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If these walls could talk. . . Chapter 1

by Margaret Emmetts

I am probably the oldest structure at TR. Did you know that I began life as a farmhouse? I was home to Maurice and Ida Johnston and their three children starting in 1940. At some time their original house burned down and I was built to replace it. There was a grove of trees around me. Much of the farm was pinewoods and swampland. Maurice gradually cleared the land and grew corn, sweet potatoes and peanuts. He also had an acre of sugarcane.

I originally had an outbuilding which held the family's summer kitchen. Florida's summers being what they are, no one wanted to add more heat to their homes by cooking inside the house. I was also a showerhouse.

In 1972 the Johnstons sold the farm to Jacob Busch who had some crazy idea about making a park for those shiny silver trailers called Airstreams. After that happened my days as a family home came to an end and I began a whole new life.

Busch needed a place to organize his plans, so I had my first telephone installed. I became a dual purpose office, part to manage people coming here and part to handle the construction details. An indoor bathroom was installed. I was also a meeting place for the first residents and got a new name. I was now The Hobby House.

Over the years I have undergone many, many changes. At one point the back half of me was sectioned off to house TR's own TV station. Channel 25 broadcast wonderful music 24/7 and ran



The Hobby House as it appeared some years ago.



Games of pool and table shuffleboard were enjoyed in the building.



The rear of the Hobby House, showing the entry to what was the room used by the Ham Radio Club.

another space, but I am still used as a place for activities to meet.

In general my mornings are quiet except for Tai Chi. It is in the afternoons that things pick up. Pickin' & Grinnin' and the Ukulele group rock my halls. Both Chinese and National Mah Jong are played. But it is in the evenings when things get interesting. Bridge and Joker games are exciting. I get to listen to the motorcycle riders plan their next ride and the Golf Association make plans for the Golf Course. The Veterans group also use me in the evenings to hold their meetings. Last but not least, the Waist Watchers meet here in the evening. Maybe that explains why I house the scale?

As you can see, I lead a busy life. I have had many changes to my lifestyle over the years that I cannot help and I wonder what the future will hold. After all, I am the senior building in a senior park!

slides detailing daily and weekly activities. It also was used by the Board to make any important announcements as well as changes to the activity schedule. The area shared space with TR's Amateur Radio Station, KC2CZH. When cable TV came to TR, Channel 25 was discontinued. At this point the radio station moved their equipment into my refurbished summer kitchen.

My side porch began to accumulate books and finally

became TR's first Library where people could sign out books. I don't know why, but a large weight scale was installed here.

I continued to be a meeting place, hosting card games and other activities. At one time I even had a pool table and shuffleboard. In time I became an exercise room with rowing and other machines. That equipment was eventually moved to another building when more meeting space was needed.

My Library was relocated to

About 100 people attend the Second Forum of the season



by Margaret Emmetts

The second Forum was held on Dec. 2 in Busch Hall with Deborah May, President presiding. All Directors were present with the exception of Pat Butler. Ray Hills was absent but Donna Sullivan was present.

May began by thanking the residents for their heartwarming welcome for the Concord University Basketball Team. Team travels usually involve fast food so being treated to TR's Thanksgiving Feast was a real treat. May also thanked Pat Butler, Beanie Wise and Anthony Shipe for their donation of food and special gifts for the girls.

Terry Halbrook gave a brief Treasurers report. He anticipated giving a more definitive report next month when first quarter figures are available.

May reminded residents that our sewage treatment system was put in when the park was established in 1972. Upgrades to the system to meet current standards was estimated to cost \$1.5 million and a consultant would have to be hired to lead the program. After the last Forum, Jim Ridolfi told May he had 40 years experience in this field but was not licensed in Florida. He did, however, offer his expertise pro bono. It will still be

necessary to hire an engineer to do the design.

Jim Ridolfi gave an extensive technical report concerning the planned improvements. He emphasized that he was seeking to find a "bicycle" solution rather than a "Cadillac" solution for the project.

Originally the government wanted the upgrades to be done in one year. Negotiations have changed this to require completion of the project in five years.

The government concern regards the production of nitrogen. Our current average annual production is 20 ppm which we must reduce to 6 ppm after treatment. TR currently has a large retention pond where wastewater is stored. It is believed that when the pond was created it was given a clay bottom to avoid water seeping into the ground. The pond is currently undergoing tests to determine if the clay liner exists and whether or not leakage is occurring.

Part of the process of converting the sewage involves the use of bacteria. Bacteria in the system use oxygen on the ammonia found in urine to make it into nitrate. Once this transformation takes place the resultant product may be disposed

of in various ways such as spraying it on an agricultural field as a fertilizer.

Instead of installing a whole new system which would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million, we will repurpose one of our existing tanks to do what is needed.

Ridolfi pointed out that we will have to purchase two new pumps at a cost of about \$10,000 each. He noted that it would not be necessary to purchase a third tank as a reserve as they are readily available should one fail. He emphasized that the pumps would belong to TR and therefore we would be responsible for their maintenance.

IMPORTANT – Most pump failures are due to the flushing of wipes. Under no circumstances should wipes be flushed. The second most common reason for pump failures is the use of garbage disposals. Ridolfi strongly suggested that if your home has a garbage disposal that you do not use it. It was also noted that pharmaceuticals should never be flushed. It is recommended that you take them to proper disposal areas, typically pharmacies or the Sheriff's office.

A resident noted a large truck on 14th Street and questioned if this was involved in the sewage problem. Mays advised that when the park was built in the '70s underground pipes were made of terra cotta. Over the years these have developed leaks. The park is currently in the process of lining these pipes to avoid having to replace them. The truck seen was working on the lining.

May reported that the park has a CD coming due soon. Rather than renewing this it will be redeemed to help pay for the cost of the sewage system upgrade since the cost exceeded the amount the Board had budgeted. May hopes to have drone photos taken of the system and its retention ponds so residents will have a better idea of what is involved.

The President wanted residents to be aware that during the recent hurricane we were fortunate to still have power and sewer facilities as a result of the new generator the Board purchased.

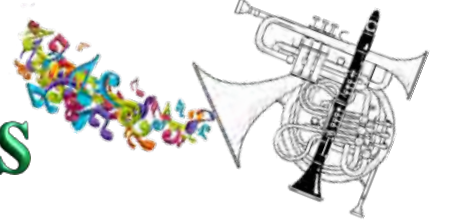
Volunteers help keep the cost of our leases low. A volunteer with commercial building experience is needed on the Maintenance Committee.

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Busch Hall Sunday Night

Wednesday Concert Series



by Lacy and Katherine Shawver

Welcome back to Travelers Rest! We offer you an exciting 2025 Wednesday Concert Series of programs for your enjoyment.

Let us begin by saying "thank you" to Doug Pedersen who served TR as Entertainment Director for more than 25 years! He brought terrific entertainment to the park and we aim to continue his legacy. We don't want to lose Doug's wonderful voice, so he graciously agreed to be the Wednesday Concert Series announcer for as long as he wishes to do so.

As you review the 2025 Wednesday Concert Series lineup, you will see we offer a mix of familiar performers and a few new entertainers we hope you will enjoy as well.

The Byrne Brothers kick off the Concert Series Jan. 8 bringing their Irish folk tunes and spectacular dancing talent to TR. We saw them on Facebook performing on a street corner in Dublin. Since then, they moved their family to the U.S. offering their talents to audiences from their home base in Central Florida. They were the #1 favorite of the performers here at the Talent Showcase in November 2023.

Jan. 22 we welcome The Caribbean Chillers. They will take

us to one of our favorite places, Margaritaville! They are Florida's favorite Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band. They bring the sights, sounds and fun of a real Jimmy Buffet concert! We encourage all who attend to wear your favorite island-style shirts!

Feb. 5 we welcome Jenene Caramielo who will offer an evening of the beautiful sounds of Celine Dion. Jenene is a versatile entertainer who has opened for The Beach Boys as well as performing at the White House.

Feb. 19 we will be entertained by a father and son duo, John and Jonathan Timpanelli. John is a romantic crooner, a Broadway Showstopper and classical performer. John's son Jonathan swoons audiences to the tunes of Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Michael Bubl  as well as his own original jazz and big band songs.

March 5 we welcome back to TR a crowd favorite, William Florian. William will offer a fun-filled evening as he performs all your Beatles favorites. He is one of TR's favorite guest performers and we look forward to an evening with William and the Beatles!

March 19 we will close the 2025 Wednesday Evening Concert Series with Ireland's Piano Man

Cahal Dunne! Cahal is the man of many jackets with a rich history of entertaining audiences here at TR. Many of you have enjoyed his beautiful songs and we, too, look forward to an evening with Cahal.

Reserved seats for the Wednesday Evening Concert Series are still available. Reserved seats are \$95 per person for all 6 concert programs. The price does not reflect a price discount, but a reserved seat allows you to select and sit in the same seat for all 6 concerts. With a reserved seat you may arrive anytime before the performance begins and the same seat will be waiting for you. If you are interested in a reserved seat, please contact us. Reserved seats will also be available at the Flea Market in Busch Hall on Dec. 7.

All shows are held on the Doug Pedersen Stage in Busch Hall beginning at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Individual shows are \$15 per seat with the Annual Spectacular on Feb. 5 being \$20 per seat.

We look forward to seeing you at the Wednesday Concert Series programs!

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us, lot 10-04, 419-610-7335.

All shows starting at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.



by Ken and Sandy Langell

Rich Wilson is no stranger to our stage. He has appeared here several times, including presenting his gospel show a few years ago. His most recent performance was at the Darlings Showcase last season and TR residents voted overwhelmingly to see him again. We're happy we were able to arrange that!

Rich has performed from Las Vegas to Nashville to Atlantic City and everything in between. He is best known for singing Elvis Presley songs and his show

includes other music of the '50s and '60s, celebrating artists like Fats Domino, Pat Boone, The Platters and many more, including some unexpected delights.

Rich is a true showman and was inducted into the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame in 2015.

The show is in Busch Hall, Sunday, Dec. 8. Free admission. Enjoy the Ice Cream Social from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. and the show follows at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Night Movies



by Carol and Jim Henrikson

Tuesday Night Movies (TNM) is opening on Jan. 7 with the inspiring story "Bob Marley: One Love." In this movie discover Bob Marley's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music that changed the world.

Carol and I arrived home to TR just in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with a festive feast as only this fine community can do. Bob Marley's story seemed to be in keeping with this joyful time together, so this is our opening movie choice for 2025.



2. "Conclave", 3. "Blitz", 4. "Maestro", 5. "Masters of the Air", 6. "Wolfs", 7. "News of the World", 8. "Reagan", 9. "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir", 10. "Nutcrackers". Last year we presented the movie "Golda." It received much praise with many of our audience requesting to have it repeated this year. We will take this up with you in January to determine if it should be scheduled into our program plan.

TNM messages in *The TR Times* and InTouchLink will provide much more detailed information and scheduling for our entire 2025 season.

Hope to see you soon. Take care.



We will be presenting outstanding new releases coupled with recommended classics and encourage all of you to suggest memorable movies for us to show. We will do our best to schedule them into our 2025 TNM season.

The 2025 lineup includes the following movies: 1. "Thelma."



January 8
The Byrne Brothers



January 22
The Caribbean Chillers



February 5
Jenene Caramielo



February 19
John Timpanelli



February 19
Jonathan Timpanelli



March 5
William Florian



March 19
Cahal Dunne

JANUARY 8 THE BYRNE BROTHERS are known for their electrifying and high-energy performances that showcase modern traditional Irish music and world-class Irish dancing. They are an award-winning Irish family from Donegal now based in Orlando. The Byrne Brothers were the #1 favorite performers according to TR residents who attended the Talent Showcase in November 2023.

JANUARY 22 THE CARIBBEAN CHILLERS are Florida's FAVORITE Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show. The Caribbean Chillers are a dynamic Florida based Jimmy Buffett tribute band that brings you the sights, sounds and the fun of a real Jimmy Buffett concert! Close your eyes and you'll be transported to that magical musical place Jimmy calls... Margaritaville!

FEBRUARY 5 JENENE CARAMIELO is a true crossover entertainer. She studied classical voice at the civic light opera in Pittsburgh as well as Carnegie Mellon University. Jenene has shared a stage with Chicago, opened for The Beach Boys and performed at the White House. She regularly travels the world performing on luxury cruises and entertaining discerning clients. (ANNUAL SPECTACULAR)

FEBRUARY 19 JOHN AND JONATHAN TIMPANELLI John is a popular timeless and tireless entertainer with a rich history and an even more exciting present persona. John is a romantic crooner, a Broadway showstopper and classical performer as well as a wonderful impersonator and hilarious comic. Jonathan swoons and croons audiences to the tunes of Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Michael Bubl  and his own original jazz and big band songs. Jonathan uses comedy, audience interaction, impeccable dance skills, and brings great music, warm laughs and decent impressions.

MARCH 5 WILLIAM FLORIAN Sing along with William in this fun filled concert as he performs all your Beatle favorites including I Saw Her Standing There, Yesterday, Help, Yellow Submarine, Eight Days A Week, A Little Help From My Friends, Imagine, and many more. William Florian is one of Travelers Rests' favorite performers.

MARCH 19 CAHAL DUNNE, Ireland's Piano Man - The Man of Many Jackets, has that certain magical quality that comes from within a great entertainer and washes over an audience. Cahal has a rich history of entertaining audiences at Travelers Rest and we look forward to an evening with Cahal once again!

Programs are in Busch Hall on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Program charges are \$15 per person paid at the door in exact change or check payable to Travelers Rest Resort. The annual spectacular is \$20 per person. A season reserved seat ticket which includes all shows is available for \$95 purchased prior to the start of the season.



Briefings from the Board

Purchase of larger units and facilities

by Deborah May, President/CEO Board of Directors

The people of Travelers Rest Resort are some of the best people I have ever known. The Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, Nov. 28, was an example of how caring and giving the residents are. Hosting the Concord University Women's Basketball Team at the feast was a truly heart-warming experience. I know that the team and their coaches will never forget the generosity they were shown. Being away from family during a holiday is hard, particularly if you are young. This is a memory they will carry with them forever. I cannot thank the people, who donated food and the individuals who worked to give them a memento of the day with a small gift, enough for their efforts. My thanks also go to Pat Butler, Beanie Wise and Pastor Anthony Shipe who worked to make the day possible for everyone. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Each year we are seeing more and more residents deciding to make Travelers Rest Resort their permanent home. Many of those individuals are opting for a larger RV in the RV South and Cabana



DEBORAH MAY

areas. Policy 3720 states that lessees who wish to get a larger RV must submit a request in writing to the Manager for written approval prior to purchase. Each site must be measured to determine if the new unit is feasible for the current site. If a new RV is too large for the existing site, the lessee must vacate his/her current site and go through the site exchange policy. Policy 3725 states that no recreational vehicle may be situated on any site so that its awnings, slide-outs or any portion of the recreational vehicle extends beyond the site boundary line. Policy 3730 deals with how far the unit must be back from the road. Accordingly, the recreational vehicle must be compatible with and fit the site with a set back from the edge of the street of at least 8 feet. This measurement is from the front-most part of the RV. In addition, Policy 4005, prohibits construction on or a permanent

change in appearance of leased site without prior written consent of the Manager.

Too often we take for granted some of the facilities that we have here at Travelers Rest Resort. Immediately after the hurricane, had we not had our own water and sewage plant, the residents who were in the park would have had a life that was more difficult. Having no power and hit and miss cell service was very inconvenient but they had water and sewer. The freshwater treatment plant is overseen by TR Management and must be operated by a Florida state licensed class "C" or higher operator for the benefit of all residents (F0020). The sewage and waste treatment plant is overseen by TR Management and must be operated by a Florida state licenses class "C" or higher operator for the benefit of all residents (F0025). The fact that we had a new generator installed this past summer meant we were able to keep both the water and sewage plants working. This very fact is why we must continue to work together to ensure that we continue to own our water and sewage plant and resist any county or state takeover of our facilities. The solid waste disposal is an operational function of Travelers Rest Resort management. This includes dumpsters (contract), aluminum, newspapers (contract), waste oil, lawn, and garden waste (F0030).

Forum from page 1.

The Puppy Park shelter construction has begun.

The proposed Disaster Plan is being worked on and it is expected that it will be completed and distributed to residents before the end of the season.

We are still awaiting FEMA's removal of the tree debris. We are also seeking help from the County, which owns the road, to make repairs to the creek. The flood of water during the hurricane caused bank erosion which caused the spillway to shift. That is the reason for the cones that surround the area.

New sheds have been ordered to replace those destroyed by the storm.

Regarding the park's recycling program, residents were reminded that plastic bags are not to be placed in the recycle bin. Bubble wrap, packing material and styrofoam are not recyclable. Cardboard boxes should be broken down. There is an activity that makes mats for the homeless out of clean plastic bags. Please recycle your bags in this manner.

Brenda Varty was introduced as the new Co-Chair of Activities to assist Guy Weik. Weik explained that it was felt that more than one person should know the work of

the position in the event he was not available. He strongly suggested that park activities also have co-chairs. In this way, should a chairperson be unable to return to TR, the activity could continue.

The Activity Directors have TR P.O. Box 24 and information may be sent to them there.

The Christmas Golf Cart Parade and Caroling will take place on Dec. 11. Carts should line up at 4 p.m. After the parade, caroling and cookies will be in Busch Hall. Linda Spencer will be making cookies and would appreciate volunteers to help. Weik advised that some extra Christmas decorations from decorating the park would be available to use in decorating carts, and yes, you may keep the decorations.

A committee is being formed to lead the Karaoke activity. Sessions are expected to start in January. It is hoped that different leaders can be obtained for each of the six sessions.

Question and answer period:

Q – The Board recently established a new Activity Account. What did it cost in legal and CPA fees to do this?

A – The CPA did not charge. Most of the work was done by the

office staff and the legal expense may have been only around \$200.

Q – A resident noted that some properties experienced damage in the hurricane, but the owners are not present. Did the park notify these shareholders of the damage sustained.

A – The owners were notified. It is expected repairs would be made when they return. No specific date has been establish for repairs to be made.

Q – Is it possible to have a Porta Potty installed by the Bocce Court? Volunteers were available to do the cleaning. Also that the facility by the Snack Shack is padlocked. Why?

A – The Snack Shack facility was supposed to remain open 24/7 starting in November. It will be taken care of.

Comment – During Church service, the double grey doors at the rear of Busch Hall were locked. Greeters had to prop them open to allow unrestricted entry.

A – The key system is still being worked on to become ADA compliant. This is one of the doors being worked on.

Q – How much did the park spend on lawyers last year.

A – Financials are posted on the park website.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Richard Kushman

After a busy and delicious Thanksgiving Ray and I had a chance to touch on a couple of subjects. The last storm, we all remember Milton, did help the 8-year-old pool screening reach replacement time a little sooner than expected. Ray is receiving bids right now for that project.

Withlacoochee Electric, at their expense, has been working

on replacing several new main lines in the park. Over recent months continued blips in the service did expose this needed upgrade. Another company, contracted by Withlacoochee, first installed the necessary conduit to receive the new wires and unfortunately a blunder or two left a few Village homes with no power or only partial power for many hours and one overnight. This has been repaired and luckily the need for heat or AC was not great.

Ray's plate no longer includes the golf course. Greg Plotner is the consultant hired to oversee all aspects of golf course maintenance and will be assisted by two appointed volunteers from the Golf Course Committee. Ray did mention the cost of grass seed has now decreased enough to allow seeding the entire course, including tees, greens and fairways. This is certainly a positive start.

Again this year throughout the park TR will soon be decked out and sparkling with lights. The always friendly waves and cheerful greetings sprinkled with a very welcome - "Merry Christmas!"

Holiday greetings across the miles



The TR Times invites you to submit your holiday greetings across the miles for publication in our Friday, Dec. 20 issue.

Your greeting may not exceed 50 words and cannot include photos or graphics. It should include your name(s) and lot number.

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How is your driving?

I hope you drive defensively. With snowbirds arriving, traffic is increasing. During the past month I have personally witnessed at least four incidents of crazy driving.

Just last week on the way to Dade City I was stopped in a left-turn lane with a red arrow. Imagine my surprise when a car pulled up in the through lane and made a left turn. At home I was traveling on a narrow road, no passing zone, near the crest of a hill with no possibility of seeing what was coming at me over the crest. A truck zoomed past me! Fortunately no one was coming up the other side of the hill or they would have had a head-on collision. These are just two examples of irresponsible driving.

Fact: If two cars traveling at 50 mph collide head-on, the result is the same as driving your car off a ten story building. You probably never thought of it in those terms.

Remember that a golf cart is also a motorized vehicle and subject to the same laws as an automobile. Hopefully, you would not drive your car the wrong way down a one-way street. Why then would you consider it okay to drive your golf cart the wrong way on a one-way street? I am referring to the area around Busch Hall. Both the drives in front and along side of the building are one-way. Yet, how often do you see carts going the wrong way. Keep in mind that should an accident occur while doing this, you would automatically be at fault with your insurance company.

When gassing up your car, please be sure to carefully read the sign regarding gas prices. It has been reported that some stations in the Tampa area are charging \$1 per gallon above the listed price if you use a credit card. Yes, the law says that price must be posted at the pump. Apparently these stations are complying by posting a very small notice in the pump area. Drive safely and enjoy the season at TR. *mre*

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Did you



know

by Margaret Emmetts

Chances are that if you were asked what you thought was the current largest living organism, you would give one of three responses: an elephant, whale or redwood tree. If the question were extended to include any present or past living organism, you might respond dinosaurs. In any event, your answer would be wrong.

The largest current living organism is mycelium. Mycelium is probably a term you have never heard, but one that is familiar to botanists. Mycelium is the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a network of fine white filaments which usually lives underground. This network may extend for miles.

The fibrous network connects individual plants together to transfer water, nitrogen, carbon and other minerals. It is also the means by which plants communicate. It is suggested that this network is an integral part of the connectivity that facilitates health and survival of even the largest trees.

If you would like to learn more about this important network that exists beneath your feet, Google mycelium.

The Servant's Plow

O Christmas tree, how lovely are thee

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

An evergreen tree symbolizes Christmas in different ways. The evergreen of the tree refers to everlasting life. God gave His beloved Son to give us everlasting life. The steeple-like crown of the tree points to heaven. The decorative lights on a Christmas tree are a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World. "In Him was life; and the life was the Light of men." John 1:4. Trees are important in the unfolding of Biblical truth. It was a tree whose forbidden fruit brought sin into the world and it was a tree to which our Savior was nailed to redeem sinful mankind. There is the mysterious Tree of Life mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Christmas trees could be decorated with different fruit representing the Fruit of the Spirit. There are many different types of Christmas trees that people take to their homes such as spruce, balsam or pine. If the pine has its needles in clusters of two, it is a red pine. If, however, the needles are in clusters of five, it is a white pine. The bark of the red pine has a reddish tinge; the wood of the white pine is clean and white-colored.

The white pine belongs to a distinguished family of trees. When the colonists arrived on our shores, a dense white pine forest stretched before them. They had no white pine in England. They learned to love that tree. The wood was straight-grained, light, strong and easy to work with the tools at hand. The first house in America was built of white pine. Even today after more than 200 years, many of these handsome houses still stand in excellent condition.

The King of England soon heard of the towering, majestic white pines in New England. The Royal Charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, granted by William and Mary in 1691, reserved to their Majesties all white pines whose diameter measured 24 inches or more. These were to become the masts and spars



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

of the British ships. Those trees were marked with the King's "broad arrow." These restrictions in the Charter gradually enraged the colonists and helped to create a climate that resulted in the Revolutionary War.

In 1652 the colonists established the first mint. John Hull was the first Mint Master. He designed the first coin made in this mint. It had a white pine engraved on its face. It was called the pine tree shilling.

When War broke out, General Washington was requested to provide the colonists with a fleet of ships with which to intercept the British ammunition ships. The flag for this fleet bore an evergreen pine on a white background with the words, "An Appeal to Heaven."

As the wave of migration surged westward in our country, the pioneers found in what is now Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota the finest stand of white pine the world has ever seen. In Ithaca, N.Y. is famous Cornell University. Do you know that Cornell is named after a man who gained high financial status because of the white pine of Wisconsin? In 1866 Ezra Cornell purchased at 60 cents an acre 500,000 acres of virgin white pine in an area near Chippewa Falls. Not only did the lumbering of that dense forest net a generous profit, the land was also good for agriculture. The fortune Ezra Cornell made on that investment amounted

What is the largest current living organism?

to about \$5,500,000. Of this amount he gave much to the University of Ithaca. The name of the University memorializes him.

How long do the needles stay on a pine? We see the fallen needles cover the floor of a piney forest as a soft carpet. It seems these needles keep most other plant growth from shooting up. White pine needles last one and one-half years. Those that dropped this October were "born" in April, a year and a half ago. The needles of the red pine are on for two and one-half years.

God's Providence: Providence manifests His wisdom in keeping the needles of the conifers on over the winter. They function as do the leaves of deciduous trees. The needles inhale the carbon dioxide and give us in exchange pure oxygen. Thus, they purify the air during the winter months.

It is said that if folks with lung ailments could tent in a white pine forest, the balsamic odor would be healing to their wounded lungs. In looking over the contents of cough medicines, I found in some of them extractives of white pine. Indian squaws prefer to pad their papoose boards with moss from the white pine.

The use from the wood of the white pine is almost limitless. Wooden matches are made of white pine as are boxes, crates, furniture, paneling, door and window frames – just to mention a few. The largest known white pine is in Central Ontario, Canada. At its base this tree has a diameter of 45 feet. The first branch is 80 feet up, at which point the trunk has a 30-foot diameter. What a vast amount of wood the Lord has given Man in this one tree! As one reflects upon the generosity of Nature, one is constrained to sing: "I will sing my Maker's praises And in Him most joyful be, For in all things I see traces Of His tender love to me."

Let us remember His tender love and provision as we celebrate this Christmas, making so much use of our Christmas trees.



Travelers Rest
CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Bernie Gutridge

Sunday Service

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Anthony Shipe

Holy Communion

First Sunday of the month.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass

Saturday, 4 p.m.

Sunday Masses

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses

7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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The Siren



A few reminders from your TR Fire Department as you get settled

monoxide is an odorless, colorless, silent killer that will accumulate indoors if it is not properly vented.

7. Update your VIAL(s) OF LIFE and put one for each resident in the top shelf of your refrigerator door. Be sure to include current meds and any new health or emergency contact information.

8. Observe the speed limit of 10 mph in Travelers Rest. Come to a full stop at stop signs. As a population we are older, have slower reflexes, drive golf carts, bicycle, walk, walk our pets, etc. All of us need to be able to stop quickly when necessary. Golf carts and bicycles must obey the speed limit, too!

9. When the siren sounds, look for Emergency Responders and vehicles moving throughout the park en route to the problem. Move aside and let them pass!

Please do not add to the congestion at the scene. Stay away and let us handle the situation.

AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) are located:

On Busch Hall outside wall facing the pool.

On Citrus Center outside wall by the door closest to the street.

At the Snack Shack Pavilion when it is open for the season.

At the TR Office when the Snack Shack is not in operation.

In the Fire Engine, the Medical Cart and the Fire/Rescue Vehicle.



Fire Station Siren

911 calls: A steady blast for one minute.

The siren is activated by Pasco County Fire/Rescue as a result of a call to 911. Watch for emergency vehicles and First Responders that have been activated by the siren. Yield right away so that they can pass.

Emergencies within the park: Five warbling blasts of the siren.

The siren is activated by pushing the RED BUTTON on the front of the Fire Station. The 911 system is NOT activated with this button.

Weekly Siren Test: Two warbling blasts of the siren.

Used as a siren test on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

Tornado or Hurricane Warning:

Three long blasts, then a 15 second pause, then three more long blasts.

1. Identify your lot – if you tucked away your blue lot number, replace it at ground level in front of your residence facing the street. We must be able to find you when you call for help!

2. Dialing 911 – you can use any cell phone or landline. Tell the Dispatcher you are at Travelers Rest Resort, and your 4-digit lot number. If you are able, unlock your door and turn on an outside light at night.

3. Change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors (unless they are long-life lithium batteries). If your detectors are more than 10 years old, it is time to replace them.

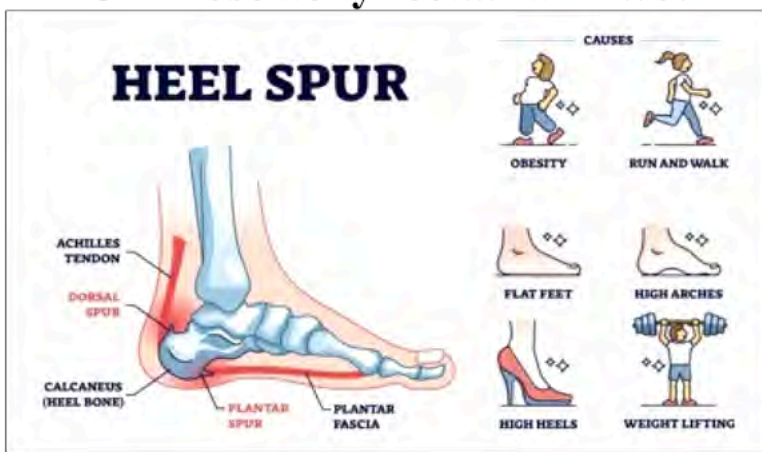
4. Have a FIRE DRILL to determine exactly how you will get out and where you will meet.

5. Check your fire extinguisher(s). One should be located just inside the door closest to your kitchen. RVs should have 2.5 lb. extinguishers. Village homes should have 5 lb. extinguishers.

6. In your RV or home, check the outside exhaust vents for your water heater and furnace to be sure they are clear and free of insect nests. Carbon

Healthy Tips

Oh those achy feet...Part two!



by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

I hope you enjoyed (and found informative) my "Oh those achy feet...Part One!" article that I wrote for the last edition that discussed Plantar Fasciitis. I don't know about you, but if my feet are sore and painful, my whole body seems out of kilter. I don't want to walk, exercise and more importantly, I don't want to dance. This week, I am going to talk about HEEL SPURS.

A heel spur is a bony growth that forms on the underside of the heel bone. Heel spurs are basically caused by calcium deposits that build due to stress on the foot ligaments. (See last week's article regarding the plantar fascia.) These can grow as much as a half-inch and needless to say, heel spurs can be very painful.

Heel spurs are commonly associated with athletes and workers who spend hours upon hours on their feet. Other risk factors for heel spurs include gait abnormalities, poorly fitted or worn shoes, especially those with poor arch support, as well as obesity. Additionally, flat feet or high arches, frequent short bursts of physical activity and even diabetes can lead to developing heel spurs.

What symptoms are exhibited when a heel spur develops? Sometimes, none at all. However, heel spurs can cause intermittent or on-going pain that is felt when walking, jogging, etc. According to WebMD, "in general, the cause of the pain is not the heel spur itself, but the soft-tissue injury associated with it." Very often, the pain

is felt when a person stands up first thing in the morning and is described as though a pin or needle were sticking in the bottom of the foot. (Ouch.) This pain may be felt as a dull ache during the day but when a person stands up after prolonged sitting, the sharp pain may result.

What can be done to help relieve or eliminate the pain caused by heel spurs? First of all, I strongly suggest that you contact your healthcare provider who may determine that you, in fact, have a heel spur by performing an x-ray. He/she may recommend stretching exercises, taping or strapping to rest the stressed muscles and tendons, shoe inserts (orthotics), physical therapy, anti-inflammatory medications, oral and/or injection of a corticosteroid into the inflamed area. Surgical intervention is performed in less than 10% of patients who have experienced on-going heel pain after these treatments have proven to be ineffective.

Heel spurs can be prevented by wearing well-fitting shoes with shock-absorbent soles. One article I read suggests that appropriate shoes should be purchased that relate to a specific activity. Additionally, stretching exercises prior to performing your activity, pacing yourself as you perform the activity, losing weight and avoiding wearing shoes with excessive break-down in the heel or arch area of the shoes.

References: WebMD, Cleveland Clinic, American Podiatry Association.

Travel is . . .

by Margaret Emmetts

Some would say broadening. Some would say educational. Personally I would say whenever I traveled, it was an experience.

Take for instance my trip to Greece. It was the afternoon before we were to return home and we had the afternoon free. My lady friends and I decided to visit the Agora Market place, to do some shopping and that would involve taking the trolley. If you have never been on a European trolley they are different from anything you might find in the states. You do not pay a fare on entering the vehicle. You are suppose to purchase a ticket beforehand. There are inspectors in plain dress, that may or may not be on your trolley, who randomly check to see that everyone really has a ticket.

There were seven of us standing on the corner waiting for the trolley. Apparently two pick-pocketers targeted my friend. As we were boarding the trolley, one of the men casually bumped into Anne. Simultaneously, the other man rifled her purse. Anne was totally unaware of the entire event. It was not until she was aboard the trolley that she looked in her purse for her ticket and realized that her plane ticket and passport were missing. Now Anne is not what you would call a calm individual so chaos ensued. The trip to Agora was aborted and we returned to the hotel.

As travelers you should know that it is standard procedure to make copies of your passport and birth certificate. It is also standard procedure to keep these duplicates someplace other than with the originals. Unfortunately, Anne did not understand this concept and her duplicates disappeared with the originals.

We phoned Anne's home to have her husband fax us copies of the documents. As major alterations were being done to the house, locating the needed information was not an easy task but eventually we had the documents in our hands. We had called the tour company to ask for help and they had told us what needed to be done, but did not send someone to assist us.

It was necessary to obtain a new passport for Anne, which would involve a trip to the American Embassy in Athens. But first we needed a passport photo. This sounds like an easy task, however, the people of Athens, like many Hispanic cultures, take a mid-afternoon siesta. We eventually found a shop open and had the necessary photos in hand then phoned the embassy and hurried to get there.

Athens is a busy city and getting a taxi is much like trying to get one at Columbus Circle in New York City. By the time we arrived at the embassy it was closing time. The guards suggested that we return the next morning. The only problem was that we were supposed to be on a plane home early the next morning. When we explained that we were

expected, they finally allowed us to enter.

The new passport process was relatively simple. I had to swear that I knew Anne was born in the U.S. We also had to pay the fee of then \$60 in exact cash as the safe had already been closed for the evening.

Upon completion of the transactions, we were escorted out the back door. The embassy's front door had also been sealed for the evening.

On our final night in Athens our entire tour group had dinner together. During the course of the meal our driver arrived to inform Anne that her plane ticket had been found in a local post office, but not the passport. Should she have had to purchase a duplicate plane ticket, she would have had to wait six months to receive a refund on the original ticket, so this was good news. It would seem that the thieves were only interested in the passport. For some time we teased Anne that her name might appear in connection with an international incident as a result of the stolen passport.

Lesson to be learned...keep copies of your documents in a different location than the originals. Beware of people that bump into you.

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Activity Affairs



BRENDA VARTY

by Brenda Varty

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at TR, so it's time to start planning for this year's Christmas Golf Cart Parade. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 11. Pull out those Christmas decorations and get your creative juices flowing to make our 2024 parade awesome.

If your Christmas decorations have lost some sparkle, or if you have some extras to donate to others, please come to the Busch Hall parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11 to gather up some fresh sparkle for your cart.

Our parade participants will line up at 3:45 p.m. on Snack Shack Rd. facing Busch Hall. The parade will begin at 4 p.m. and weave it's



Photo by Pam Watkins
Get your golf cart ready.

way through the streets of TR only missing the cul-de-sacs in the Village.

What a wonderful time to get together with your neighbors and share the spirit of Christmas. Participants please be sure to receive a number for your cart as you line up so that the judges can correctly identify your masterpiece. We are honored to have some members of *The TR Times* to be our esteemed judges. All residents are invited back to Busch Hall for cocoa, cookies and caroling following the parade. If you would like to donate cookies, homemade are best, please drop the cookies off to Linda Spencer on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Busch Hall kitchen. Or maybe stay and bake cookies with her. Linda will be baking in Busch Hall in the days leading up to the parade. Please check Facebook or call Linda at 352-424-9604 for her exact times. Marty Schencke is busy organizing musicians and Christmas carol lyrics if you need them.

One and all, please join us for this fun-filled afternoon on the streets where you live and back at Busch Hall following the parade for friendship, fellowship and festivities, celebrating the Christmas season.

Join us for TR Dance Night



Photo by Dave Kat
Everyone had a great time at dance night.

by Diana Hill

A new activity, TR Dance Night, is a group of folks that just want to get together and dance. No skill or partner needed. BYO everything, snacks, beverages and table decorations. At times there will be a DJ or entertainer, with a suggested donation, and sometimes recorded music.

Our first TR Dance Night was a hit! We had more than 40 people come out, which is great for this time of year. Lots of people are gone for Thanksgiving or were not back yet. DJ Mo, Marilyn Maski, was rocking the house. It was a wonderful group effort.

Mark your calendars for our next rocking TR Dance Night, Saturday, Dec. 14 in Busch Hall with DJ Mo. Time TBD.

New Year's Eve we're hosting an impromptu New Year's Eve Dance on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight in Busch Hall. BYO everything. Since the Party Planners Dinner was canceled but we still wanted to get together, this will be whatever you want it to be. We'll have recorded music and you can even make requests. Doc will be helping us out because we need lots of help.

Saturday, Jan. 4, 7 to 10 p.m. suggested donation TBD, Jesse Derringer will be our entertainer that night, He was here for a rally and TR loved him!

Benefits of volunteering

- Keeps the brain active.
- Contributes to mental well being.
- Prevents social isolation and loneliness.
- Instills a sense of purpose.
- Offers opportunity to meet new friends.
- Increases physical activity.
- Bridges the generation gap.
- Helps to engage with old interests.
- Opportunity to learn new skills.

TR prepares holiday help for local families



Photo by Bill Watkins
The TR Angel Tree.

by Pat Greene

TR residents have always been very generous when it comes to helping those in need. This Christmas is particularly difficult for many local families due to the recent hurricane. Many people in our Dade City/San Antonio area could use our help.

Most of our residents are familiar with our annual Daystar Food Pantry Christmas Food and Money Drive. This is an extension of the Thanksgiving food program and we ask for donations of Christmas food items and/or money for meat for Christmas dinners. At the present time, Daystar is feeding over 200 families a week. The need is great. The food can be dropped off at the

designated table in Busch Hall and/or the money should be sent or given to Bill Wise, Church Treasurer and earmarked "Daystar." Deadline for this is Monday, Dec. 16.

There is an Angel Tree in Busch Hall near the stage. This Christmas Tree has very special ornaments. Take one and you will find the "wish list" of a child, teenager or family from the San Antonio area. The idea is to head out shopping and make the Christmas wish of a special person come true this season. The ornament will have a number on it, instead of a name. Once you have shopped and wrapped, be sure to put the number from your ornament on the gifts. Then, simply put the packages under the Angel Tree. Again, if donating money to the Angel Tree project is easier for you, the monetary donation should be given to Bill Wise and should be earmarked "Angel Tree." Deadline for this is Monday, Dec. 16.

The Special Ministries of TR Church wants to thank you in advance for the endless generosity. Christmas is a special time for food, families and especially for children. Together, by helping in one of these small ways, we can help make local Christmas wishes come true.



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- Submissions may be hand delivered, placed in *The TR Times* box in Busch Hall next to the northwest door that leads to the Post Office or emailed to us at thetrimes@gmail.com.
- If you would like to request a photographer for your event, please contact us via email at thetrimes@gmail.com two weeks in advance.



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

Please record the following changes to the Building Schedules in your 2024-2025 TR Handbooks.

Building Schedules

Mondays (pg.5): Forums start at 1 p.m., Busch Hall.

Mondays: TR Roadriders (7-8 p.m., Hobby House). Add an asterisk * (Jan.-March).

Mondays: Sew Special started Nov.11 (9:30 a.m., Busch Hall).

Wednesday (pg.7): Delete Penny Poker (7 p.m., Hobby House).

Thursdays (pg.8): Quilting started Nov.7 (9:30 a.m., Busch Hall).

Thursday: Remove Texas Hold 'Em (7 p.m.). Note: Keep Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Fridays (pg.9): Oil & Acrylic Painting starts Nov. 15 (9 a.m., Citrus West).

Fridays: Euchre started Nov. 15 (7-9 p.m., Citrus East).

Additional/Outdoor Activities

Tuesday and Thursday (pg. 12-13): TR Roadriders: Add an asterisk * (Jan.-March).

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday (pg. 12-14): Sailboats now start at 9 a.m.

Monday, Friday (pg. 12-13): Powerboats now start at 9 a.m.

Monthly Special Events

Dec.31 (pg.16): Remove Party Planners NYE Dance. Now just NYE Dance. BYO food and drinks, decorations, etc. More info forthcoming.

Activity Contacts

TR Church Association (#27): Switch Harold Hughes (now Chairman) and Roy French.

An updated QR Code for The TR Times



SCAN ME

by Karen Waldo

To the left of this article is an updated QR code for *The TR Times*. Scan the code with a smart phone or tablet and you will be directed to the website where *The TR Times* is located. The current newspaper is available there along with the previous issues starting with the 2019-20 season.

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Travelers Rest Resort		TR Times 2024-25 Publication Calendar	
Publication	Deadline	Publication	Deadline
November 29	November 22	January 31	January 24
December 6	November 29	February 7	January 31
December 13	December 6	February 14	February 7
December 20	December 13	February 21	February 14
January 10	January 3	February 28	February 21
January 17	January 10	March 7	February 28
January 24	January 17	March 14	March 7



A bench for a weary traveler



Photos by Bill Watkins

MAXINE AND DON SHIPE

by Anthony Shipe

Joe Shipe and his son Anthony Shipe, second and third generation TR residents, also Linda and Marcy King who are Maxine's daughters, were pleased to have folks from the community gather at the corner of Oak Hill and Jake Way for a bench dedication ceremony honoring Don and Maxine Shipe. The ceremony was held on Sunday, Nov. 24 at noon.

The Shipes first came to Travelers Rest with their Airstream in 1989 and camped on the Hill. Later they bought stock and parked in RV South on lot

04-26 in 1991. Finally, they moved into a home in the Village on lot 2710 in 1998.

Don and Max were avid golfers and enjoyed the greens for years. They enjoyed playing Joker, both belonging to the more serious group of players. They taught the entire family how to play the game, frequently reminding us to take a card ahead of our play.

They chaired the Saturday Night Dances and helped decorate holiday tables at the Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts. Don was responsible for bringing to TR Rev.

Winston Pike who served the church for 10 years. Later Don also encouraged Anthony, his grandson and wife Jodie, to move to Travelers Rest. Anthony has currently served the church as Pastor for almost 8 years.

Don and Maxine were 1st and 2nd Vice President of the Akron Ohio Airstream Club in 1985-1986. They became President and First Lady of the Club in 1987.

They loved living and volunteering in our beloved community for many years.

Our family learned important life lessons from both of them.

For example:

- If there was an opportunity to learn something new, take it.
- If something isn't broken, don't fix it.
- If something is broken, fix it and watch how it was fixed.
- There are no strangers in life, everyone is a potential friend.
- The importance of blended family.
- How to sit, give thanks and count every blessing.

Notably, the bench dedicated to them is facing west toward every beautiful sunset. They would both discuss often finishing everyday the best you can.

Maxine passed away on Sept. 17, 2013.

Don passed away on Aug. 10, 2020.



Shipe celebration well attended.



Joe Shipe, Linda and Marcy King and Anthony Shipe



Anthony Shipe proudly showing all family pictures.



Linda King and Dwight Green remembering some TR history.



TR Annual Holiday



Photo by Pam Watkins

Time to add more to the Food Drive table.

by Betty Kazymirczuk

Our annual holiday food drive is underway to benefit DayStar Food Pantry in Dade City. There are three ways you can help:

Cash donations - drop a check or cash donation in the Sunday collection basket or at the TR Post Office addressed to lot 11-01. Please make your check payable to TR Church Association and mark it "Food Pantry." We'll be happy to do the shopping for you.

Bring canned and non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry at the TR Church Cabana at lot

11-01 or the table in Busch Hall.

Pick up an empty Food Pantry box in Busch Hall or the TR Post Office and fill it with suggested items on the list. Return the filled box to the TR Church Cabana or the table in Busch Hall.

For help with delivery or to pick up filled boxes, you may call Dick Wheatley, Betty Kazymirczuk or Patti Hawkins. Their phone numbers are in the TR Directory.

Christmas boxes and donations are needed by Dec. 16. Thank you for your generosity.

TR Welcoming Committee



by Diana Hill

TRWC had a great "meet and greet" table of newcomers (and help from some "not-so-old timers") at the Thanksgiving Feast. The food, camaraderie and laughs were amazing. A special thanks goes to Alan Kenney who was quite the co-host. He did every-

thing but the table settings, which were Ray's treat. Alan took care of both the turkey and ham, from their purchase to serving them. Then he put a festive centerpiece all the way down the table, complete with porcelain figures. Thanks, Alan, it made for a well-coordinated effort.

We received lots of compliments for being truly welcoming, which was our goal!

TRWC Dec. 12 Red Dot Social: Our members will have a table set up for your questions and information from noon to 1 p.m. in Busch Hall during the "Foodies Lunch Diner" service. Please stop by for a "Red Dot" to add to your name tag or badge. If you're new, a Red Dot let's everyone know you might need some extra guidance navigating TR. We will have TR info and some information about Dade City, too.

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Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION

PICKIN' & GRINNIN' - Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Hobby House. November thru March.
Rob Werner
Harold Keefer

BRIDGE: BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Hobby House. January-March.
Jim Weigand

CRIBBAGE

Mondays, 6:30-9:00 pm, in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January-March.
Bob Luther

GAMES NIGHT

Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games. New game each week. January-March.
Linda Smith
Joan Colao

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2nd and 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. November-March Meetings open to all. Amateurs can check into the 8 a.m. Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Monday thru Saturday.
Jim Johnson

BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March.
Connie Bradley

SATURDAY DANCE NIGHT

Various available Saturdays. 7-10:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. DJ, Band, or recorded music. Check InTouch schedule for updates.
Diane Hill

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret (Nov-April).
Stacy Grier

AQUATICS - (WATER AEROBICS)

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the pool. Year Round.
Linda Smith

BRIDGE: PARTY/PARTNERS

Party Bridge with partners - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Partner not required. Singles will be teamed up. January-March.
Jen Furman

DIGITAL PHOTO- CAMERA

Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 6-February 10 (6-week class).
Carey Box

GENEALOGY

Fridays, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Nov. 15-April 18.
George Adamson

BALLROOM DANCING

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall, and Wednesdays (Review class) 10-11:00 am, Citrus East. January thru March.
Jeffrey Duquette

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Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 7-March 18.
Carey Box

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West. Outings 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. January thru March.
Jack Zanca

BEADAHOLICS

Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Citrus East. January thru March.
Kathy Kushman
Kathy Lemke

CALLIGRAPHY

Fridays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. December-March.
Richard Peebles

DINING WITH FRIENDS

2nd Saturdays, Busch Hall, 5 to 7:00 p.m., January thru March.
Harold and Marlene Hughes

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack.
Kathy Reimann

BIBLE STUDY- EVERYONE

Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the Busch Hall Stage. January 13-March 10.
Anthony Shipe

CAMPFIRES

Third Thursdays, January-March, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fire Pit. Songs that you know!
Susan Stahley
Cindy Watson

DOMINOES

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.
Linda Gough

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE

Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Starter Shack.
Barry English

BIBLE STUDY, WOMEN'S

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March.
Christy Trotter

CHOIR PRACTICE

Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Sundays 8:45 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us.
Bernie Gutridge

DULCIMER JAM

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 pm in Citrus East. December-April.
Lois Showers

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at 9:00 at Starter Shack.
Tom and Pat Butler

BICYCLING

Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 845 a.m. at parking lot behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for rides.
Rick & Carol Yoder

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Sunday Activities: All events in Busch Hall, 8:45 a.m.: Choir Practice 9:30 a.m.: Bible Study. 10:15 a.m.: Hymn Sing. 10:30 a.m.: Worship service, Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month.
Anthony Shipe, Pastor

DULCIMER LESSONS

Mondays in Citrus West. Beginners: 9:30 a.m. to noon. December-March.
Lois Showers

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome. December-March.
Gene Lockhart

BINGO

Nov.-Dec.: 1st and 3rd Saturdays; January-March: Weekly. 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.
Linda Smith
Jim Walsh

CHURCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS

3rd Fridays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. November-April.
Harold Hughes
Roy French

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS

Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. with program following. Performances will be in Busch Hall.
Ken and Sandy Langell

GOLF LESSONS

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

BIRDING

Tuesdays, 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars and cameras. December-March.
Tom Butler

CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3rd Fridays, 1 to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Office.
Harold Hughes

EUCHRE

Fridays, 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Citrus East. November-March.
Mary De Weerd

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteer to help build homes in Pasco County. Projects January thru March TBA.
Barbara Colton

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

CLOGGERS OF TR

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. November-March.
Donna Neer
Donna Smith

FIRE/RESCUE 33

Firefighters-Tues, 9 to 11 am- Fire Station. First Responders-Tuesday, 11 to 1, JMAB. Thursdays, 8:30 am to 12:30 p.m., Paul Rife Room. Business Meeting - 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.
Larry Polzin

HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.
Diane & Brian Krupicka

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.
Larry Polzin

COFFEE & DONUTS - RADIO CLUB

1st Saturday (during Flea Markets), and 3rd Saturdays during Yard Sales. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. Donuts and coffee served in Busch Hall. Nov.-Mar.
Jim Johnson
Dee Manos

FIVE CROWNS

Wednesdays (non-concert nights only), 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. November-April.
Jackie Thackery

HAPPY HOURS

Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m. Backup venues (weather): Cabana: SSP (always); RV South: CW; Village: HH.
Shala Wilson (Cabana)
Ken Neer (RVS)

BOCCE

Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 7 p.m. November 15 thru March.
Jim Ridolfi

COFFEE SEMINARS

Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch The TR Times and online calendar for updates.
Rose-Ann Boucher

FIVE HUNDRED CARDS

Saturdays, 6:45 to 9 p.m. In Citrus West. November-March.
Deborah May
Connie Bradley

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Rosita Williams

BOOK BROWSERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3:00 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March. Book discussions.
Nan Feeney Lance

COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.
Rose-Ann Boucher

FLEA MARKET

Flea Markets are held in Busch Hall the first Saturday of each month, November thru March, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Setup at 7 a.m. Coffee & donuts for sale.
Rick and Amy Peebles

IPHONE CLASS

Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 9-March 20.
Susan Stahley

BOWLING

Fridays at 2:00 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Dec. 6-March 28.
Leslie Price

CONCERT SERIES (WEDNESDAY)

Alternate Wednesdays starting January 8. Busch Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., shows start at 7:00 p.m. Check InTouch and TR Times for program details. Season tickets or pay at the door.
Kathy Shawver
Lacy Shawver

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!

Certain Fridays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at The Grove Stage. Check dates on the InTouch schedule and TR Booklet.
Donna Probes

JOKER

Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West (Jan-Mar). Fridays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West (Nov-Mar).
Bob & Deb Englert (Mon.)
Deborah May (Fri.)

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. All Brass players welcome! January-March.
Bill Watkins

CORNHOLE

Wednesdays, 7-9:00 pm, at the Shuffleboard Courts. January-March.
Dan Varner

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, starting January 17. The dance schedule and themes are listed in the TR Booklet and on the InTouch app.
Sharon Fosnight

JUBELLATION

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. November-April.
Bernie Gutridge



Bulletin Board

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

<p>KARAOKE</p> <p>Many non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9: p.m. in Busch Hall. December-March. Check InTouch schedule.</p>	<p>MOTORCYCLE CLUB (ROADRIDERS)</p> <p>1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides. Tuesday Rides: Meet at 8 a.m., Thursday rides: Meet at 9:30 a.m. (Busch Hall parking lot). January-March.</p> <p>Bruce Richmond</p>	<p>RUG HOOKING</p> <p>Tuesdays, 9:30 to noon in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful!</p> <p>Tawnya Rowden</p>	<p>UKULELE CLUB</p> <p>Tuesdays, 3 to 4:00 p.m. in the Hobby House. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January thru March.</p> <p>Donna Probes</p>
<p>KNOTTY KNITTERS</p> <p>Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. All year.</p> <p>Diane Fisher</p>	<p>OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING</p> <p>Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. November 15-March.</p> <p>Mary Kubinieć</p>	<p>SEW SPECIAL</p> <p>Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. Sewing starts Nov. 11.</p> <p>Laura Lilawski</p>	<p>VETERANS MEETING</p> <p>2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. All year.</p> <p>Vince Smith (Winter) Marty Schencke</p>
<p>LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT GAME</p> <p>Non-dance Fridays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall (January-March)</p> <p>Gary Dietz</p>	<p>OPEN ART STUDIO</p> <p>Mondays, 2-5:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Bring your own project and supplies (Any medium, not a class). November-March.</p> <p>Sandy Langell</p>	<p>SHUFFLEBOARD</p> <p>Tuesdays, Thursdays: 1 to 3 p.m., Competition.</p> <p>Richard Von Qualen</p>	<p>VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR</p> <p>Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at host residence. Meet in Hobby House if temperature is <60 or if it's raining. November thru April.</p> <p>Marijo Noll</p>
<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall. Open 24/7. Honor system sign-out. Please reshelve your own books if you can. If not place in cart behind desk. Meetings: 1st Tues., 1:00 p.m. SSP.</p> <p>Mary Kosbab Kay Blunda</p>	<p>PET LOVERS CLUB</p> <p>2nd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January - March.</p> <p>Kim Roberts</p>	<p>SNACK SHACK</p> <p>Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. January 6-March 21.</p> <p>Jim Walsh</p>	<p>WAIST WATCHERS</p> <p>Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Hobby House porch. Nov.21-April 10.</p> <p>Jackie Thackery</p>
<p>LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)</p> <p>Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. January 8-March 23.</p> <p>Alex Adair</p>	<p>PICKLEBALL</p> <p>Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check Outdoor Activities in the TR Booklet and InTouch app for current schedule. Jan-March.</p> <p>Delia and Carey Box</p>	<p>SPORTS CLUB</p> <p>Meet in the Jeri Miller Activity Building, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. (January-March) All welcome.</p> <p>Ray LoPresti</p>	<p>WINTER WALKING AEROBICS</p> <p>Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. November- April.</p> <p>Gloria Polzin</p>
<p>LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)</p> <p>Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. in Busch hall and Saturdays 3 to 4 p.m. in Citrus East. Jan. 2-March 23.</p> <p>Alex Adair</p>	<p>PINOCHLE</p> <p>Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.</p> <p>John Delaney</p>	<p>STAINED GLASS</p> <p>All times in Jeri Miller Activity Building, January-March: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., Fridays, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Instructor - Shari Harberts</p> <p>Shari Harberts Laura Appgar</p>	<p>WATERCOLOR PAINTING</p> <p>Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. November-March.</p> <p>Amy Grier</p>
<p>LITURGICAL DANCE</p> <p>Thursdays, 2-3:00 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building (December-March)</p> <p>Donna Neer</p>	<p>POKER TEXAS HOLD 'EM</p> <p>Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Hobby House.</p> <p>Tom Thompson</p>	<p>TAI CHI</p> <p>Mondays (except 2nd Mondays) and Thursdays, 10-11:00 am, Hobby House. (January 11-March 28).</p> <p>Kathleen Sanders</p>	<p>WEIGHTS & STRETCHING</p> <p>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 9:00 a.m. in Citrus East and West. Year-round.</p> <p>Sheila Schencke</p>
<p>MAH JONG CHINESE</p> <p>Mondays and Fridays, 12 to 2:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Dec 9-March.</p> <p>Marcia Hatfield</p>	<p>POM POM DRILL TEAM</p> <p>Tuesdays, 3-4:00 pm, in Citrus East.</p> <p>Donna Neer</p>	<p>TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG</p> <p>Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available.</p> <p>Charles Mason</p>	<p>WELCOMING COMMITTEE</p> <p>1st and 3rd Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Citrus West.</p> <p>Diana Hill</p>
<p>MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY</p> <p>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Nov.18-March.</p> <p>Bette Gorman</p>	<p>PRAISE & WORSHIP</p> <p>Contemporary Church Services - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. December - March. CANCELED.</p> <p>Marty Schencke</p>	<p>TENNIS</p> <p>Open play, Mondays- Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. January-April.</p> <p>Betty Teichert</p>	<p>WIZARD</p> <p>Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.</p> <p>Imma Smith Gary Smith</p>
<p>MATS FOR THE HOMELESS</p> <p>Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. Dec-March.</p> <p>Lorraine Gould</p>	<p>QUILLING ON A BUDGET</p> <p>Thursdays, 1:15-3:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January 9-March.</p> <p>Pat Daubenmier</p>	<p>STONE & TIGHTEN</p> <p>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights. December 9-March.</p> <p>Bev Weissinger Louise McRoberts</p>	<p>WOOD SHOP</p> <p>Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. October-May. Membership \$20.</p> <p>Larry Kurkowski</p>
<p>MEN'S & WOMEN'S POP CHORUS</p> <p>Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January-March.</p> <p>Mary Beth Coldren</p>	<p>QUILTING</p> <p>Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Nov.7-March.</p> <p>Cloie Morgan</p>	<p>TR SINGING MEN</p> <p>Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. All men are invited to sing along.</p> <p>Ron Reeve Gene Gough</p>	<p>WOODCARVING</p> <p>Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. January-March.</p> <p>Linda Murphy</p>
<p>MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB</p> <p>RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake.</p> <p>Chris Farler, Commodore</p>	<p>RC AIRPLANE FLYING</p> <p>Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8-11:45 a.m. , at the Golf Course 9th hole.</p> <p>James Morrow, Sr.</p>	<p>TR TRAVEL</p> <p>Day trips by bus begin and end at TR. Watch for new trips in TR Times, BH Bulletin Board and InTouch.</p> <p>Sharon Gilbert Zile</p>	<p>YOGA</p> <p>Restorative Yoga (Improves flexibility): Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 a.m. Yoga for Athletes: Thursdays, 7:15-8:15 a.m. Both in Citrus West, January 14-March.</p> <p>Renee DeTar</p>
<p>YACHT CLUB SAILBOAT RACING</p> <p>Sailboat Open Practice: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. (December-March 15)</p> <p>Jamie Hyde</p>	<p>RC MOTORSPORTS</p> <p>Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. at our track by the Snack Shack. Practice precedes race schedule. January-March.</p> <p>John Toombs</p>	<p>TR TRAVELAIRES ORCHESTRA</p> <p>Tuesdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.</p> <p>Pat Daubenmier</p>	<p>ZUMBA</p> <p>Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in Citrus West. Cardio dance. January-March.</p> <p>Bev Weissinger</p>
<p>YACHT CLUB POWERBOAT RACING</p> <p>Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake (January-March 15).</p> <p>Howard Best Don Meddles</p>	<p>SOCIAL FOR NEW RESIDENTS</p> <p>Red Dot Social: 2nd Thursdays. Nov/Dec: 12:00-1:00 pm in Citrus West. Jan-Mar: Coffee Seminar (2nd Th., 8-9:00 am) in Busch Hall. New residents learn about all that TR has to offer!</p> <p>Diana Hill</p>	<p>TRAVELOGUE</p> <p>2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus East. January thru March.</p> <p>Bert Contractor</p>	
<p>MODEL RAILROAD CLUB</p> <p>Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building (Dec-March).</p> <p>Brian Krupicka</p>	<p>ROCK PAINTING</p> <p>Wednesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. December-March.</p> <p>Marcia Hatfield</p>	<p>TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)</p> <p>Movie shorts at 6:45 p.m., feature movies start at 7:00 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January thru March.</p> <p>Jim and Carol Henrikson</p>	



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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
Volunteer TR Tour Director

The 2025 TR Travel Tours promise to offer wonderful opportunities and experiences both in Central Florida and New Orleans. Three of the tours are day trips, beginning with pick-up at the Busch Hall parking lot by our Small World Tours luxury motor-coach. Each trip requires a paid reservation with all checks made payable to Small World Tours and mailed in our park mail to Sharon Zile at lot 2540. Reservation deadlines vary and are listed on the trip flyers which are on the InTouch Community app, the bulletin boards in the Post Office Lobby and Busch Hall as well as in *The TR Times*. Reservation fees include bus transportation and driver tip, tour/activity and a meal with tip. All reservations are transferable if you must cancel and completely refundable if cancelled before the reservation deadline.

Currently, we are collecting paid reservations for a Jan. 23 luncheon cruise on the Starlite Majesty with a reservation deadline of Jan. 9. You may wish to call me to check on availability because this trip has been filling fast and a Wait List will fill sets for any last minute cancellations.

In addition to day trips, we have planned a 5-day bus trip to New Orleans. This trip departs from Busch Hall on Monday, March 10 and returns on Friday,



Dan Zile flashing beads.

March 14. If you've always wanted to see the French Quarter, visit Mardi Gras World where all the floats are made, see the above-ground cemeteries, tour an historic sugar plantation, explore the National WWII Museum, take a dinner cruise on a Mississippi River boat and more, then this is your trip! All of this without the burden of driving, selecting an appropriate hotel or getting into the Mardi Gras crowds! Our NOLA hotel is in a great location near the French Quarter. On our way to NOLA, our first night will be a stop at the Beau Rivage Hotel and Casino in Biloxi, Miss. Use your free play money to gamble if you wish, shop, or bring along your favorite games to play with your TR friends. Many meals and the famous NOLA sweet treat beignets are included! This trip still has openings and must have a minimum of 32 participants. Take a look at the flyer and join this fun travel bunch by making a reservation before Jan. 9. Please call me or make a call to Leona at Small World Tours 863-420-0146 to reserve your seat.



Photos submitted by Sharon Zile

New Orleans, always fun.

My personal experiences in NOLA include numerous visits. For several years after the Katrina Hurricane, I taught new Teach for America teachers as they began their careers in the New Orleans Public Schools. Those trips gave me little time to explore this unique city. However, later visits with my Brazilian daughter and her young family have given us quality family time and local guidance for exploring. Adriana's home is near Tulane University and the St. Charles Street Trolley, giving us a great opportunity to venture out into the city. We have experienced afternoon Mardi Gras Parades family style, complete with Adriana's homemade red beans and rice and decorative ladders to help her small children have an above-the-crowd view.

by Pam Watkins SunKicks Holiday Spectacular

Various dates and times now through Sunday, Dec. 22, Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theatre, 16128 U.S. Hwy. 19, Hudson.

Celebrate the excitement, humor and nostalgia of the Yuletide season with this all-new holiday spectacular. This dazzling new production features the best mix of today's holiday hits and timeless Christmas classics sung by Broadway's best voices and starring the precision kickline choreography of Florida's toe-tappin', dancin'-n-prancin' SunKicks. Dinner and show \$74 standard seating and \$84 for premium seating. See <https://suncoastbroadway.com> or call 727-863-7949 for more information.

Christmas Market at Dade City Farms

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 and Dec. 13 and 14, 5 to 9 p.m., 17143 Lake Iola Rd., Dade City.

Join us for a magical evening under the Christmas lights at Dade City Farms for our annual Christmas Market. Get into the holiday spirit with festive fun for the whole family:

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Sharon Zile, oh those Beignets.

My husband Dan Zile and I will accompany this TR New Orleans trip as well as each day trip. We love spending time with our TR friends and find that every TR Travel Trip is a great way to make new friends and discover new places in Central Florida and beyond!

Let the Good Times roll!
Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Local Holiday Events

Lighted hayride - Take a cozy ride through our dazzling Christmas Light Show.

Holiday Shopping - Browse local vendors and find special gifts for everyone on your list.

Meet Santa - Share your wish list with Santa and capture memorable family photos.

Farm fun - Enjoy all our favorite farm activities, including the petting zoo, giant slide, corn box, jump pad, tire playground and more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children.

Visit <https://flsportscoast.com/event/christmas-market-at-dade-city-farms/> for more info.



Main Street Zephyrhills Festival of Lights

Saturday, Dec. 7, 4 to 9 p.m., Main Street in Zephyrhills.

Celebrate the season with food trucks, live music, parade and holiday lights. Parade starts at 7 p.m.

Pioneer Christmas and Vintage Market

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd., Dade City.

Discover a treasure trove of unique vendors, indulge in delicious treats from the food trucks while enjoying live entertainment and engage with the knowledgeable docents, dressed in charming time-period attire. Admission is \$10 for adults and children under age 5 are free.

Dade City Symphony

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., the Pasco Middle School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss a beat, you will want to attend this free, donations accepted concert. Come early as seats fill up quickly. If you miss this event, see it for a repeat performance on Saturday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m., the Discover Fellowship Church in Dade City during the Historic Dade City Church Street Christmas event. See below in this article.



Downtown Dade City Christmas Stroll

Saturday, Dec. 14, 5 to 9 p.m., 37918 Meridian Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Come join us for the Downtown Dade City Christmas Stroll, a festive event filled with holiday cheer, shopping, food and fun.

Wesley Chapel Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m., the event center at Southern Charm RV Park, 37811 Chancey Rd., Zephyrhills. Come out and enjoy this amazing group of musicians who always raise the roof at their events. Concert is free, donations accepted. Seating is limited.

Dade City Church Street Christmas

Saturday through Monday, Dec. 21 to 23, 7 to 9 p.m., along historic Church Ave. in Dade City.

Dade City's Church Street Christmas is an annual event along the historic Church Ave, where carolers, choirs, dancers, organizations and musicians perform for you along the luminaria-lit sidewalks and decorated homes.



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Dade City Symphony
Presents
"Celebrate the Season"
December 14th @ 7 pm
Join us for an evening of holiday music
Admission is FREE
Pasco Middle School Auditorium
13925 14th St. Dade City, FL 33525
General Seating, Doors open at 6:30 pm
Visit us online at <http://www.dadecitysymphony.org>

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PRESENTS:
STARLITE MAJESTY
January 23rd, 2025**

Come join us aboard as we travel to beautiful Clearwater to board the Starlite Majesty Dining Yacht. This sleek and modern 115 foot ship offers a lovely fine dining themed cruise. With large picture windows offering panoramic views of the coast, as the ship cruises the smooth scenic inland waters of Florida's gulf coast. We will enjoy a 2 hour lunch cruise as the Captain narrates a tour of the surrounding areas. Sign up today! Activity Level 1

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- * R/T transportation
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- * Lunch, tax & gratuity
- * Driver Gratuity

Full payment due at time of reservation.
No refunds after 01-09-25. Tickets are transferable.
Make checks payable to Small World Tours.
Motor coach departs from Busch Hall 9:30AM & returns at 4:00PM

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Library News

The library is decked out in the Christmas Spirit



by Amy Peebles

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Library. Members of the TR Decorating Committee have worked their magic and the library is looking very festive and inviting.

Complementing the décor is the section of Christmas books from some of your favorite authors and there are also Christmas CDs and DVDs to enjoy.

Now that the decorating is done and Christmas is nearly here, thoughts may turn to shopping for your favorite bookworm. In addition to books, there are many other ideas that any reader would enjoy.

Before you grab your favorite book, you need a place to settle in and relax. Important to any reader is good lighting, so a book light and a comfy pillow, or adjustable book stand are always good choices. Once settled in, how about a special mug to enjoy a hot cup of tea or cocoa while you read away or journals to keep track of books read or any notes you may want to jot down about your favorite quote or character. Something as simple as a special bookmark is a nice keepsake to use time and again.

The possibilities are endless and are as close as shopping online or taking a trip to Dade City to visit the shops and boutiques for just that perfect gift for your favorite bookworm.

Garden News

by Nancy McDowell

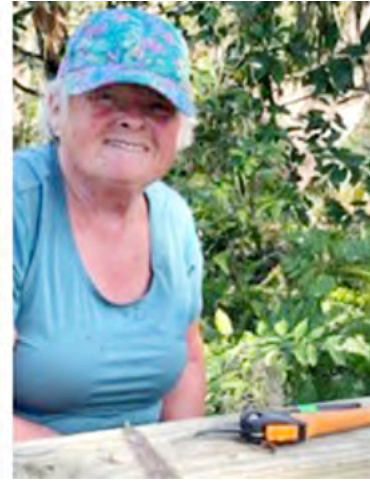
It is a dirty and back-breaking job but, baby, we were born to weed. After the Milton clean up and tree clearing, early returning Lake Margaret Garden Club (LMGC) members dug in with both gloved hands. In very short order the TR Garden looks amazing after their pulling and whacking.

When the "seasonals" left in the spring, the garden was just perfect. Surprise, surprise, gardens need a lot of maintenance. Finicky and needy they are. The TR Garden is no exception and without a few months of tending to, this garden gets overrun by weeds.

Per Master Gardner Phyllis Zitzer, one of the biggest challenges the LMGC members face when they return in the fall is to rid "our desirable plants of invasive weeds, such as air potato vines, skunkweed and others." LMGC volunteers work season-round to remove invasive plants and weeds so they will not choke out the plants we want. In particular, the air potato vine is just dastardly with the way it curls around tender stems and knots itself around sturdier plants and yet no potatoes grow from it, so it is not even functional.



Invasive vs non-native, poTAYto-vine vs poTAHto-vine, there actually is a difference. According to the Florida Native Plant Society they define "Non-Native, Alien, Introduced or Exotic" plants as those "whose natural range does not include Florida. These species may have been introduced intentionally or accidentally." (Think: bougainvillea.) They define an "Invasive Plant" as one that grows "so profusely that it takes over. Usually not native, though there are some natives (for example, cattails) which can take over in areas that have been altered. For cattails, they had areas where water levels were stabilized and excess nutrients were available." They further explain that just because a plant is a non-native it may not be invasive. "Of the more



DONNA WEST, CATHEY HOLLEY, CINDY TINKHAM AND MARY DeWEERD

Weeding is FUN-damental



Photos by Nancy McDowell

Barbara Myles and Laura Weik having FUN.

than 20,000 plants that have been introduced to Florida, fewer than 300 are generally considered to be invasive." (Think: potato vine.)

The Nature Conservancy website claims all of Florida's native habitats, including those for snails, amphibians, mammals and plants, are threatened by invasive species. The Florida Invasive Species Council lists 165 invasive plant species in Florida currently.

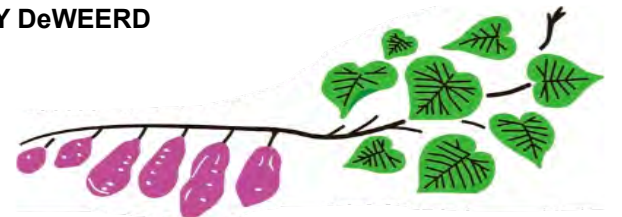
The cost of managing invasive plants in this state is approximately \$100 million annually. Yowza!

Fortunately, we only need to contend with a small number of extremely aggressive and super-productive weeds. The TR Garden is comprised of as many native plants as possible, with a number of non-native, non-invasive plants, mostly for a splash of color.

Beyond TR, you can get closer to native plants. For nearby trails go to www.fnps.org/natives/interpretive-trails. Wondering where to purchase native-to-Florida plants? Try the Master Gardener Nursery at 19490 Oliver Street, Brooksville, open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Come take a stroll through the TR Garden and enjoy all the results of the weeders' hard work.

Upcoming TR Garden events: Lake Margaret Garden Christmas Stroll, "Sprinkle, Twinkle and Nog," Dec. 11, 1 to 3 p.m.



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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Doug and Karen Waymouth are from Chatham, Ontario. They had been hoping to find a place in Florida to escape to during the cold Canadian winters. They heard about Travelers Rest and soon discovered they had family and friends who were already a part of TR. Like many of us, they started on the Hill in their camper, but soon found they loved it so much here they were ready to buy a place and are now in RV South.

Doug and Karen have always loved dogs and have had several. Some were Schnauzers and there was even a cute little Chihuahua in the mix. At one point, after they lost what they thought was going to be their last dog, things changed. Their granddaughter had moved in with them, and about the time she turned 14, she announced that she really wanted a dog. This led to a road trip to check out a litter of Schnoodle puppies. Oh, were those puppies ever cute! Of course one of the puppies came home with them. Jack had now entered the family. He was very affectionate and loved everyone...especially kids. This love of people has continued into adulthood.

Jack is now seven years old and going strong. They had a scare



JACK

years ago when he ate something that caused severe kidney problems, but that all was treated and now he's a healthy, happy guy. He loves long walks, and if he happens onto a water bottle that someone dropped, he will carry it home. If their walk happens to take them down First Street and he sees a stick laying loose from the hurricane debris, he picks it up and carries that home too. Jack is definitely looking after the environment.

Car rides are okay but not as much fun as buzzing around on a

golf cart. He loves his dog toys too. They are perfect for chewing, but of course Mommy will sew them up. Dog treats are yummy, but he puts a doggy smile on his furry face when a healthy carrot is offered to him. The vet is happier that Jack is eating carrots rather than dog treats.

If you happen to be at the South Paw Dog Park at the end of 10th and 14th Streets during the 2 p.m. small dog time, make sure you say hi to Jack. He loves visitors and is great with all dogs and people.

Birding Activity



Welcome back snowbirds!

by Tom Butler

What a wonderful time of year. Cooler temperatures, holiday spirit and our northern friends joining us after being gone way too long. It is so exciting to see the birds return. What? Did you think I was talking about the people? Well of course we are glad to welcome our human friends back, but we need to stay on the topic of snowbirds – you know – the ones with feathers. I apologize for any misunderstanding. So, where were we?

Baltimore Orioles are one of the most strikingly beautiful birds that come to visit our park. The jet-black coloration contrasting with blaze orange can be spotted in the tall trees without the use of binoculars. This member of the blackbird family is in the park now and will stick around through March if they can find insects, flowers and fruit to feed on. Most birders realize that mealworms, orange slices and grape jelly will make the Orioles frequent visitors to your feeders and yard. They will occasionally be joined by Orchard Orioles that migrate along beside them. If you plan on putting fruit in trays, they like it to be ripe and of dark coloration. Purple grapes instead of green grapes which may be ignored completely. They seem to be a bit picky. These are fun ways to attract Orioles but when it comes to attracting Orioles, the ultimate food is a big fat caterpillar. They cannot resist a caterpillar. Can you?

Orioles build hanging bag-like nests of tightly woven plant material in dense deciduous trees. There they will lay 4 or 5 eggs that hatch in a mere 12 to



Photo by Tom Butler

Baltimore Oriole

14 days. Both parents will feed them until they fledge in another 12 to 14 days. The favorite tree for building nests is the Elm. Dutch Elm disease over the years has created a slight decline in their population. This loss of habitats is a huge problem worldwide. We must improve our strategies to protect all of nature.

The Baltimore Orioles spend their summers in the northeastern U.S. but travel as far south as Central and South America. Florida is a frequent stopover for many Orioles as well as hundreds of other species. Eight of those species are Orioles that frequent the U.S.

The Baltimore Oriole is the State Bird of Maryland and has been since 1947. The Oriole has received protection since 1882 in the State of Maryland, 36 years

before Congress passed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act in 1918. This was a landmark decision which has protected our migratory species ever since. It seems like the correct thing to do for a bird that was named after Lord Baltimore.

Get out there and enjoy the beauty of nature. Watch for that flash of blaze orange in the tree-tops. You just might get lucky!

And the beat goes on

by Carol Lauer

Mother Nature has devised many interesting ways for plants to propagate. The first step is to insure pollination so that viable seeds are available to produce the next generation. Plants often rely on wind or specific insects for pollination, but this is just the beginning. After pollination, seeds need to "leave home" and start a new life. Seed dispersal in the plant kingdom is a particularly fascinating phenomenon. Plants take advantage of all sorts of methods for distributing their species by relying on wind, insects, animals and water.

Last summer I was relaxing on my front porch in the shade of the trees that border our yard. The Norway maple was loaded with seeds called **samaras** or **keys**. A samara is a thin, flattened winged structure that encloses a seed of the maple tree. In a Norway maple, the samara is double-winged with the seeds toward the inner edges of the joined wings. They are often referred to as **wingnuts**, **helicopters** or **whirlbirds**. Their unique design allows them to be carried long distances by the wind, their wings rapidly spinning as they travel and the weighted seeds ready to be buried in the earth.

Our Mountain Ash generates new saplings in a much different way. Now this tree is not really an ash but rather a member of the Rose family. In the spring it is full of tiny white clusters of flowers which become orange-red fruit in the summer. It is tempting to call the fruit "berries," but they

are actually pomes, much like rose hips or very small apples. Well-suited to the weather in the northern part of our country, the Mountain Ash retains its fruit well into the winter, providing food for many species of birds and small animals such as Ruffed Grouse, Cedar Waxwings, squirrels and rodents. These feeders in turn distribute the seeds of this tree via their waste products insuring survival of the Mountain Ash.

At the end of our driveway grows a Bur Oak, also known as a Mossycup Oak. Like most oaks it produces acorns to propagate its species. Oaks are actually members of the Beech family. This species has leaves with rounded lobes like most of the white oaks. It produces acorns that are sweet-tasting and attract squirrels in particular. The squirrels play their part in continuing the spread of oaks by carrying the acorns off in widespread directions and burying them for winter eating. They sometimes forget their hiding places though and previously hidden caches of acorns may instead germinate into sapling oaks.

These are just a few of the methods that plants use to insure survival. Other strategies include plants whose seeds stick to the fur of rodents and other animals scampering through the woods and meadows, eventually rubbing off in new territory and germinating. Water also carries seeds to new locations for the continuation of species. Mother Nature continues to amaze us with her nurturing of new life.

Weather wonders in the world around us

by Carol Lauer

Why do we say "It smells like rain?"

Years ago people attributed the smell of air just before a rainstorm to ozone in the atmosphere. However, ozone is found far above any clouds that produce rain. A more accurate answer is that plants give off oils that mingle with earthy odors deep in the soil. When the relative humidity is 80% or above, these odors are released into the air. As the humid air swirls around us, we become aware of that earthy scent. Since rain so often follows this humid air full of earthy scents, we say, "It smells like rain."

If hail is made of ice, why do we usually have hailstorms in the summer?

Heat in the summer air often

rises to form turbulent clouds called cumulonimbus clouds or thunderheads. Some meteorologists say that tiny ice pellets form in these clouds, start to fall to earth and are swept back up by the turbulence, adding an icy layer. Each repetition adds an additional layer of ice making the hailstones bigger and bigger until they finally fall to the ground. Others say that the icy pellets continue falling once they start, but the updrafts may cause them to stall periodically on their way down, adding more layers of ice. Perhaps both theories are correct.

Why are snowflakes always six-sided?

Now you could write a book on this topic, but the short answer is because of the shape of the water molecules that make up snowflakes. Snow is not merely frozen rain; rather snowflakes are born when water vapor collects around dust and other particles high in the atmosphere. A molecule of water is made up of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom arranged in a definite pattern. When these water molecules join together high in the cold atmosphere, they form a hexagonal (six-sided) pattern. The resultant snowflakes are stunning in structure, beautiful in form and awe-inspiring to watch as they float down to the ground. This is a great example of how science and beauty are intertwined.

Explanations of weather phenomenon can sometimes get pretty technical, but some authors have written entertaining as well as informative books on the subject. I would highly recommend the book *It's Raining Frogs and Fishes* by Jerry Dennis for hours of enjoyment.

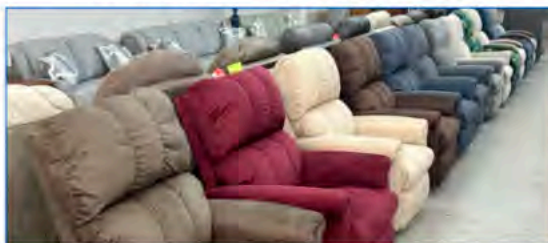
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Scenes from TR's annual Thanksgiving Feast



Concord University's Mountain Lions Women's Basketball Team from West Virginia were guests at TR's annual Thanksgiving Feast.

TR was blessed to host Concord University's Mountain Lions Women's Basketball Team from West Virginia at TR's Thanksgiving Feast held in Busch Hall last week.

The Mountain Lions were scheduled to play in the Tampa Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. Deborah May's granddaughter is the team's coach, and upon hearing that the team would be in town without plans for a Thanksgiving dinner, May and many TR helpers organized and decorated tables, donated food, and welcomed all of the team, their coaches, and some spouses to TR's Thanksgiving Feast.

Each team member received a large Gatorade, fruit that was wrapped and tied with hand-painted Christmas ornaments, as well as engraved leather TR tags to remember the occasion.



Darold and Marilyn Long are set to enjoy the annual feast.



A special table was reserved for the visiting team. It was appropriately decorated with the team's logo.



Bill Wood and Bob Passagaluppi, two Red Dot residents helped set up the feast.



A squirrel, bear and chipmunk provide a change from the usual turkey motifs.



The Mountain Lion's team logo is a paw print.



That bird does not look like a turkey.



Pumpkins and Pilgrims decorated one table.

A Thanksgiving Feast thank you

by Pat Butler

Thanks to all TR residents and friends who joined us in our Thanksgiving Feast. More than 160 hungry eaters and food for all was the successful plan for the day. Our special guests, the Concord University Mountain Lions Women's Basketball Team, stopped by on a holiday tourney trip to share food and fellowship with us.

We topped off the day with Bill Wise's annual holiday trivia game. Congrats to table #6 for snagging top honors. A big thanks to Pastor Anthony for welcoming the group and serving as MC and to Guy Weik for all the help that made everything run smoothly. To all who helped set up and take down, a big thank you.

Also a very special thanks to all who played a part in getting the basketball table together. The whole day was a perfect example of TR coming together in friendship.



The message to "give thanks" expresses the true message of the day.

Photos by Bill and Pam Watkins

TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League results for Nov. 27

by Kathy Reimann

We had 20 players and some very impressive results. Congratulations to my player of the week Maureen Peet. Shirt is picture of the golf prize of the week. (Yes I have more of these in my bag of goodies.) We are off to a great year with already 30 players signed up! Next play is Dec. 11.

Low Gross		Birdies
Maureen Peet 31		Maureen #2,4,7,9
Hazel English..... 34		Hazel #3,4
Sylvia Cole..... 38		Marijo #9
Low Net		Low Putts
Joan McLean..... 33		Maureen 11
Val Smith..... 34		
Mary DeWeerd		No Chip Ins
Dee Branchaud		
Marijo Noll 35		



Photo by Kathy Reimann
Maureen Peet wearing her prize shirt.

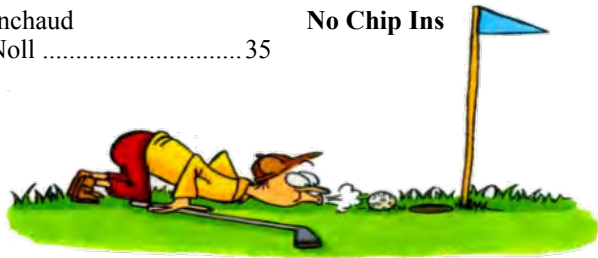


Men's Golf League results for Nov. 28

by Barry English

Good turnout on our Thanksgiving Men's League. Beautiful weather. Lots of birdies!

Low Handicap (0-8)	Birdies:
	Dave Kat 2
Low Gross	Barry English,
Barry English,	Don Buchser,
Ralph Smith 35	Phil Simmers,
Dan Varner,	Ralph Smith,
Gary Wintle 36	Rob Prophet,
	Bill Holley..... 1
Low Net	High Handicap (9+)
Don Buchser,	
Phil Simmers 30	Low Gross
Ken Person,	John DeWeerd 46
Rob Prophet,	
Terry Halbrook 31	Low Net
	Doug Waymouth 38
Closest to pin #5:	Closest to pin #3:
Gary Wintle 15' 8"	Bill Holley 6' 8"



Joker players have not lost their marbles

by Marilyn Collins

Reprinted from *The TR Times* archives Dec. 4, 2004.

Joker is an easily learned board game with five marbles for each player. Each player is dealt five cards depending on the house rules which determine movement on the board. The objective is to move five marbles from a "start" position around the board to your

"home." Update: the game may also be played with two cards and sometimes pegs are used instead of marbles.

The game is usually played by four or six players with two to three on a team. Each player uses one color marble and assists their partner when possible and appropriate, usually with joy as they move their partner closer to his or her "home."

Players may be more gleeful when they bump their opponent back to their "start" position.

The namesake card of the game Joker is highly sought to perform several moves. Primarily, it can be used to send either your partner to the entrance of their "home" or send your opponent back to "start" and place your marble in their position.

All residents, beginners or experienced, are invited to play this fun, fascinating and frustrating game on Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. January to March and on Fridays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. November to March in Citrus West.

Safety Tips In and Around the Practice Range

by George Paquette

The Practice Range here at Travelers Rest is one of our best assets. The Range is well maintained by a dedicated team of volunteers led by John Schoonover as well as the regular maintenance crew who take care of grass cutting. They ensure that it is at its best at all times. No words can explain the benefits achieved on the golf course when you spend some time on the Practice Range. You can practice your swing, figure out the distances achieved with different clubs and then you can practice chipping and putting on our practice green. A little time every week can improve your score and enjoyment of the golf course immensely. Before you hit the course and throughout the season give our Practice Range a try, you will not be disappointed.

Of course your time at the Practice Range should be a safe experience and golfers must adhere to some basic safety rules.

1. Exercise caution when entering the Practice Range, standing well back from the swings of other golfers.

2. Stay in the stall or behind. Should you hit a range ball and it trickles ahead 5 or 6 feet, never walk onto the Range to retrieve the ball. You could get hit with a shot from a golfer who unloads an errant shot. It is not worth taking a ball to the temple just to get one extra ball to hit.

3. Leave adequate space between golfers. This particularly applies on the grassed areas where there are no guidelines outlining appropriate distances between golfers. As a general rule an area of 5 or 6 feet should be maintained on either side of your typical swinging area.

4. Always be sure never to use a golf club that will exceed 170 yards. To do so could risk the safety of golfers on the #9 tee box.

5. The TR Practice Range

requires that users pick up their balls every half hour. It is an easy task using the ball retrievers and generally takes about five minutes. It is very important that all balls are picked up for safety reasons. Several years ago a ball left on the Range was caught in the mower blades during routine grass cutting. That ball was ejected from the mower and blasted across TR Blvd. seriously damaging a trailer. One only needs to consider the potential lethal consequences had that ball hit a pedestrian walking along the street.

The safety rules are few, but important. With a little common sense we can all enjoy the TR golf experience with the least amount of personal risk.

Give the Practice Range a try, I'm sure you will find it was worth the effort and it's a lot of fun too.

Cheers.



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Obituaries

KAREL JAN BECK

Karel Jan Beck passed away peacefully at home with a houseful of loved ones by his side on July 16, 2024 in his 95th year. Beloved husband to Ann (Anneke) for 68 years, he was a loving father to their children Joe, Betty Ann, twin girls (died 1960), Trisia (died 1996) and Lynn (Patrick), grandfather to five and great grandfather to four.

Karel immigrated to Canada in 1952 and was determined to make a better life for himself. He worked in many different jobs, often working a couple of jobs at the same time. As a welder by trade he worked at Massey Ferguson in Brantford, Ontario for 15 years. He took courses to become a lifeguard and swimming instructor and worked every summer at a pool. He played in a dance band every Saturday and in the Symphony Orchestra in Brantford. He was the President of the Optimist Club and volunteered with different organizations.

In 1969 he and Ann purchased Nogies Creek Resort and the family moved to Bobcaygeon, Ontario. They ran the resort for 20 years. He soon got involved in the community volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce, Winter Carnival, Bobcaygeon Village Aires Drum Chorp, Director of the Community Choir and the Trinity United Church Choir, Dog Trainer (for 50 years he was judge of the Bobcaygeon Fall Fair Dog Show), Township Councillor, President of the Bobcaygeon Fiddle and Step Dance Group and the list goes on.

Karel had a great sense of humor and a joy for life. He loved to travel with Ann, especially in their RV and for 20 years they spent their winters at TR. He was passionate about nature and music. Karel's favorite was his violin and he enjoyed the fellowship playing brought to him. He touched many lives with his music.

His love for sailing, inherited from his Netherlands-raised father, found its outlet by sailing for more than 20 years at the Bobcaygeon Yacht Club with his daughter Lynn.

Karel was a role model to his family and always had a way of putting things into perspective. He will be missed by all those whose life he touched.

ALEXANDER MITCHELL CRAWFORD

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the peaceful passing of Alexander Mitchell Crawford, 79, on July 8, 2024 at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Alexander was born Dec. 18, 1941 in Scotland and made Canada his home in 1979. He dedicated 30 years of his life as a Millwright for General Motors, a source of great pride for him. He was a member of the Masons and Eastern Star-Whitney Chapter as well as a member of the CAW Union.

He was a dedicated member of the Peterborough Presbyterian Church.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his wife Maggie, his children Margaret (Stephen), Sandy, Tracy (Scott) and Robert, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren as well as former wife Irene.

Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

DORIS JEAN HELKER

Doris Jean Helker passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on Sept. 5, 2024 in Chesterfield, Mo. She was born Nov. 28, 1931 in St. Louis, Mo.

Jean was predeceased by her beloved husband Harry Robert Helker as well as her children Robert Helker and Bonnie Wangler. She is survived by her grandchildren Chelsea Anderson, Lisa Rodgers, Mike Helker and Chris Helker as well as six great grandchildren.

She will be remembered by many whom she taught throughout her career as a gifted education teacher. She shared her talent with other TR residents during the many years she lived in the Village on 2640. She was on the staff of *The TR Times* where she contributed stories and created the weekly cartoon. She was also an active member of the church by being a member of the choir and playing the piano.

For many years she and her husband traveled all across the U.S. and all the Canadian Provinces with their Airstream club and with the St. Louis Camera Club.

Jean touched many lives with her kind and caring nature. She will be missed deeply by those she has left behind.

RONALD LEE HERMAN

Ronald (Ron) Lee Herman, 78, of Dade City, Fla., formerly of Cambridge, Ohio, passed away Oct. 30, 2024 at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. He was born June 18, 1946, son of Raymond and Dorothy (Riffle) Herman. He graduated from Old Washington High School in 1964 and married his high school sweetheart, Sandi Stoneburner on Jan. 31, 1965.

Ron worked as a welder for Columbia Gas Transmissions for over 30 years. He was very active in his childrens' lives, coaching his son in baseball from Minor League to Little League as well as Pony League and the All-Star Team. He was an advisor for his daughter's 4-H Club and attended all her sporting events.

He was a volunteer fire fighter for Cassell Station for many years. As a member of Guernsey Lodge #66 and Guernsey Chapter #211 of the Order of Eastern Star he held many offices including Worthy Patron in 2008.

For the last 16 years he and Sandi spent their winters in Florida at TR on lot 13-03, only this June making Florida their permanent home.

He enjoyed playing golf almost daily with his TR buddies and when in Ohio he enjoyed his golf leagues at Wildfire Golf Course. Sunday mornings were reserved for worship with his TR Community Church friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Sandi, two children, Ron Jr. and daughter Amy (Rick) Ridenour and two grandchildren.

OBITUARY NOTE

Mary Louise Robbins was born in Warsaw, Ind.



Obituary submission

The TR Times includes obituaries of former residents in its various issues. Sharon Cook is our Obituary Editor and is responsible for writing these obituaries.

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Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 Years Ago - 1994

- Volunteer carpenter Frances Peloquin and his assistant, Aaron Watkins, are redoing the TR Post Office's resident service window. It will be six times larger.
- Emergency situations at Travelers Rest are in good hands with the folks at 911. The emergency alarm buttons outside Busch Hall, The Country Store, the swimming pool and the laundry room were out of whack due to a lightning strike sometime last summer and have been repaired. Also the buttons that are located at the TR office, The Snack Shack, the fire station and the propane tank area.
- Newlyweds at Travelers Rest. Chuck and Jean Mears were married in January 1993 and are getting settled at site 2803 in the Village.

20 Years Ago - 2004

- The Birds and the Bees at TR. Most of us are familiar with mosquitoes and spiders, but Florida fire ants can be a painful, itchy problem.
- Joker players have not lost their marbles. Joker is an easily learned board game with five marbles for each player. The objective is to move five marbles from a start position around the board to your home.
- Caution, gingerbread house under construction. Gingerbread practice range team is driven by Clint Taylor, Gladys Taylor, Harriet Bannon and Phyllis Simmers.
- Stamp Out Stress. During the holidays, stress in our lives may increase considerably. A couple of indicators are tension headaches and poor sleep patterns. Exercise, creativity, doing nothing, a foot massage, peppermint and decluttering are some ways to relieve stress.

10 Years Ago - 2014

- Get ready to plunge and play some water volleyball. Americans and Canadians, you are needed to support your country and have some fun on Jan. 1, 8 a.m. The Polar Plunge Into the Icy (a bag of ice cubes) Pool is a tradition.
- We are the TR Lady Builders. The Women's Build for Habitat for Humanity will be Feb. 6, 7, 27 and 28. The Women's Build helps women empower other women.

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