thursdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room. Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Hobby House.
Don Sides

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Sundays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. at Oak View Pavilion weather permitting or in Busch Hall.
Rosita Williams

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IPHONE CLASS
Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.
CANCELED
Susan Stahley

JOKER
Mondays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Citrus West
Fridays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Activity Center.
Deborah May (Fri.)

JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.
POSTPONED
Jean Cobb

KARAOKE
Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Glenn and Gabriella Young

KITCHEN USAGE
Guy Weik

KNOTTY KNITTERS
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West.
Jackie Gage

LIBRARY
Southwest corner of Busch Hall. Place donations on bottom shelf of cart behind desk. Magazines to laundry.
Mary Kosbab
Kay Blunda

LINE DANCING
Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Activity Center.
Alex Adair

LOCATOR BOARD
Kit and Dick Wheatley

MAH JONG CHINESE
Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.
Marcia Hatfield

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE PLAY
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays.
Bette Gorman

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS
Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West.
Pat Dellamuth

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB
Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing - Practice, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake. Racing, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Mirror Lake.
Barry Sellick
Powerboat Racing - Mondays and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Mirror Lake.
Dean Peters

MODEL RAILROAD
Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon in Activity Center.
Brian Krupicka

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING
Fridays , 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.
Pat Gallagher
Nancy Rogers

PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR
Mary Hunter
Linda Smith

PET LOVERS OF TR
3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
Judy Leister

PICKLEBALL CLUB
Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule.
Delia and Carey Box

PINOCHLE
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.
John Delaney

POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT
Mondays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. , Hobby House.
CANCELED
Gina DiPinto

POKER TEXAS HOLD’EM MEN AND WOMEN
Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House.
Jack Davis

POM-POM DRILL TEAM
Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East.
Donna Neer

PRODUCE STAND
Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oak View Pavilion near Busch Hall.
Dade City location is in Walmart parking lot.

QUILTING
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.
2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.
Ethel Polsdofer

RC AIRPLANE FLYING
Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Fly indoor-rated, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.
Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. Fly electric only, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.
James Morrow

RC MOTORSPORTS
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack.
Scott Tartaglia

RESIDENT FORUM
First Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m. in Busch Hall. Open to everyone to ask questions and discuss issues with the Board.

ROCK PAINTING
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Activity Center.
Diana Hill

RUG HOOKING
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Hobby House Porch. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful.
Tawnya Rowden

SCRABBLE
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Jeffrey Duquette

SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall stage area.
Denise Matthews

SEW SPECIAL AND MACHINE EMBROIDERY
Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas.
3rd Mondays - Show and Tell.
Rosita Williams

SHUFFLEBOARD
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.
Richard Von Qualen

SNACK SHACK
Monday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.
Jack Carey

SNACK SHACK PAVILION USAGE
Requests to use after hours contact:
Guy Weik

SPORTS CLUB
Charter Boat Fishing, Indoor Target, Outdoor Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.
Wednesdays, 12 to 1 p.m. in Citrus West. All are welcome. Competitions and classes.
Ray LoPresti

STAINED GLASS
Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. in Activity Center. Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. in Activity Center. Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Activity Center.
Laura Apgar
Laverne Dennison
Instructor - Sherry Harbert

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG
Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available.
Chairperson needed

TALENT DISPLAY CASE
The works of talented TR residents are featured in the Post Office Display Case.
Contact Office

TENNIS
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11:00 a.m.
Guy Weik

TONE & TIGHTEN
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.
Betty Clark

TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE CLUB)
1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House.
Gene Cribbs

TR SINGING MEN
Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Snack Shack Pavilion. All men are invited to sing along.
Steve Gorden

TR TRAVEL
Sharon Gilbert Zile

TR TRAVELAIRES OCHESTRA
Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.
Gene Cribbs

TRAVELETTES/WOMEN’S CHORUS
Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.
Mary Beth Coldren

TRAVELOGUE SLIDE SHOW
2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
CANCELED
Bert Contractor

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)
Jim and Carol Henrikson

UKULELE STRUMMING
Small groups will be held on select Tuesdays. Contact Donna by email only.
Donna Probes

VETERANS MEETING
2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in Hobby House.
Vince Smith
Darold Long

VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR
Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather in Hobby House.
Chairperson unknown

WAIST WATCHERS
Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House.
Jackie Thackery

WALKING AEROBICS
Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East.
Gloria Polzin

WATERCOLOR PAINTING
Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.
POSTPONED
Pat Miller

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING
Mondays,Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:50 to 8:30 a.m. in Citrus East.
Sheila Schencke

WIZARD
Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
Debra May

WOOD SHOP
Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Citrus East. \$20. Volunteers needed for small projects in the park.
POSTPONED
Larry Kurkowski

WOODCARVING
Wednesdays in Citrus West. Beginners - 8:45 to 10 a.m. Advanced - 10 a.m. to noon
POSTPONED
Linda Murphy

YOGA
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 -9 a.m., Upper Pickleball Courts.
Jean Renee DeTar

ZUMBA
Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Activity Center.
Bev Weissinger

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Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer
Pasco County

On Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m., Nick Hoff at Side Splitters at The Grove, 6333 Wesley Grove Blvd., Theater No. 7, Wesley Chapel.

On Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dade City will host the Annual Kumquat Festival, Eastern Pasco County's biggest and most distinctive event. Looking for that perfect item, want to try Kumquat Pie? Go and enjoy the unique, quaint family fun of "old Florida" during the annual festival in historic downtown Dade City. For additional information please visit www.KumquatFestival.org.



LINDA SPENCER

Hernando County

On Friday, Jan. 21 starting at noon to Sunday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m., Music, Friends and Camping at Sertoma! The Sertoma Youth Ranch, Inc., 85 Myers Road, Brooksville. Call for additional details (813) 600-5198.

On Friday, Jan. 21 from 6 to 10 p.m., Brooksville's Bite Night will feature Food Trucks, Artisan Vendors and Music. Location: 13 Brooksville Ave. in the heart of Historic Downtown Brooksville. For additional information text (813) 299-3600.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Toy Train Show Swap Meet will take place at the Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street, Brooksville. Over 60 vendors will be on hand selling a variety of items. There will be a running train layout. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free. Credit cards will be accepted. For additional information or to prepay go to www.regalrailways.com.



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
TR Tour Director

Did you know that TR is the winter home to at least one resident rocket scientist? It's true. And our rocket scientist's father is a frequent TR guest? Also true. The musically gifted Andrea Patterson enjoyed a career in the space industry including numerous positions: Payload Coordinator for the Space Shuttle Spacehab program, Delta IV Rocket Test Engineer, and Factory Lead for the Vulcan Rocket among other specialized positions. Andrea's dad, Ken Harrell, is also a retired engineer and was a member of the Pre-launch checkout team on Skylab's Apollo Telescope Mount System. Andrea's husband Stan Patterson has not worked directly with the space industry but his professional career has included numerous roles in laser technology, paralleling the space industry. What an impressive amount of technical knowledge!

thunderous rumble of a Saturn V moon rocket lift-off. We also will take a trip to the International Space Station Center where we'll see real parts of the space station being readied for launch! You will get the unique chance to tour NASA's launch and landing facilities, experience interactive simulators, enjoy live shows and have jaw-dropping encounters with massive rockets. Don't forget to visit the new *Science On a Sphere* at the Hall of Fame, the Rocket Garden, the Space Shuttle Plaza and the Astronaut Memorial Grove. You also will have time to view the IMAX screenings and visit the Astronaut Hall of Fame.

Joining us for this trip will be the TR residents and career space industry engineers, Ken Harrell and Andrea Paterson. Space travel enthusiasts will want to hear Andrea and Ken, as well as Stan, as they share firsthand stories of their life in the space industry.

Our Kennedy Space Center tour includes round trip transportation, entry into KSC, bus tour, all exhibits, U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame, IMAX theater and driver gratuity. As an added bonus, the knowledge of our TR rocket experts will enable us to appreciate KSC even more. Departure from Busch Hall is at 7:45 a.m. with return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Activity Level 2. Cost \$112 per person. A COVID waiver is required. A food court and restaurants are on the premises. Each participant will pay for the lunch of their choice. According to the Space Center website, face masks are required for all indoor locations. Please call Sharon at 740-360-3819 to register for this trip.

What a wonderful TR response to two of our 2022 day trips! Today's trip, "Gadabout," will have taken 41 TR folks by bus to the Russell Stover Candy Distribution Center in Wildwood, a small German bakery in Yalaha, Pisces Rising farm-to-table restaurant in Mt. Dora and Lakewood Winery near Clermont. Currently, the Tampa By Land and By Sea tour, scheduled for March 8, is nearly filled to capacity with just one opening.

A waiting list has begun for any cancellations that may occur. Please call Sharon at 740-360-3819 to add your name to that list.

Walt Disney once said, "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." Let TR day trips nourish your curiosity!

Memories of TR



File photos

This is how our entry appeared in 2010.

by Jane Harrold

The TR Times articles about the history of TR's past 50 years have me thinking about all the changes Bill and I have seen since we arrived at TR in March of 2000. We had spent a couple of months looking for a place to spend our retirement winters in either Texas or Florida and had heard about TR. We brought our 5th wheel to camp on The Hill for a couple of days on our way north to Canada. TR quickly worked its magic; we fell in love with the people and the park and returned the next year and the next year and the next for over 20 years.

As we approached the park we were amazed at the beautiful golf course with its flowers, palms and ponds. Driving past RV South the sun was reflecting off dozens of Airstream trailers. The park had been built as an Airstream only park and had recently started allowing SOBs or Some Other Brands to lease sites. Street after street was lined by highly polished silver units and there were no park models at all. Most residents in RV South hauled their Airstreams or other units to Florida for the winter and hauled them north again in the spring. The Airstream influence was very strong, and one familiar warning to newcomers was always to go early to events...*If you are not 15 minutes early you are late.*

Our first few years at TR continued to be a transition time as the park decided to allow park models on the perimeter in RV South. We remember attending a Saturday afternoon open house where TR park model owners allowed residents to tour inside their new units. USA RV even sponsored sales events bringing display models and live music to the parking lot by Busch Hall. In 2006 we were ready to change from hauling the 5th wheel to leaving a bigger unit on our 3rd Street site and purchased our Breckenridge as peaked-roof models like we see today were not allowed on the interior streets.

We have seen many changes

and are grateful to all of the people who have created this little piece of paradise.

Here in no particular order are some of our memories from our 20 years at TR.

We remember when ...

* Jean Adamson a Welcome Committee member brought a newspaper and park information to our door on our second day in the park. TR was making a great first impression.



Inside TR's Country Store.

* The Country Store was located where the Library is now. It sold bread and milk, some small parts for RVs and most importantly delicious ice cream bars. We miss the store.

* The Library was located on the Hobby House Porch. Volunteers kept it organized and residents kept the shelves overflowing with donations.

* The Practice Range was upgraded with new mats and tee areas and a new custom-designed building with ball dispensers and a ball washer. I am sure these improvements help my practice balls go farther.

* WiFi coverage was an ongoing frustration and we often spotted Todd Harris and others up on the poles around the park fixing the latest problem.

* Empty propane tanks were left in front of your unit to be picked up by the propane crew who put them on an open trailer, refilled them and delivered them back to your site the same day. Those were dedicated volunteers.

* Bridge was very popular and 10 to 12 tables filled Hobby House. At bridge lessons 20 years ago we met Mary and Dick Kosbab who are our very special friends.

* Sunday Night Entertainment was emceed for many years by Doug Pedersen and the temper-

mental sound system run by Max Carmichael and his crew. Every Sunday began with Doug's... "Shall we ask those folks who are here for the first time to come on down to the front?" The announcements ended with the Snack Shack duo of Dick Wiehe and Joe Hanes saying... "The Snack Shack serves soup on" ... and the audience enthusiastically responding, "Tuesdays and Thursdays."



Doug Pedersen welcomes first timers during Sunday Night Entertainment.

* The annual TR Auction was a way to recycle treasures to other residents. I still have some jigsaw puzzles which I bought bundled with a plastic glass and toothbrush holder for \$3. Bargains for sure.

* The remote control airplane flyers had a field at Schwend's farm and landed with great care to avoid cow pies. Work parties were held to clean up the runways. These flyers were really, really dedicated volunteers.

* The wood shop was located in the Maintenance area in a lean-to with a few drafty walls and a leaking roof. Work parties would dig trenches to route rain water away from the floor. Hearty woodworkers bundled up and worked in the cold.



Old Wood Shop photo taken Jan. 4, 2019.

* For one of the TR Olympics the County Sheriff's Department brought horses to lead the opening ceremonies. This day-long event was both popular and competitive.

* Near and dear to me *The TR Times* went from cutting and pasting the newspaper copy to a computerized operation. Hundreds of volunteers have put countless hours of labor into producing the "Weekly Miracle."

* And so many more ...

Residents may have memories of changes and special events that they would like to share with readers.

The TR Times invites you to write about these for our new column - *We remember when*

Send your submissions to TheTrTimes@gmail.com.



ANDREA PATTERSON

A much-requested Kennedy Space Center trip, scheduled for Feb. 15, continues to have many openings and must have 32 reservations by Jan. 30 in order for the trip to proceed. Located on a wildlife refuge eight times the size of Manhattan, this hub of technology and discovery will fascinate all who visit. Our space tour starts with a stop at the four-story LC-39 observation gantry, where we will get a bird'-eye view of the space shuttle launch pads and parts of the world's busiest space launch facility. The second tour stop is the acclaimed Apollo/Saturn V Center, where you'll walk beneath a massive Saturn V rocket, relive Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon and experience the



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Library News

by Mary Kosbab

For many years now, Tom Pender, a *TR Times* volunteer, has been making notepads out of the recycled draft pages of *The TR Times*. Anyone who has used one of these pads knows how handy they are. Tom has decided to retire from this position and the library staff is going to start making them as a fund-raising project to help the library as well as to continue the



File photo
Tom Pender pad maker extraordinaire.



practice of recycling the pages and scrap paper from the newspaper.

Tom told me he inherited the job of making notepads from Tom Petrillo. Tom also has done return address labels for residents for many years, a job from which he is also retiring this year. Tom is one of those unsung TR volunteers who has given many years of service to the park. The Library staff and I am sure many others in the park want to thank him for all his work.

We are now learning that making the notepads takes a good amount of time and space.

The completed scratch pads will be located on a well-marked shelf in the Library. We will also put them out on yard sale days. We are asking people to leave a donation which will be used to fund the supplies needed to maintain the TR Library. This includes such things as tape, paper - both

regular and cardstock, markers, pens, printer's ink, dots for the spines of books, book ends, cleaning supplies and bags to fill with discarded books to take to thrift stores. We also often need items such as decorative boxes to store items we cannot find room for on our shelves. Sometimes we like to replace a particularly popular book or a book in a series if we have extra money. The money that is donated is well used to help maintain the TR Library. We would appreciate your support of this project.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, we held our first seasonal Library meeting in several years. We had 15 people attend, many of whom are new volunteers. We welcome the new volunteers. They have become part of a great group of people who are in and out of the library doing the jobs necessary to keeping the library looking good. It is because of their dedication that we have the beautiful library we do at TR.

As always if you have any concerns or questions, please talk with a TR Library volunteer or leave a note on the desk. We always welcome your input.

Garden News

Visit the Bromeliads in Lake Margaret Garden



Photo by Pam Forsyth

LAKE MARGARET BROMELIADS

by Pam Forsyth

We have several varieties of Bromeliads, also called air plants. Many of our colorful, fancy bromeliads are from Tropiflora, a nursery near Sarasota, worth visiting if you are in the area.

Their scientific name is Bromeliaceae Genera. Most Bromeliads prefer partial shade, are drought tolerant, and some are native to Florida depending on the species. Bromeliads are slow growing, prefer slightly acid to alkaline well drained sandy soil, and can be planted in a pot in the ground making it easier to remove leaves and other debris by turning the pot upside down. Hardy in zones 9a-11 – we are in 9a – these

perennials can grow 1'-2' high and 1'-2' wide flowering June through September. The Bromeliad pictured above is of the Matchstick variety and produced these beautiful flowers in December.

Consider purchasing your plants from a nursery in the area. Our Florida Master Gardener, Phyllis Zitzer, does volunteer work at the UF-IFAS Extension, Master Gardeners Nursery, operated by Master Gardener volunteers, located at 19490 Oliver Street in Brooksville, open from 8:30 to noon on Wed. and Sat. They have an extensive selection of plants.

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” Audrey Hepburn

Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance
10 Years Ago - 2012

- Power outage leaves portion of Travelers Rest in the dark. Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative replaces transformer.
- Christmas church sermon video will be shown including piano/organ duet, TR choir, and Reverend Pike's solo.
- Armenia comes to TR. Barbara Colson invites you to her slide presentation about her time in Armenia.

20 Years Ago -2002

- Kennel Club seeks funds for dedicated dog exercise area.
- February 6th Spectacular to feature Gershwin music.
- The Garden Club says Goodbye to Marjorie Watson as she is moving to Tucson, AZ.
- New residents get Welcome Orientation to Travelers Rest.

30 Years Ago - 1992

- Bocce Ball Fever anyone? We've got the bug. It's very exciting and catching. To our delight, we had 24 players out on Sunday.
- TR Emergency Procedures are outlined in Park Telephone Directory.
- Travelers Rest Square Dance Callers announce the January schedule of classes.



Last Chance
Please Help

Return to: Mary Kosbab 01-19

Please respond to this survey and circle the categories you borrow. This will help us decide which categories in the library get the space we have available.

Art	Genealogy	Pet books
Aviation	geo-caching	Physical Science
Bibles	Golf	Poetry
Birds and Birding	Health	Politics
Business/Economics	History	Quilting
computers	Humor	Religious
Cooking	Inspiration	RVing
Crafts - needlework	Military	Self-Help
Florida Books	Music	Sports (all except golf)
French language	Native American	Travel Description
Games(bridge, chess, etc)	Natural Science	Travel Guides
Gardening	Nautical	True Crime
	Other Crafts	

Book Browsers

by Nan Lance

Do you like to read? Join the Book Browsers of TR every other Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Citrus West. Here are our remaining books for this season. Join us with masks and full safety precautions.

Jan. 26 - *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirshman: about Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor.

Feb. 9 - *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean: about the Los Angeles Public Library Fire.

Feb. 23 - *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah: about the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression.

March 9 - *Sold on Monday* by Kristina McMorris: about poverty and selling children.

March 23 - *Artemis* by Andy Weir: a Sci-Fi adventure of life on the moon.

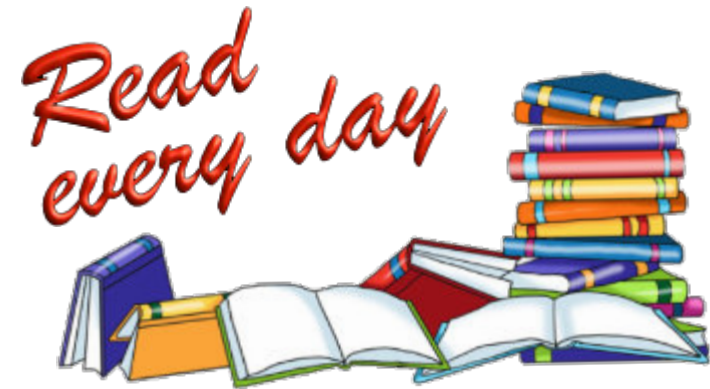
Other Recommended Books:

Never Let Me Go by Ishiguro
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

Before and After by Lisa Wingate

The White Dresses by Mary Pflum Peterson

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving



What Remains by Carole Radziwill

Just Mercy- A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson

Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chau

Red China Blues by Jan Wong

A Soldier's Secret by Marissa Moss

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

The Notorious RGB: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Shana Knizhnik and Irin Carmon

Code Talker: the First and Only Memoir by one of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII by Chester Nez

City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert

Llama Drama by Anna McNuff

Reader Come Home by Maryanne Wolf

The Bear by Andrew Krivak

Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan

My Dear Hamilton by Stephanie Dray

The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis

I Found You by Lisa Jewell



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Pet Lovers Club

Pet safety - Let’s go

by Judy Leister

Let’s Go. Every dog I have ever had loved those words. They especially loved it if car keys were involved. That meant we were going somewhere.....anywhere, they didn’t care. They just loved going for rides. It didn’t matter if we were just going around the block or on a week-long road trip. They loved those rides.

In the earlier days I didn’t know much about dog safety. In fact there were times we just went for rides so our black lab could hang his head out the window. His lips billowed in the wind and his ears looked like propellers. He especially loved it when I opened the sun roof. He stood with his hind feet on the back seat and his front feet on the console and his head out the roof. In my crazy days of growing up and riding with friends we didn’t think anything about riding in the back of an open pickup truck. Of course we thought it was especially neat when our dogs did the same thing. Yikes.

Then one day I had a real eye opener. I had enrolled our dog in a local obedience class. Another student was arriving at the same time. She opened the back hatch of her van and there sat a dog in a cage. Wow, that dog must be so naughty when riding in a car that it had to be in a cage. When I got inside I mentioned what I had just seen to the instructor and she explained to me the dangers of letting a dog ride loose in a car. She referred to that “cage” as a crate and explained how it kept the dog safe. If there was an accident the dog would not become a projectile. The dog wouldn’t get loose

on the highway and get lost or killed. The list went on and on. What an eye opener.



Photos by Judy Leister

A safe way for pets to travel.

That same instructor invited me to ride along with her to a dog event. I jumped in the front seat of her van with my dog on my lap. She shook her head and pointed to the group of dog crates mounted in the back. One of those crates was empty and was there for my dog. I put him in it and off we went. As we traveled along she very tactfully explained more about keeping our pets safe as we travel. That day I went out and bought my first dog crate. As time went on and I got involved with showing our dog and hitting the road for many long hauls I heard lots of horror stories of unrestrained dogs getting killed in accidents. Shortly after that a friend even lost his life due to his dog getting loose on the road. He had a flat tire. When he got out to fix it his dog jumped out too. It ran out onto the highway. My friend saw oncoming traffic and ran out to save the dog and got hit by a truck and died. The dog was safely caught later.

There are many ways we can keep our dogs safe in our vehicles. Crates can be permanently mounted to seats or the floor. There are a wide variety of doggie seat

belt setups and even raised car seats with seat belts for the little pooches.

Our dog usually rides with us when we go to town. Mark sits in the car and “people watches” or reads while I shop. Fendi curls up in her crate. When we get back to TR and the car is parked in the driveway the first thing we do is open the back hatch so Fendi can see out. Sometimes it’s handier to get the food and other things we bought unloaded while Fendi relaxes on her puffy bed in her crate. As people go by I use to worry that they would think I was being cruel to our dog and “caging” her in our vehicle. However one time someone complimented me on our set up and shared with me how their dog had a seat belt that attached to his harness. Knowing that other TR residents understood our crate set up made me feel better.



Having fun in a golf cart.

We have also taken the safety idea to our golf cart. After seeing a dog accidentally fly out of a cart and get run over as the cart rounded a corner, I knew I had to rig up something. I have a strap mounted on the back of the seat frame with a harness that easily slips on for travel. It only takes a moment to keep our beloved pets safe.

Pets on Parade



Photos by Judy Leister
FENDI

by Judy Leister

Hi, my name is Fendi. I’m a miniature poodle. This is my first season at TR and wow do I love it here. Mommy takes me to a place called the Puppy Park almost every day and I get to run with a whole bunch of other dogs. Yippee it’s so much fun. Mommy says I bark too much when we are there but I just can’t help it. I get so excited when I see another dog coming down the street, but oh wait. Someone zooms by me in the park so I have to take a minute and run with them and then hurry back to my post to watch for more dogs. I get dirty paws and sometimes little green things stuck in my fur but who cares, it’s tons of fun.

For most of my life I lived in South Carolina with a really nice lady who breeds poodles. They show in conformation, agility, dock diving and scent work plus they are super cuddly pets. I got to run and play there too. I went to dog shows where I got all dressed up with a fancy foo-foo hairdo and pranced around for a judge. I must have been good at it because I won a lifetime AKC championship.

After going to all those shows, I joined a brand new family. Mark and Judy Leister were really sad because Scoop, the poodle they loved so much suddenly died at a young age. Scoop and I are from the same breeder. The breeder felt bad that Mark and Judy were so sad. The next thing I knew I was headed to Ohio with them to be a new member of their family. At first I was a little worried but it turned out to be lots of fun. They hug me and love on me a lot. I even get to snuggle right up with them in bed at night. My favorite position is on my back with all four paws straight up in the air. Daddy calls me the upside down dog.

We were only at my new home for a short time before we hopped

in the truck and went on a long road trip to this TR place. Wow, there are so many new adventures here. Back when I was going to all those shows, some of the other dogs teased me because of my goofy hair but I was told that poodles were bred to be water retrievers too and, oh boy, do I love the water. I hear we are going to go to a place called a dog beach on the Gulf. I don’t know what that means but it sounds like lots of fun. I love my new life.

People are always asking Mommy what is my name. When she says Fendi they get a silly look on their face and ask what Fendi means. Is it a place? Is it a thing? It’s a funny sounding word. Even Mommy had to ask when they first met me. The breeder explained that it is a fancy brand name from a designer in Italy and a store in New York City where all the rich people shop. Their purses start at \$1500 and go clear up to \$30,000. A lady’s blouse is \$800. Mommy laughed and said the reason she didn’t know anything about Fendi was because it wasn’t sold at Walmart, where she shops.



Fendi with her leather bag.

That gave Mommy an idea. She has a leather shop back in Ohio. There are boxes and boxes of leather scraps left over from all the chaps she makes for the horse show people. So before we came to TR, she made me my very own Fendi bag. It even has my name on it. She says that’s a logo but I know it’s my name.

Oops, got to end this story. Mommy just walked to the door and has my leash in her hand. That means we’re going somewhere. I love to go for car rides. I like riding on the golf cart even better. Or maybe it’s time for a walk. I get to sniff every blade of grass as we stroll around. Gotta go. See you all somewhere.

Birding Activity



More best birds appearing

by Norm Eden

Tuesday bird walks, 8 a.m. starting at the Post Office Veranda, are going well and recently some 25 species were logged walking the bird trail with Tom Butler. Sightings included a juvenile Bald Eagle overhead, always a best bird, plus the surprise of a small flock of nine tiny Least Sandpipers. They were half the size of the nearby and frequently seen Killdeer - so small that first thoughts were that they were chicks! So this was a great identification exercise. This week’s best bird has to be the female Rose-breasted Grosbeak logged by Tom. Is there a male to be seen?

This week’s TR bird group is Owls. They are very special in birding as they are mostly large but size doesn’t make them easy to find. In fact this writer is known to be a long-standing birder, but is also known in some areas for not seeing the Owls that are about. However when you do find them in daylight they are usually tucked away sitting on a branch close to the tree trunk. Because they are sleepy and safe you get time to study the profile and hope to get them in some sunlight so identification is not then too difficult. Being almost all nocturnal hunter feeders they are certainly wise enough to know how to keep away from humans during daylight.

Once you discover an area where a solo Owl, or a family, live the best time to spot them can be at dusk, if you have a convenient place to sit or stand quietly and listen and watch.

In the U.S. overall there are 15 Owl species and most of them are not found in Florida. The TR area lists one Owl as common and four as uncommon. It’s worth



Photo by Alejandro Merizalde,
iBird Ultimate

BARN OWL

remembering that ‘uncommon’ in a bird guide listing generally means you may have to watch for a long time as, “the bird will probably be present but is not certain to be seen because of low numbers, behavior, habitat or distribution.”

The ‘common’ bird and the only Owl known to have been seen at TR is the Barred Owl. It is medium/large, mostly brown and it calls “who cooks for you, who cooks for you?” It feeds on small mammals of any type including fish, frogs, lizards etc.



Photo by EJ Peiker,
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BURROWING OWL

The uncommon birds are the small Eastern Screech Owl, only one third the size of the Barred and the Great Horned twice the the size of the Barred, which is big enough to catch adult rabbits and similar sized prey. The beautiful Barn Owl is smaller than the Barred with a white face, belly and under wings. This leaves the tiny and fascinating Burrowing Owl; just nine inches long and weighing only five ounces it lives in old rabbit burrows and, although nocturnal when hunting, it frequently sits outside the burrow in daytime where it has many times been mistaken as a prairie dog. Loss of the required fallow grassland habitat in recent years has reduced the Florida population and it is definitely uncommon although it has been seen in both Pasco and Hernando counties.



Cartoon by Linda Murphy



Opening day balloons.



Pickleball players are happy with their new, freshly painted courts. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing new sports.



Laurie O'Rourke makes a backhand shot.



It is opening day for the new pickleball courts

*Photos by
Bill Bradford,
John Goodger
and Sandi Walsh*



Delia Box holds the draw box for door prizes as Guy Weik pulls a name.



Marc Horowitz, Laurie Gardner, Carey Box and Delia Box are a happy foursome.



Carey Box, Pickleball Chairperson makes an announcement.



A game in progress.



Good sportsmanship requires a handshake at the end of the game. No, the winner does not leap over the net!



Carey Box addresses the players.

TR Sports



Ladies Golf League
results for Jan. 12

by Laurie Gardner

We had 18 golfers in our 7:45 a.m. group and 21 golfers in our 9:45 a.m. group today. Thank you so much for arriving on time and playing “ready golf.” Both rounds were complete within our two-hour time frame. Thank you everyone for being so flexible and making our golf day fun! I will post next week’s groups at The Starter Shack and through email by Sunday.

If you are interested in helping on the Ladies Luncheon Committee on March 16, please email lgardner30005@me.com or text me at 678-643-8006. We have two people on the committee so far.

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross

Hazel English.....36
Shirley-Ann Appleby,
Vicki Brooks38
Sylvia Cole.....44

Low Net

Laurie Gardner.....36
Mary DeWeerd, Jean Bjorgen,
Dawn Pulleyn.....37
Jen Furman, Mary Kubinieć,
Kelly Person, Sandy Nelson ...38

Fewest Putts:

Vicki Brooks 11

Closest to Pin 5: Kelly Person

High Handicap +13

Low Gross

Shannon Harkins.....41
Pat Daubenmier.....42
Phyllis Simmers,
Martha Smith44

High Net

Joan Ledbetter.....31
Nan Lance, Sara Schafer,
Barb Swartz.....33
Pat Butler, Janet Stevens.....34

Birdies:

Vicki Brooks,
Shirley-Ann Appleby

Chip-Ins:

Vicki Brooks, Cheryl Porter

Bowling
Results

by Lin Buczek

Friday, Jan. 14

Men’s Scratch High Game

Don Markle236
Steve Niles212
Dave Couture203

Men’s Scratch High Series

Don Markle585
Steve Niles582
Bill Buczek.....533

Men’s Handicap High Game

Dave Couture302
Tim Base300
Don Markle294

Men’s Handicap High Series

Tim Base824
Dave Couture781
Don Markle759

Men’s High Average

Steve Niles198

Women’s Scratch High Game

Lin Buczek179
Leslie Price.....171
Debi Niles151

Women’s Scratch High Series

Lin Buczek502
Leslie Price.....465
Pat Markle.....404

Women’s Handicap High Game

Lin Buczek253
Leslie Price.....247
Debi Niles238

Women’s Handicap High Series

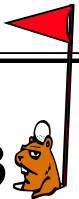
Lin Buczek724
Leslie Price.....693
Pat Markle.....674

Women’s High Average

Lin Buczek154



Men’s Golf League
results from Jan. 13



by Bill Harkins

Today was our 8th round of the Men’s League. The weather was great. We had 48 players in two groups. Please remember to count all putts and circle all birdies. If you hand in an incomplete card I cannot enter accurate scores.

It sure is good to be back home. Welcome to all returning TR Golfers.

Low Handicap (0-8)

Low Gross

Gary Carter.....31
Bill Harkins.....35
Wayne Branchaud, Lynn Myers,
Rob Matthews, Roy French,
John Porter, Ralph Smith,
John Scime, Bill Gould36

Low Net

Bruce Cole29
Steve Niles, Tom Butler,
Bill Holley, Ken Neer31
Bruce Pemberton, Casey Fisher,
Dick Wheatley, John Delaney..32

Chip-ins:

John Delaney, Gary Wintle,
Chet Brooks1

Closest to pin 3:

John Piper11’4”

High Handicap (9+)

Low Gross

Ron Lewis.....40
Rick Yoder41
Sam Wykoff.....42

Low Net

Stavert Huestis, Norbert Jansen,
Duncan McCallum33
Gene Miller34
John DeWeerd, Neil Jillson.....45

Fewest Putts:

John Delaney, Roy French12

Birdies:

Gary Carter.....3
Bill Gould, Bill Harkins,
Bruce Jones2
14 others.....1

Closest to pin 5:

Gary Carter.....3’2”



File photo

I was going to make alligator
stew but I only have a crock pot.
submitted by Cory Young



RC
Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Dave Watson29
Andy Beach.....27
Kevin Cahill, Tom Stuart,
Mike King26

Saturday, Jan. 15

Bud Wuebker36
Scott Tartaglia,
Bruce Anderson.....34



Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Monday, Jan. 3

Marcia Hatfield2
Margaret Melville,
Nancy Moschler1

Friday, Jan. 7

Marcia Hatfield2
Lou Smith, Emogene Weller.....1

Monday, Jan. 10

Nancy Moschler,
Margaret Melville,Doris Lewis..2
Jen Furman, Lou Smith.....1

Friday, Jan. 14

Jackie Gage3
Doris Lewis, Marcia Hatfield,
Jackie Thackery, Lou Smith,
Nancy Moschler1



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Classifieds

Village Home for sale.
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2652 total square feet including attached sun room, screened in room, laundry room and shop. New floors ceiling and paint inside and out. The “Best” neighbors! Call for more information. Located at **lot 2549**.
Jim Moss
813-696-4114

AT&T answering system, four handsets #CL82419. Brand new still in box, never opened. New cost \$96, sell for **\$40**.
Small dog crate, 18’ long x 12’ wide x 14’ high. List \$17, sell for **\$6**.
2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820

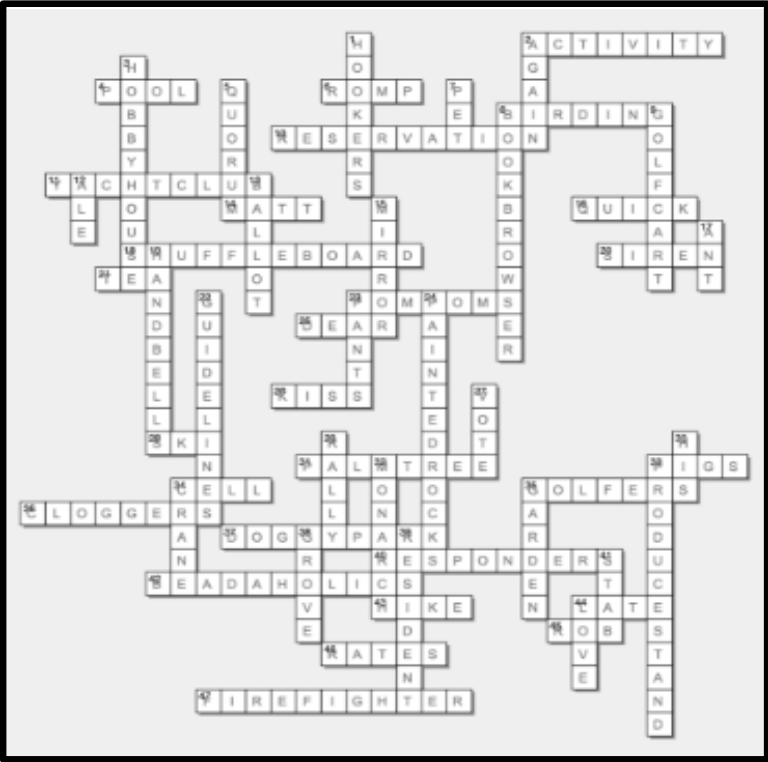
2008 Dodge Caravan
64,000 miles
In excellent condition
Asking **\$9,995**.
Paul Carr 902-669-3333
can be seen at lot 04-22

Twin bed - 12” high frame
12” mattress consisting of 6” high density foam, 3” gel foam and 3” memory foam. This bed is 4 years old and like new. I am selling as I bought an adjustable bed. It can be seen on the porch at 07-13. I am asking \$175, but am open to offers.
Luella Wilson
352-206-8662
tzxdonebyme@aol.com

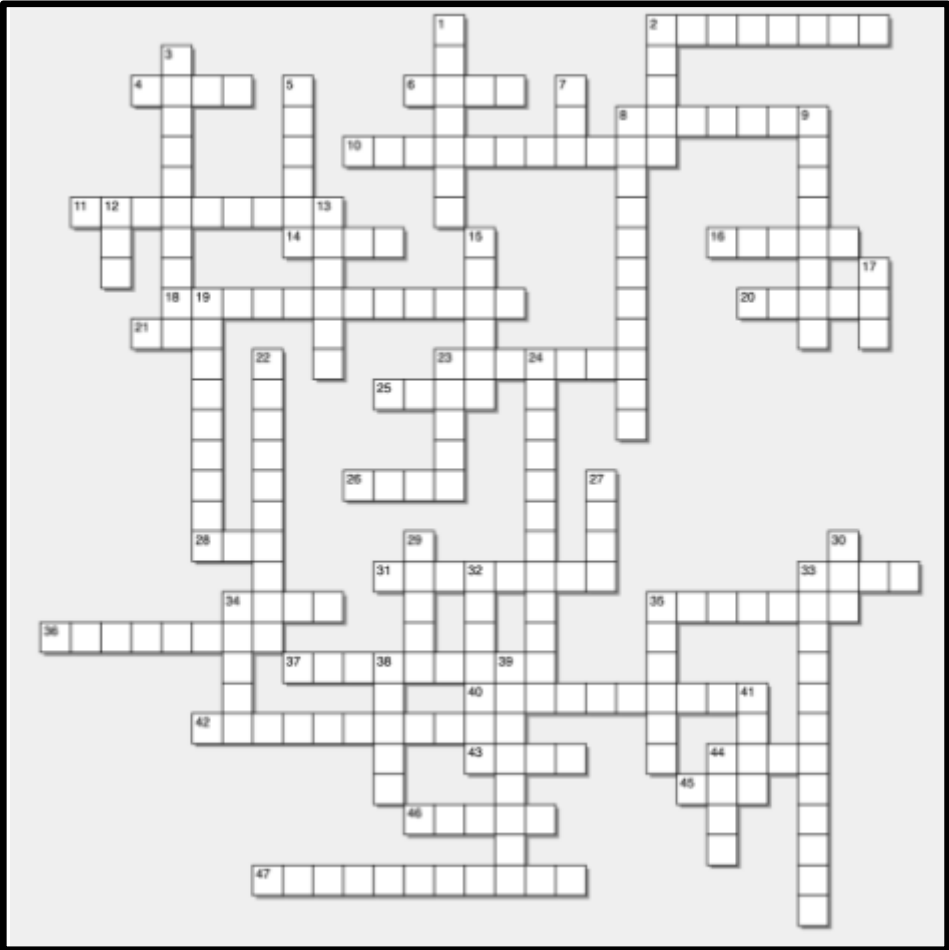
2017 Sunnybrook 24 foot travel trailer by Keystone. Queen bed, lightly used. \$13,000.
Bill or Bobbie Bradford
352-588-3766 or
734-358-2224

iPhone 11 Pro used two years. Incudes magnetic wallet case. Sell for **\$400**.
Sharon Cook
813-956-7977

Combination TV stand, entertainment center and electric fireplace for sale. White in color with dimensions of 6’ length, 20” width and 30” height. Asking \$250 or best offer.
Louis Amico 978-868-4987
can be seen at lot 10-41



TR Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**

 - 2. Energetic movement
 - 4. Swimming place
 - 6. Frolic
 - 8. Twitchers pastime
 - 10. Booking for dinner
 - 11. Group for boaters
 - 14. Vegetable guy
 - 16. Speedy
 - 18. Shoving discs with a stick
 - 20. Emergency blast
 - 21. Pot brew
 - 23. Cheerleaders
 - 25. Bambi
 - 26. Smooch
 - 28. Glide on snow
 - 31. Queen or sabal
 - 33. When _____ fly
 - 34. Prisoners habitat
- DOWN**

 - 1. Rug makers
 - 2. Once more
 - 3. Avocation structure
 - 5. Legal minimun
 - 7. Favorite
 - 8. Tome searcher
 - 9. TR jitney
- 35. Duffers
 - 36. Tappers
 - 37. Pet place
 - 40. Answers
 - 42. Jewelry making group
 - 43. Long walk
 - 44. Not early
 - 45. Steal
 - 46. Cost per unit
 - 47. Smoke eaters
 - 12. Pub brew
 - 13. Slate
 - 15. Reflective lake
 - 17. Picnic invader
 - 19. Group ringers tools
 - 22. Specified directions
 - 23. Trousers
 - 24. Colorful stones
 - 27. One per share
 - 29. Rv assemblage
 - 30. Towel word
 - 32. King or queen
 - 33. Matt's domain
 - 34. Can lift a heavy object
 - 35. Butterfly's habitat
 - 38. Group of orange trees
 - 39. Hospital Doc after internship
 - 41. Pierce
 - 44. Adore



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Tasty TR

Warm and Creamy Bacon Dip

by Eleanor Buchser

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 C Sour Cream
- 3 oz. bacon bits
- 2 C shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 C chopped green onion

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a bowl, combine all ingredients.

Place mixture in a 1 qt. baking dish and cover.

Heat for 25-30 min. or until hot.

Serve with assorted vegetables, crackers, or chips.

Optional:

Mixture can also be placed in a hollowed out round sourdough loaf, wrapped in foil, and heated at 400 degrees for 30 min.



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