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Hi Lites

TR Annual Christmas Feast

Signup in Busch Hall. See page 6.



Holiday Greetings across the miles

Due to thetrimes@gmail.com by 5 p.m. today, Friday, Dec. 13. See page 2.

TR Dance Night

Friday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Busch Hall. See page 6.

Garden Club Garden Walk

Please note: the Lake Margaret Garden Club Garden Walk has been changed to Sunday, Dec. 15, 4 to 5:30 p.m.



Busch Hall Sunday Night

Presents TR Celebration Choir performing their annual Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 2.

TR prepares to help local families

Food and Angel Tree donations due Monday, Dec. 16. See page 7.

TR Annual Holiday Food Drive

All cash and food donations due Monday, Dec. 16. See page 7.

Activity Reminders

Coffee Socials

Begin Jan. 6, 7:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. See page 6.

Tuesday Night Movies

The first show will be Jan. 7 with "Bob Marley-One Love" in Citrus East. See page 2.

Wednesday Concert Series

Kicks off with The Byrne Brothers on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 2.

Dining with Friends

Is set for Saturday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. Check the Dec. 20 edition of *The TR Times* for more information.

TR Fashion Show

Save the date. See page 6.

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If these walls could talk . . . Chapter 2

by Margaret Emmetts

I have the distinction of being the largest building at TR and probably the first one built by the TR organization. Ground for my construction was broken on Dec. 8, 1972. Of course I was named after my father Jacob Busch.

Few people know that my current dimension of 80 x 150 feet was not the size originally planned. Actually I was only supposed to be 2/3 that size but it was quickly realized before construction began that the original proposal was way too small.

My original plans called for me to house restrooms, showers, laundromat, stage, a kitchen and have the capacity to seat 800 people.



File photos

Busch Hall floor being poured.

I could probably write a whole book about all the activities I have witnessed over the past 52 years.

Every Sunday I am home to

the TR Church Service attended by hundreds of people. My grand piano is admired by every artist who has had the privilege of tickling its keys. With the theater-style organ on the opposite side of my stage they make an awesome pair. On Sunday evenings I host an Ice Cream Social and professionals who entertain our residents.

I have hosted Shareholders Meetings, Hobby and Art Shows, Talent Shows, Little Theatre, Health Fairs, Memorial Services, Friday Night Dances, New Year's Eve parties, Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Suppers and card games to name just a few of the many events. I even held a wedding reception.

But, just as times and uses change as the years pass, so I had to change.



The steel frame goes up.

I have had several different sound systems installed which necessitated a Sound Booth being

built. This had to be expanded as my system grew and became modernized. Have you noticed my new LED lighting system for the stage? I now have the ability to produce lighting effects comparable to most commercial theaters. TV monitors now grace my walls. Pretty fancy eh!

My original kitchen has seen multiple upgrades causing its size to change considerably over the years. Why just this year my wall was pushed out to provide more space.

If you are new to the park you might not realize that I once housed a Country Store. That was discontinued some years ago and that space is now TR's Library.

A little-known fact about me is that my stage was enlarged many years ago. The original stage just came to where the curtain closes. The area in front of the curtain is my new section. Did you know that there are not supposed to be more than 55 persons on the stage at any one time? Just a couple of years ago my stage was dedicated to Doug Pedersen who was the MC for our Sunday Night Entertainment for many years.

Everyone has some secrets and so do I. Above the Choir Room, which is to the right of the stage, is a large storage area. This is where all the costumes from prior Little Theatre productions are stored. It is also the place where Gloria Polzin keeps her sewing



Busch Hall nears completion.

machine. Gloria is the seamstress who creates all the spectacular costumes for the theatre group and our Christmas pageants.

I have another room no one sees. It is above the Library. It is here that components of our new sound systems live.

A new cooling system has made visiting me much more comfortable in hot weather. I am proud to be Busch Hall and the center of so much activity. I think my father, Jacob Busch, would be proud of how I have been able to adapt over the years and still look pretty good. Speaking of looks, you should see me at Christmas when I really shine. Decorated trees, lights, sparkly decorations hanging from the ceiling, I really glow.

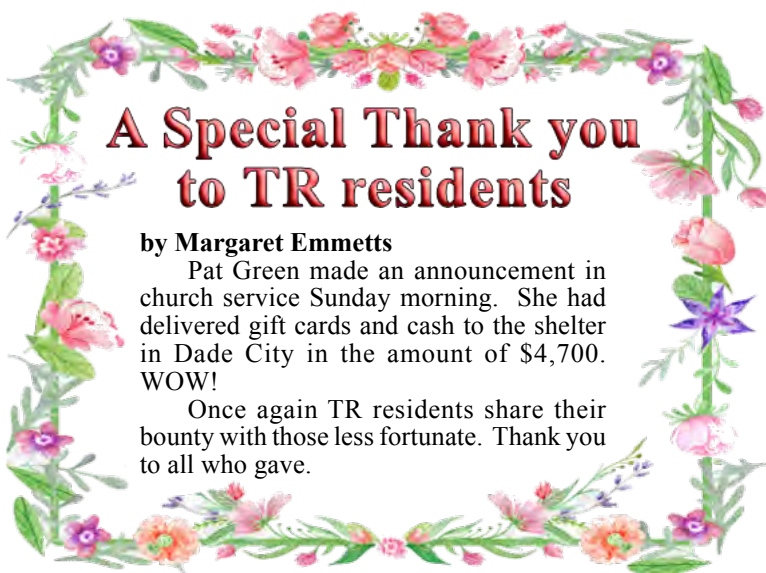
Can't help but wonder what the next 50 years will bring. Whatever it is, I am ready!

See what a drone can do



Photos by Wolf Reimann

These two photos show the physical structures that actually process the sewage.



A Special Thank you to TR residents

by Margaret Emmetts

Pat Green made an announcement in church service Sunday morning. She had delivered gift cards and cash to the shelter in Dade City in the amount of \$4,700. WOW!

Once again TR residents share their bounty with those less fortunate. Thank you to all who gave.

by Margaret Emmetts

At the last Forum there was considerable discussion about TR's sewage treatment plant. Most of us take sewage treatment for granted and probably did not even realize that the plant existed, where it was located, or what it looks like.

Fortunately Wolf Reimann has a drone and at Deborah May's request took photos of our system. These photos show the retention ponds discussed, as well as the physical structure of the plant.

Over the past 50 years that TR has been in existence, the park has invested approximately \$1.5 million in this facility.

The upgrades to the system, required by law, will probably total about \$600,000. As we were informed, instead of having to complete the project in one year, we have negotiated to complete within five years.

The first phase of the improvement will cost about \$150,000.

Many thanks to Jim Ridolfi who shared his 40 years experience in the business to save TR considerable money.



The retention ponds that receive processed water.

The last *TR Times* newspaper for 2024 will be published on Friday, Dec. 20 making today, Dec. 13 the deadline for all submissions for that final paper. Weekly publications will resume Friday, Jan. 10 with a deadline of Friday, Jan. 3 for all submissions for that issue. Submissions should be emailed to thetrimes@gmail.com. The *TR Times* office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Jan. 2.

Busch Hall Sunday Night presents the TR Celebration Choir

by Staff Reporter

The Christmas Season is here and Busch Hall Sunday Night on Dec. 15, has planned a very special night. The TR Celebration Choir and a few friends will present their annual Christmas program. The themes will be "Christmas is Merry" which will include a variety of secular holiday music and Christmas is Mary which will showcase the Christmas Story in sacred music and word. The choir is directed by Bernice Gutridge with narration by Anthony Shipe.

Wear your Christmas finery and come early for ice cream from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Ice cream costs \$1. There is no charge for admission. Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. with the program immediately following.



Photo by Pam Watkins



Photo by W. Watkins

Wally and Lana Wilson, Judy Moore and Linda Gavin work together to decorate one of the many Christmas trees in Busch Hall.

TR's own Gingerbread World competitor

by Richard Kushman

Bard Fuller again enters the Dade City Gingerbread World competition. Bard is a past winner and this year his exciting creation is truly a work of art. His "Twelve Days of Christmas" theme is very ambitious with over 70 characters surrounding a gingerbread castle and represents weeks of planning, design and construction.

Plan on visiting the First United Methodist Church, Christian Life Center Building to view all the fun entries. Mark the dates on your calendar, Dec. 21 to 23, 7 to 9 p.m. and support the arts.



Photo by Richard Kushman
Possibly another winner for Bard Fuller.

Tuesday Night Movies

by Carol & Jim Hendrickson

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.

Reports claim that "Thelma" is one of the best movie surprises in 2024. This will be the second TNM movie on Jan. 14. Inspired by his real-life grandmother who's still going at 103 years old. It tells the story of Thelma, a grandmother beloved by her grandson Daniel. One day, she gets scammed out of \$10,000 from a phone call that sounds like Daniel. Despite her suffocating daughter Gail and son-in-law Alan, she is inspired by Tom Cruise of "Mission Impossible" to track down and get back the money herself. With friend Ben and his scooter, they go on an action-packed adventure together. This movie highlights the fact that society tends to turn a blind eye or underestimate the elderly. "Thelma" has something for everyone: fun, humor, heart, a moving message, great performances and originality. This is a must-see movie!

For Jan. 21 we will show the much requested "Golda" from last season followed by newly released "Conclave" on Jan. 28. "Blitz" is scheduled on the Feb. 4. More details on these TNM's in the next TR Times articles.

The 2025 lineup continues with the following movies: 1. "Maestro," 2. "Anora," 3. "Wolfs," 4. "News of the World," 5. "Reagan," 6. "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," 7. "Nutcrackers."

Carol and I 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.

TNM messages in *The TR Times* and the InTouchLink app will provide updated information and scheduling for our entire 2025 Season. Hope to see you soon.

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.

Submit your greetings via email to thetrimes@gmail.com by Friday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. We will make every effort to publish all submissions.



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Briefings from the Board

Pets

by Deborah Mays, President/ CEO Board of Directors

We are seeing a lot of new faces in the park so far this season. Each year several of our residents choose not to return for one reason or another. They either sell their unit on their lot or turn their lot in to be leased to someone else. I cannot emphasize to new stockholders the importance of reading our policies and procedures. You will find these posted on our website under Resident login. If you need help accessing this website, please contact the office.

Pets are always welcome except in RV South on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Streets between 14th and 17th Avenues. (E2005) But we do only allow two pets per lot (two dogs, two cats, or one dog and one cat). (E2010)

The following canine (dog) breeds are prohibited on any site in RV South, the Cabanas, Golf View/Oak View and the Village. Pit Bulls/American Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chow Chow, Wolf Hybrids, Akitas and Presa Canaios. Traveler's Rest reserves the right to refuse entry of any pet to the park, as well as the right to



DEBORAH MAY

require removal of any pet from the park. (E1011) When walking your dog, you are required to have it on a sturdy leash not to exceed 8 feet in length. Extend-a-lease (retractable leashes) are not permitted at Travelers Rest.

We are fortunate to have two public dog parks for our canine friends to run free in with shelters from the sun for their owners. One up by the Citrus Building and the other at the bottom of 10th and 14th Streets. Please observe the posted times at each park for small dogs and large dogs. The time is different at each park in order to facilitate all residents' schedules. All pets are required to always be under the control and visual observation of their owners. Allowing pets to run free will not

be tolerated. (E1025) These parks are run and maintained by the Pet Lover's Club. If you are interested in becoming a part of that group, watch for the posting of their meeting times on InTouch. They also help new pet owners who are in need of pet supplies and accept donations of gently used pet items such as beds, leashes, harnesses, clothes, etc. You will see them at the Flea Market in Busch Hall or at the Yard Sale in the park offering pet owners a chance to get items for a simple donation.

Travelers Rest anticipates having between 250 and 300 dogs in the park during this season. If you prefer to just walk your dog, please review the approved areas listed in Policy E2015 and the prohibited areas. The park does prohibit pets near Vanishing Lake because we do have at least one alligator and maybe more at any time. You may also see an alligator on the Golf Course, please be vigil when walking in those areas even if you don't have a pet.

All pets must be registered with the office regardless of how long you are here at Travelers Rest. The Travelers Rest Resort policies governing Pets can be found under E1000 to E2030 in our Policy Manual.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Rich Kushman

With the park running smoothly, Ray and I had to work at what to report. The hurricane debris is slowly disappearing, the park is filling up as people return and all is well, although a little chilly. One of the chores accomplished this summer was stripping, cleaning and waxing all the floors which gets Busch Hall and all the buildings ready for activities and entertainment. Ray said they always put eight coats of wax on the floors providing good protection for the whole season.

The new Dog Park roof is complete and will provide welcome shade when the hot Florida sun returns. The pool was cleaned and rebalanced, something they do twice a year. A cleaning agent is poured into the pool and left until the next day when the interior is

brushed clean. The hot tub is drained and cleaned three times a week then refilled using balanced water from the pool. Because of water temperature the hot tub uses extra chlorine to keep the water safe. The pool however is balanced with salt and has an automatic system to maintain the proper level. TR has four licensed crew members checking the pool two to three times a day. Should the water become unbalanced, they can manually provide the proper fix. Ray proudly assures us that Wes Frye, Scott Adamson, Tom Hall and Coty Adamson are properly licensed and always keep the TR pool safe and sparkling clean.

A resident, who lives on 10th Street, recently mentioned the troubling early morning truck noise and loud music from our neighbor Schwend, Inc. Ray said we maintain a good relationship with Schwend and he would alert them. During the summer when there are few people in that area the Schwend folks are perhaps less careful, but a friendly reminder about this seasonal concern will hopefully be helpful.

Trying to find other subjects we could talk about Ray and I thought next week park security might be interesting. What measures have been taken and what is planned for the future. Also if Ray ever gets any neat ideas for raising money for the golf course that may be a fun subject.

FEMA to the rescue

by Margaret Emmetts

Although hurricane Milton caused overall minimal damage to the buildings at TR, it did substantial damage to our trees and plantings. After the storm Maintenance and many, many volunteer residents worked diligently to clean up the mess the storm left behind. The result of these efforts produced a pile of debris 10 feet high along TR Boulevard roughly from the Office to the Duffer Deck. A similar pile existed along Johnston Road.

While Maintenance and volunteer efforts gathered the debris the question arose as to how to dispose of this huge amount of material. Ray Hill and Deborah May contacted FEMA who agreed to remove the unsightly mess. The only catch was that they would not to commit to a date to get the work done.

Over the past week, FEMA contractors arrived to begin work that would take many days. The material along Johnston Road was the first to be removed. That completed, they tackled the huge pile along TR Boulevard. The photos on this page illustrate some of the scope of the work and the size of the equipment needed.



One of the smaller pieces of equipment used.



Our twisted fence comes back into view.



Huge equipment is needed to tackle a huge job.



Photos by Bob Luther and Pam Watkins



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To flush or not to flush...that is the question

During the last Forum residents were given an interesting presentation on the upgrades to the park's sewage treatment system. Several important facts came to light which we want to reinforce.



TR will own two new pumps which cost about \$10,000 each. As owners, we will be responsible for the maintenance of this equipment. Unfortunately there are several issues which may cause these pumps to fail at great expense to the park.

The most common cause of pump failure is people who flush "wipes." If you use these products you may or may not have noticed what is written on the packaging. Some say, in rather bold print, "Do not flush." Others advertise their product as flushable. Don't believe everything you read. No wipes should be flushed regardless of what the packaging says. My son is a civil engineer and he has some rather graphic photos of what flushing wipes will do to a system.

The second most common cause of pump failure is the use of kitchen disposals. Think about this. The disposal system will grind up most anything and flush it into the system. Are these materials biodegradable? Take chicken bones for example. While they may be ground into small pieces, those pieces will not biodegrade. Result, these non-biodegradable materials back up in the system. I have a septic system in my home in the north. I am extremely careful what goes down the drain. I do not even put grease down. Rather, I drain it off and put it in the garbage. At TR I had my disposal unit removed. If you have a disposal unit, please do not use it. Put the items in the garbage instead.

There was a commercial on TV recently for a brand of toilet. To illustrate the unit's flushing capabilities, a child was shown flushing the entire contents of the mother's purse. In yet another version of the ad an entire dozen golf balls were flushed! While the toilet may have remarkable flushing capabilities, no concern was given to the biodegradability of the items flushed! Our system is designed to biodegrade what is put into it.

It is hard to believe, but at one point in the past someone actually flushed a set of overalls. *mre*

Did you know?



Why is hydroplaning so dangerous?

by Margaret Emmetts

Everyone has at some time been told to slow down when driving on wet roads. But do you really understand why it is so important?

The friction between your tires and a dry road is what enables you to control the direction your car travels. However, when the roads are quite wet, that friction disappears.

When roads are really wet, it might surprise you to know that your tires do not actually touch the pavement below. When you drive at higher speeds, your tires tend to ride up atop a thin layer of water. This eliminates the crucial friction needed to control your car.

Newton's law of motion in part states: A body in motion remains in motion, in a straight line, unless an unbalanced force

acts upon it. Translating this, your car will keep going in a straight line regardless of how you turn your steering wheel because it has lost the friction which kept it in contact with the road. The way to avoid this is to slow down. On a highway it is often beneficial to try to drive in the tracks of the vehicle in front of you.

Be safe! Slow down in wet weather.

The Servant's Plow



Chipping away

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

As the winter season sets in for our neighbors to the north, I am reminded of the days long ago when "chipping" in Ohio was something I did begrudgingly to drive my car to work. I had an ice scraper that was used for chipping the ice off my windows before making it to my destination.

Here in Florida at Travelers Rest, our faithful golfers use chipping on the course as a low trajectory shot that's played close to the green with the goal of making the ball land and roll to its destination.

In spiritual life, chipping means the gradual process that God uses to sanctify us removing negative patterns, stony hearts and sinful practices in our lives. In Ezekiel 36:26 the Lord says, "I will break their hearts of stone... giving you a new heart and spirit."

To love as Jesus commands His followers, means that we need to immerse ourselves in His Word and let the love of Christ enter our lives and empower us to love, serve and work together. We will come to realize more and more our place in God's family and cast off everything that is opposed to love like impatience, selfishness, greed, an uncaring attitude and an unforgiving spirit. God "chips away" our old nature and leads us by the Spirit to be more like Christ in everything we say and do.

There is a story about a man who had a huge boulder in his front yard. He grew tired of this big, unattractive stone in the center of his lawn, so he decided to turn it into an object of art. He went to work on it with hammer and chisel and chipped away at the huge boulder until the ugly stone became a beautiful statue of a running deer. When he finished, it was gorgeous and breathtaking.

A neighbor asked, "How did you ever carve such a marvelous likeness of a deer?" The man answered and said, "I just chipped away everything that didn't look like a deer!"



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

Do you have anything in your life right now that doesn't look like love and peace and kindness? Then, with the help of God, let Him chip it away!

If you don't have anything in your life that looks like compassion or mercy or empathy, then, with the help of God, let Him chip away what is preventing these in your life.

If you have hatred, prejudice, vengeance or envy in your heart, for God's sake, and the for the sake of others, get rid of it and chip it away.

Let God chip everything out of your life that doesn't reflect His attributes or the character of Jesus.

It is interesting to note that love is the Christian's primary witness to the world. How often do people say to you, "I'm impressed with the way you love other people? You must be a Christian." Do people see the love of Jesus shining through you? Is it obvious that there is something different about you that makes people wonder, "What is it that makes that person so likable and so easy to get along with?"

Jesus declared to His followers, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

It doesn't take too much imagination to realize that this command of Jesus is one that we take too lightly. To love as Jesus loves us seems way out of our reach. To let love rule everything we say and do, seems almost impossible. We fail again and again. That's not to say that because we are such poor lovers that we should give up. But it does mean that we need the love of Christ more than ever before and so do others. We need His unconditional, never-failing love to forgive us for our lack of love.

Thank God that Jesus doesn't love us like we love others. His love for us creates the potential for us to love unconditionally and sacrificially.

My hope for you, for me and for this community today is that we may love as Christ has loved us and chip away the layers that cover us.

Enjoy and embrace the ADVENT season.



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Recent TR Blood Drive

by Ken Neer

On Monday, Dec. 2 the first of two Blood Drives for the 2024-2025 season was held next to the TR Fire Station and ran from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The next Drive will be Monday, March 3.

The Drive went well, with one hitch; two busses were planned (three OneBlood staff per bus), but because of last minute staffing issues, it was changed to one Big Red Bus with five staff on board. A little "cramped," but still went well with very little wait time. A total of 27 TR residents boarded the bus, with 23 being able to donate. The TR Blood Drive was credited with 31 blood units given because 4 of the 23 chose to give "double reds" which are counted as giving 2 units. Each unit of blood has the potential to help up to 3 patients. Subsequently the 31 units can potentially help 93 patients. For the year 2024, (which includes the March 2024 Drive), TR residents gave 75 units of blood, giving the Gift of Life to potentially 225 patients. This, along with the several other giving/volunteering efforts outside our park, helps us make a positive impact in our surrounding community.

Although this was not a "record setting" achievement for a TR December Drive, it was considered both commendable and successful by OneBlood representatives for a one-day Drive.

Thanks to the TR First Responders who manned the Fire

Blood Donor HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at **Travelers Rest** on Monday, December 2, 2024

<p>Gerri Beachy William Buczek William Bunning Michael Craig Susan Craig Deborah Earnest Lowell Earnest II Kathleen Fuller Walter Gilson John Gorman Kristel Halbrook Dennis Ledbetter Eugene Lockhart Janet Lockhart</p>	<p>Stanley McPhee Susan McPhee Kenneth Neer Deborah Oppel Felix Ramos Ruth Reeve Barton Schultz Brenda Schultz Marie Stark Janet Stevens Robert Sunde Barry Yingst Laurie Zentmyer</p>
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Station checking on all of us seniors to be sure we had no ill-effects from giving and were safely able to go on our way with the understanding of the need to hydrate and take it easy for a while. Special thanks to Gayle Sunde, the

First Responder who coordinated the set up and manning at the Fire Station.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, March 3 for our next TR Drive.



Photos by Bill Watkins
Stanley MacPhee getting pressure check by Mary Kubinieć.



Gerri Beachy and Rich Kuharick taking a turn.



Yaareli and Sofia assisting Lowell Earnest



Healthy Tips

Oh those achy feet - Part 3

Symptoms of Morton's Neuroma

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by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

The last two articles I wrote for this season addressed painful feet. The first one talked about Plantar Fasciitis followed by the second one about Heel Spurs.

There are other issues that can cause foot pain. Without getting too complicated, this week I would like to talk about Morton's Neuroma. A neuroma is a benign (non-cancerous) growth of nerve tissues that can develop anywhere in the body, but is most commonly found in the foot. A Morton's Neuroma is a thickening of the tissue that surrounds the nerve leading to the toes. This thickening can cause inflammation and is most commonly found between your third and fourth toes.

What causes a Morton's Neuroma? This painful condition can be triggered by wearing narrow, tight and/or high-heeled shoes. Additionally, activities that put excessive pressure on the ball of the foot such as running or other sporting activities can result in the growth of a Morton's Neuroma. Interestingly, my research also found that 40% of patients diagnosed with this also had a pre-existing condition of rheumatoid arthritis.

The pain caused by this type of inflammation is sometimes described as sharp, burning or shooting pain in the ball of the foot or toes. Numbness and tingling in the space between the third and

fourth toes, toe-cramping and pain that worsens when wearing ill-fitting shoes or after long periods of excessive pressure on the balls of the feet have also been reported. The area between the third and fourth toes may also swell.

What can be done to relieve the pain of a Morton's Neuroma? First and foremost, see your healthcare provider or podiatrist. He/she will perform a physical exam and may recommend over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medications, corticosteroid injection in the affected area, changing footwear, icing the affected area, modifying a particular activity or possibly obtaining custom-made orthotics (shoe inserts). If these treatments are ineffective to relieve the pain caused by a Morton's Neuroma, an Ultrasound or MRI may be recommended. Surgical intervention may be the next step to relieve the pain. The latest and most advanced treatment for Morton's Neuroma is Nirvana Cryosurgery which is a non-invasive procedure that uses extreme cold to destroy the abnormal tissue.

As I have always suggested, listen to your body. If your feet hurt, please see your healthcare provider for treatment.

References: Cleveland Clinic, WebMD, Healthy Feet Podiatry, Mayo Clinic.

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Activity Affairs

Activities and alcohol

by Guy Weik

You may not realize this, but not too many years ago alcohol was not permitted at events here at TR. Under our current policy, organizers must get approval from the Activities Coordinator in order for participants to bring alcohol to an event. The Activities Coordinator and eventually the new Activities Board, approves alcohol not to be sold or served, but for participants to bring alcohol to that event. While we want residents to be able to enjoy some alcohol at a dinner or dance, please keep in mind that repeated evidence of excessive drinking would certainly threaten this policy.

This season, we have several new dances on the schedule, such as the upcoming New Year's Eve Dance. Cold drinks, with or without alcohol, will not be served, so in addition to snacks and table decorations, residents are allowed to bring their own drinks. Small 6-pack coolers will be permitted, but large coolers are



GUY WEIK

not. The event coordinators are responsible for monitoring the use of alcohol, so please cooperate with them and drink responsibly. They have contributed considerable time and effort to make the event possible and they really don't want to ask any participant to leave because of excessive drinking. Besides, especially at our ages, consuming too much of anything is never good when we're trying to stay healthy.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We want to continue with our current policy and allow residents to enjoy themselves while encouraging safety at the same time.

Activities updates

by Guy Weik

Please record the following changes in your 24-2025 TR Handbooks:

Building Schedules

- Mondays, Page 5: Forums start at 1 p.m. in Busch Hall.
- Mondays: TR Roadriders, 7-8 p.m., Hobby House. Add an * Jan.-Mar.
- Mondays: Sew Special started Nov. 1, Busch Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Page 7: Add back Penny Poker, 7 p.m., Hobby House. Yes, it's back!
- Thursday, Page 8: Quilting started Nov. 7, Busch Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday: Remove Texas Hold 'Em 7 p.m. Note: Keep Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Friday, Page 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, Page 12 and 13: TR Roadriders: Add an * Jan.-Mar.
- Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Page 12 and 14: Sailboats now starting at 9 a.m.
- Monday, Friday, Page 12 and 3: Powerboats now start at 9 a.m.

Monthly Special Events

- Dec. 31, Page 16: Party Planners' NYE Dance now just NYE Dance. BYO food and drinks, decorations, etc. Check InTouchLink and *The TR Times* for more information.

Activity Contacts

- TR Church Assoc., #27: Switch Harold Hughes, now Chairman, and Roy French.
- Penny Poker, #93: Change Michele Wilkins to Bruce Anderson, 248-767-8469, #14-37.

TR Annual Christmas Feast is just around the corner

by Pat Butler

You may feel that Thanksgiving just happened and you would be right! Time however is ticking and the turkeys are feeling better now that Santa and the elves are getting busy.

Our Annual Christmas Feast will be held Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. It is a chance for holiday food and fellowship with TR friends and family. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in Busch Hall. We will again be setting up groups of 20. The host or hostess of each table usually brings the meat and may pass an envelope at the table to defray the cost of the meat. Everyone else brings a holiday side dish for all at that table to share.

Coffee, iced tea, lemonade and ice water will be provided. Alcohol is permitted at this



function. As it gets closer to the dinner, check with your host or hostess to see if you need to bring tableware.

Our entertainment following the feast will be the announcement of the first Annual TR Christmas Table Decorating Contest winner. Santa has generously agreed to be the judge and choose the winning table. He asks only that you leave him a few extra

that morning to give him the needed energy.

Hope to see you there. For questions, call Pat Butler or Beannie Wise.

Silver and gold special events

by Diana Hill and Susan Stahley

Look around you. "Silver and gold, silver and gold." That is what Burl Ives sang about describing the Christmas season. TR is all decked out. The Golf Cart Parade brought joy and merriment for all residents, new and not so new, to kick off this Christmas season. The Cookie Bake-off filled our hearts and tummies and the sing-a-long sparked some good old fashioned memories of days gone by.

Now, look around you again, more silver and gold and other colors. This brings to mind the friendship song many of us learned as young Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. "Make new friends but keep the old, some are silver and the others gold." It's the season to reach out to our new neighbors to include them in the special Christmas events happening in TR in the next two weeks.

Sign up sheets are posted in Busch Hall for our TR Christmas Feast. You are certainly encouraged to join any table but also know that there will be a place for you to celebrate and make new friends. If you are a couple or single and new to the resort, please come and

sign up for a spot at the "Meet and Greet" table sponsored by the TR Welcoming Committee. Food and table settings will be provided for newcomers, just bring a beverage and a smile. You can also call Diana Hill at 352-535-8569 for a spot at the newcomers table. Christmas dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Whether you are new to TR or a seasoned resident, don't miss the beautiful sounds of our TR Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall. We have many talented musicians in the resort. Come hear the inspiring music.

Finally, look for information on the New Year's Eve Dance. The Party Planners canceled the dinner dance so the TR Dance Night group is planning an impromptu evening at Tuesday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to midnight in Busch Hall with music provided. Everything else is BYO: snacks, beverages, table decor and party favors. No reservation or cover charge, just come for the fun and ring in the new year.

The TR Welcome Committee wishes all residents and staff a Merry Christmas. We hope you

start your new year with good health and new friends. Remember "some are silver and the others gold!"

If you're looking for an easy volunteer experience, please join us. Whether you like to meet new people or do behind the scenes duties, we need your help. TR thrives because of volunteers, so get involved! Call Diana Hill at 352-535-8569 to help.

TRWC organizational meetings are the first Thursday, November to March, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Citrus West.

TRWC fills goody bags the third Thursday, November to March, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Citrus West.

Newcomers Red Dot Table is at the Busch Hall Coffee Social Seminar the second Thursday, January to March, 8 to 9 a.m.

Newcomers Red Dot Table is at Golf View Happy Hours the fourth Thursday, December to March, 4 to 5 p.m.

Look for our TRWC tables at Sunday evening events, Flea Markets and other special events. Bring your questions to anyone in a TRWC red shirt, too.

Save the date



by LuAnn Gatewood and Cindy Tinkham

The TR Fashion Show, TR Hearts and Stars, will be held Thursday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. Please plan to join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

A great slate of models and helpers are ready to entertain you. Volunteers are always welcome.

Coffee Socials begin in January

by Rose-Anne Boucher

Please join the Coffee Social volunteers and TR residents in Busch Hall for another season of fellowship, treats and a good cup of coffee. Beginning Monday, Jan. 6 until the end of March, socials will be held Monday through Friday between 7:30 and 9 a.m. There are a variety of breakfast muffins, bagels and English muffins along with a choice of toppings (butter, cream cheese, jams and jellies etc.) for \$1. Regular and decaf coffee, tea and hot chocolate are free if you bring your own cup. Cups are available for a small charge. Take-out is also available. Come start your day with a treat, a smile and probably some good conversation!



Picture by Rose-Anne Boucher
Ted Smith enjoying a cup of Java.

TR Dance Night VIP dates

by Diana Hill

Join us for fun nights of music and dancing.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. (and maybe more) in Busch Hall. Set-up will start at 6:30 p.m., clean-up afterwards.

We will have our own TR DJ Mo, Marilyn Maski, who will be rocking the house again for a great night of fun, laughter and dancing. Suggested donation is \$5 per person at the door to cover costs for this and future events. Remember it is a casual BYO night. Bring your own beverages, snacks and table decor if you like. We are a group of folks that just want to get out and dance without having to leave the park. No skill (trust me, I have none) or partner (um, again none here) are needed. Last time, it was our first TR Dance Night and we all had a blast!! Single, married, guys, gals, short, tall, plump or thin, we were all just being silly and having a ball. All types of music are available so bring your requests. Come on out y'all and have some fun! P.S. drink responsibly and stick around to do the TR thing and put away tables and set up for church. We can do this y'all AND have a good time right here at our own lovely Busch Hall!

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 8 p.m. to midnight. TR Dance Night is stepping in to have a NYE dance since the dinner dance was canceled. No cover charge. Same as above, very casual, BYO beverages, snacks, table decor and party favors if you like. We are getting help from Doc and Dave Kat to get music so stay tuned for more info on this. No cover charge, but donations are accepted for future events. Set-up will start at 7:30 p.m. and clean-up afterwards.

Saturday, Jan. 4, our first 2025 TR Dance Night with an ENTERTAINER from 7 to 10 p.m. in Busch Hall. We will be entertained by Jesse Derringer. Suggested donation TBD but he is worth a bit

extra. We plan to sell wristbands prior to the event so look for information and flyers later. A TR Rally had him here last spring and 50 plus TR folks came to see him. It sparked the whole TR Dance Night idea. He plays a couple of instruments and can play just about anything you ask for from Gospel to Rock to Country. He is amazing. This is going to be a great date night. BYO beverages, snacks and table decor if you like, so you can be fancy or not. Set-up will start at 6:30 p.m., clean-up afterwards.

Ask to join our Facebook page, TR Dance Night FL, or email TRDanceNight@gmail.com to keep up to date on future events. See y'all there and we'll ROCK ON!

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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



Last chance to donate to local families' holidays



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 Foodbank 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 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 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.

TRARC plans for the 2025 season

by Jim Johnson, ARC President

The TR Amateur Radio Club welcomes all radio amateurs and those who are interested in Ham Radio back to the park. We expect to have a busy time this year.

The club has a morning net each day except Sunday at 8 a.m. on the frequency of 146.43 Mhz simplex with a tone of 100.0 Hz. The meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the JMAC. The first meeting will be this coming Thursday, Dec. 12. All are welcome, licensed or not. If you are even a little interested, the meetings are a great start. For those wanting to pursue it, we can offer training sessions leading to the Technician Class License.

Many of you will remember the lighted star displayed in the Village during the Christmas season. When Frank Hickam, whose tower it was on, passed away, the star was moved to the club tower, situated behind the Hobby House near Citrus.

Unfortunately, over the winter the tower sustained damage to one of the legs. The decision was made not to display the star until the damage is repaired, probably after the Christmas season.

We have several projects on tap for this season. The highest priority is repair to the damaged tower. We are also adding solar panels to keep our battery bank charged during extended power outages. Winter Field Day is a nationwide emergency preparedness exercise in late January. For this event, we'll be testing the ability of the station to operate without commercial power with both battery and solar, as well as a park supplied emergency generator.

Amateur radio is more than people talking on a local repeater or long distances. The digital revolution has added many facets to the hobby, many vastly different from days gone by. Stop by a meeting or contact a member for a tour of the "Shack."



Brenda Varty lends her talents to adorning one tree.



Alan West hands lights to Ken Hankinson who mans the ladder detail.

TR Annual Holiday Food Drive

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 glows with holiday decor

by Margaret Emmetts

At the beginning of December each year a large group of elves begin to transform TR into a holiday showcase. Every building, inside and out, starts to sparkle. Trees, ornaments, garlands, lights and a creche suddenly appear.

How is all this possible? At TR the elves have names and are

just as busy as those at the North Pole. Like the elves at the North Pole, we will never know the names of all that do the work. We were able to identify just a few in the photos on this page.

To all the elves, named and nameless, our sincere thanks for all you do to enhance the holiday spirit here at TR.



The Duffer's Deck is ready for Christmas.



Photos by Bill Watkins

Chaplain Anthony Shipe is on hand to assure that Norm Showers and Dwight Green get the creche set up just right.



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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 in Busch Hall. 7-10:00 p.m. DJ 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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For information or help with a notice or ad contact:
Betsy Behler
Guy Weik

DIGITAL PHOTO- POST PROCESS

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

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



All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity.

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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
Volunteer TR Tour Director

Known for his violent career as a Chicago mob boss, Al Capone was a man of speakeasies, flashy costumes, dames, violence and gangsters during the Prohibition Era of the 1930s. TR Travel is booked to attend this gangster themed dinner and show on Feb. 18 with our Small World Tour bus leaving Busch Hall at 3:30 p.m. After a successful run of 15 years, the Al Capone Dinner and Show is moving to its new location on International Blvd., Kissimmee and we will be among the first groups to attend the updated venue.



Our dinner will begin with unlimited beer, wine, rum, vodka, iced tea, hot tea and coffee and possibly a gangster at your table. You may even want to wear your own speakeasy garb and be prepared with some quick-witted gangster banter for this comedy-filled dinner show. We will return to TR around 11 p.m. For reservations, send your check for \$119 pp made payable to Small World Tours to Sharon Zile, lot 2540. No refunds after Feb. 4, but tickets are always transferable.



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Beauty Salon



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Traveler's Rest Presents:



February 18th, 2025

After a 15-year successful run, Capone's is proud to present a sequel where you will enjoy a comedy filled show with comedic banter between you, characters & our mobsters, but one thing is for sure, you are gonna have a blast! Don't be surprised if a gangster joins you for dinner. So get ready to step back in time to the prohibition era 1930 gangland Chicago, speakeasies, mobsters, dames and Al Capone. Flashy period costumes, new dramatic lighting & sound system make this show a hit! It will have you talking the talk, walking the walk and singing the songs. Activity Level 1

Tour Includes:
* R/T transportation
* Dinner buffet
* Unlimited, beer, wine, rum, vodka, soda, juice, iced tea, hot tea & coffee
* Theater admission with VIP reserved seating
* Meal tax & gratuity
* Driver gratuity

COST: \$119.00



No refunds after 02-04-25. Tickets are transferable.
Motor coach departs Busch Hall at 3:30pm and returns at 11:00pm.
Contact: Sharon Gilbert Zile Phone: (740) 360-3819 Lot #2540 Email: sgilbert1081@gmail.com

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The bus trip to New Orleans is a definite GO! Current TR reservation total is 24 for the March 10-14, trip. It was exciting to see Tim and Nancy McLean, new TR residents, eagerly sign up after learning about the trip at The Village Happy Hour. There is definitely room for more TR friends! Our escorted NOLA trip will depart from Busch Hall. Cost is \$1,449 per person double occupancy, \$200 reserves your room and final payment is due Jan. 9. Check out the trip info flyer on this page or call me, 740-360-3819, for more info. I can almost taste those sugary beignets from Café du Monde and the savory muffaletta sandwiches from the historic Central Grocery. Let the good times roll.

The Thursday, Jan. 23 Starlite Majesty Luncheon Cruise of the

coastal waters near Clearwater has 55 paid reservations. One more and we have a totally full bus! I will take names and phone numbers of persons who would like to be on the waitlist. It is not unusual to have several last-minute cancellations. If your schedule is flexible and you wish to go, this may be the way to make it happen. Pay \$99 if you go. Lunch and all gratuities are included. Departure from Busch Hall at 9:30 a.m., return at 4 p.m. If you have a paid reservation, remember that if you find the need to cancel, your reservation is always transferable. Just let me know so that I have an accurate list of who is on the bus.

Travel quote: "New Orleans has an incredible culture. Everybody brings up food first, but I realized there's a lot more to that in terms of music and art and people and history." ~ J.J. Redick.

Biloxi & New Orleans
March 10th-14th, 2025

Day One, Monday, March 10th, 2025 D
Today we have an early start and will make our way to the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast and the luxurious Beau Rivage Casino. Enjoy an unforgettable gaming experience in the over 85,000 square foot casino. You can dine at your leisure and enjoy the delicious buffet tonight (included), then play the slots or have a drink in the Black Clover Lounge before heading to bed to get ready for our great New Orleans tour! \$25.00 in free play, \$15.00 food voucher for breakfast included.
OVERNIGHT- Beau Rivage Casino, Biloxi, MS

Day Two, Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 B
Wake up and enjoy breakfast at The Beau Rivage before our morning departure to New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon arrival, we will have lunch (on your own) before exploring this unique city with a 3 hour Super City Tour with a step on guide. We will make a stop at The Mardi Gras World Museum as well as a stop at Cafe Du Monde for some famous beignets! Then we will check into our beautiful historic hotel, located on Poydras Street near the French Quarter. Tonight, you will be free to explore this historic city on your own, and enjoy all it has to offer.
OVERNIGHT- Drury Inn, New Orleans, LA

Day Three, Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 B, L, D
We will start our adventures today with a delicious breakfast at our hotel, then depart for a historic day of exploration! Our first stop is the incredible Houmas House Plantation & Gardens where you will learn about the rich history of this sugar cane plantation. We will have a docent led tour and New Orleans style lunch at this restored and unique property. Known as the "Sugar Palace", the plantation is said to have ghosts wandering its 38 acres of lush gardens. This afternoon you will have some free time to enjoy Harrah's Casino! Tonight, we will enjoy a fantastic dinner cruise on the Steamboat Natchez!
OVERNIGHT- Drury Inn, New Orleans, LA

Day Four, Thursday, March 13th, 2025 B, L
We will wake up early this morning, and have breakfast at our hotel, afterwards, you may want to explore the local flea market or the nearby French Farmers Market before heading for the National WWII Museum! Today you will learn why this war was fought, how it was won, and what it means for us today. A truly moving and informative museum, you won't forget this visit. Lunch will be a buffet at the museum with a performance by the Victory Belles! This afternoon, we will say good-bye to New Orleans and head back to Biloxi to the beautiful Margaritaville Resort. Enjoy the expansive resort, or take the shuttle to multiple casinos within Biloxi!
OVERNIGHT- Margaritaville Resort, Biloxi, MS

Day Five, Friday, March 14th, 2025 B
Rise and Shine! Today we will have breakfast before checking out and departing for home! Enjoy the beautiful drive south with a stop for lunch (on your own) on the way.

Local Holiday Events

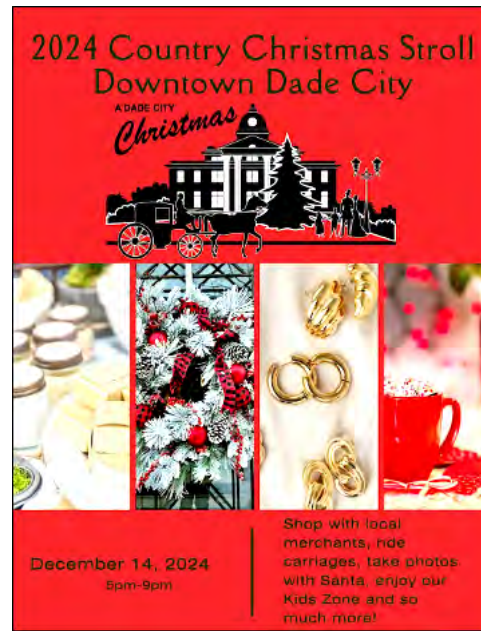
by Pam Watkins
Downtown Dade City Christmas Stroll
Saturday, Dec. 14, 5 to 9 p.m., 37918 Meridian Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m.

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

Dade City Symphony
Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., in 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.

2024 Country Christmas Stroll Downtown Dade City



December 14, 2024
5pm-9pm

Shop with local merchants, ride carriages, take photos with Santa, enjoy our Kids Zone and so much more!

T H E T R T I M E S

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' Sun-Kicks. 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. 13 and 14, 5 to 9 p.m., 17143 Lake Lola 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:

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.

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.



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
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General Seating, Doors open at 6:30 pm
Visit us online at <http://www.dadecitysymphony.org>



Library News

Library volunteers ask for book recommendations



by Amy Peebles

We love all our TR readers and are especially grateful for those who recommend books to others. On the library desk are recommended cards for those who would like to recommend a fiction or nonfiction book to be featured on the designated shelves.

If you want to recommend a book, simply fill out the slip and return to the library. You may sign your name or choose to remain anonymous. Fiction books are featured on the top of the bookshelves to the right of the door above the Politics and History books. Nonfiction books are featured on the reverse side of that shelf. All recommended books have a smiley face sticker on the top of the spine, and you will also find them throughout the library shelves.

One of our library tasks is to summarize the plot of each recommended book and print out the summary on a card to display in front of the book. Always looking to streamline and make the library more efficient and user-friendly, one of our first projects of the season will be to put the summaries inside each book, no longer using the cards. This will be very handy for readers to just open the book to

see what it's about. This change will be coming soon so please stay tuned. There are also comment slips in all books if a reader chooses to leave a comment.

Below are just a small selection of the recommended fiction books for you to enjoy. Please come and browse all the shelves for more recommended books marked with the smiley face on the top of the spine.

"The Women" by Kristen Hannah. Historical fiction about a young nursing student sent to Vietnam upon joining the U.S. Army Nursing Corp.

"The Underground Library" by Jennifer Ryan (large print). Based on a true story during the London blitz. Three young women fight to save their neighborhood library from bombings.

"The Mystery Guest" by Nita Prose (large print). A famous mystery writer dies in the Regency Grand Hotel and it's up to one of the maids to solve the crime to avoid becoming a suspect.

"The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. A fantasy novel about a woman unhappy with her dead-end life, finds herself waking up in front of the Midnight Library. Upon entering she is able to experience the lives she might have lived if she had made different choices.

Please note that for the holidays the Christmas books have replaced the recommended fiction books which will return to their featured shelf in the new year.

Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

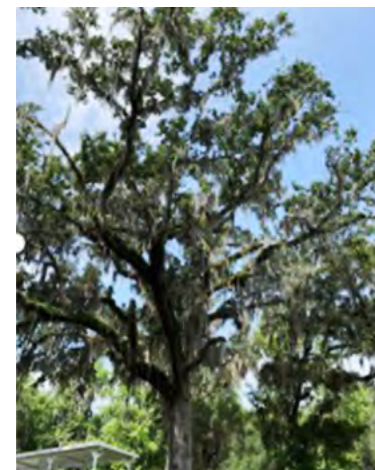
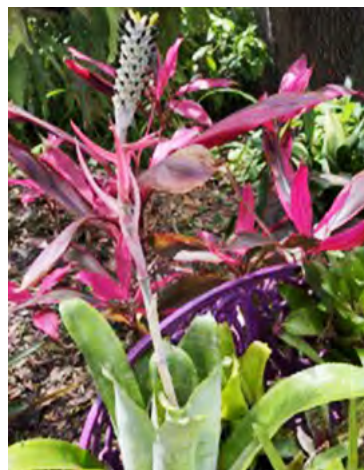
I am oddly obsessed with these plants. I do not know why they tickle my fancy, but they do, so I set out to learn more about them.

Just start with their name, BROMELIAD. Sound it out, "bro mee' lee add." Let that roll off your tongue. Feels good, right? For me, it is a fun word to say. Kind of like munchkin. Be grateful I am not asking you to roll its family name off your tongue - Bromeliaceae. Do not ask me to explain scientific names.

Speaking out their name may be tough, but growing them is easy and that is something I can dig. If you are a gardener from almost any other part of this hemisphere, you might catch my drift on considering these the hostas of the south. You pretty much cannot kill them and they grow wherever you stick one and, man oh man, can they multiply.

As they mature they have "pups" that sprout off the main plant. These pups can be yanked off, (or gently cut if that is your preferred gardening technique), and plopped into dirt and they will start growing - easy peasy. They thrive in humid conditions, mak-

Bromeliads - Hostas of the South



Photos by Nancy McDowell

Bromeliad with bloom and Spanish Moss.

ing our little paradise ideal for their growth.

They also come in a variety of styles and colors. Throughout the TR Garden you will see an assortment of types. Pictured are a few from the garden, but as always, I encourage you to come and see them in all their splendor. I have spotted green, green with red, brown, yellow, orange, as well as variegated (i.e., striped).

Regardless of color, bromeliads can also bloom. It surprised me the first time I saw a stalk growing out of a plant's "cup" (or "tank" depending on what resource you tap). Their blossoms vary in shape and size and are always a fascinating natural growth to see.

Now here is a fun fact. Spanish Moss is a bromeliad. You know, the gray stuff draped seductively amongst the big oaks and any other living or non-living object here in the south. It gives the bayou its

deceptively alluring appeal. This type of bromeliad is epiphytic, which is science for not requiring soil to live. They are not parasites, just nimble beings able to survive on the barest of microbes and only use their hosts for support.

The more "garden-variety" are terrestrial bromeliads. Per their adjective, they require soil nutrients to survive and flourish. Throughout the TR Garden there are several types of terrestrials. An example you may not expect is the pineapple. Now, you may ask, how can a fruit be a bromeliad? One word answer: nature. There are no pineapples in the TR Garden, but plenty of other bromeliad species for your viewing pleasure.

Come take a stroll through the TR Garden and see how many bromeliads you can spot.

Upcoming TR Garden Event: Look for us at the Activity Fair in January.

The Library's large-print book collection is growing



Photo by Pamela Watkins

Large print books are available in Fiction and Non-fiction.

by Mary Kosbab

When the library moved from the Hobby House porch to its present location, the large-print section could fit on a couple shelves. Over the years the section has grown and now covers half of the tall bookcases in the center of the room.

This is the result of some very deliberate attention to this section and some very generous donations which allowed us to upgrade and extend our collection

Christy Montgomery is the library staff member who overlooks our large print section. She made our committee aware of the need to improve this section.

The TR Party Planners made this possible by two very generous donations which allowed us to purchase some new and popular books.

Marilyn and Darold Long also donated money to buy some books. Marilyn found herself doing a lot

of reading while recovering from cancer treatments and found that large print books were much easier on her eyes.

Then purchasing new books, it was easy for me to deliver new books to her, since their trailer is just two sites from ours. Marilyn became our tester of the new books. I would order one in a series, and if she liked it, I would order more.

Being able to order new large print books was really a big gift to the library. We do not normally have the funds to buy books. We depend on book donations and large print books are rarely donated. The money we get from notepads and book and AV sales is used for purchasing stickers, pens, book holders and other supplies for the library. We especially like being able to purchase large print books being discussed at Book Browsers. This allows many who can't read small print to be able to read the chosen books and take part in discussions.

Over the summer, Marilyn Long also helped us by systematically reading books in the large print collection and putting aside books she thought we should take a second look at during the season when the whole committee is here.

At this pre-Christmas time we want to give a big thanks to everyone who played a part in upgrading this collection. As Garrison Keillor said, "A book is a gift you can open again and again." These large print books will give many at TR the enjoyment of reading some good books. We hope those who need or prefer large print books will enjoy our new selections.

Book Browsers announces the winning titles

by Nan Lance

The vote is in! These are the books selected by the Book Browser group for the 2025 season:

Jan. 8 - "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

Jan. 22 - "The Girls of Atomic City" by Denise Kiernan.

Feb. 12 - "The Women" by Kristen Hannah.

Feb. 26 - "The Ship of Brides" by Jojo Moyes.

March 12 - "The War Nurse" by Tracy Emerson.

March 26 - "Grandma Gatewoods Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail" by Ben Montgomery.

The Book Browsers meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month January through March in Citrus West 2 to 3 p.m. Please join us for some good reading and great conversation. All are welcome.

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Pets on Parade

Blue

by Judy Leister

I always enjoy the interview time with dog parents when I write an article for *The TR Times*. Meeting Blue's family was especially fun because we discovered that we had spent lots of time at the same two Ohio lake resort communities from childhood through adulthood. It really is a small world. Also, we chatted about TR and I discovered Prudence is a second generation TR Resident. Her mother Jean Mears and husband Chuck had been coming here for years. Then cutie Blue entered the scene wagging his tail and I finally got down to business writing about him.

Prudence Powell and Doug Rush both grew up having dogs. Like many of us we need a dog in our heart and when their last one passed, they knew they were ready for another one. It just happened that Suncoast Rescue was hosting an event to find homes for the many dogs in need of a "forever" home. As they were entering the building, Prudence reminded Doug, "No puppies." While Prudence was looking at some of the grown dogs, Doug called her over to see his discovery. There in the lap of the foster mom lay an adorable little eight week old black and white puppy. Love at first sight. Of course he went home with them. That little bundle of joy grew up,



Photo by Prudence Powell

The loving Blue.

is now 4-years-old and 90 pounds and still full of joy and love.

Blue loves playtime at the dog park with his four-legged buddies. He is such a loving soul and adores all dogs regardless of size. If it happens to be a small dog he adjusts his play mode down to their size. He loves all humans, too. The beach is another one of his favorite places.

Blue loves life in general but his absolute favorite thing to do is spend time in his clubhouse, their Jeep Wrangler. He doesn't care if it's just sitting in the driveway or going down the road with the window open and his ears and lips blowing in the wind; that Jeep is wonderful.

I discovered another fun thing about Blue. He talks. Not just woof-woof. He opens his mouth and vocalizes what almost sounds like words. While I was at their home doing the interview for this article 4:30 p.m. rolled around and that's when Blue likes to go for a walk. He started talking and walking backwards. Back, back, back he went wagging his tail and telling Doug it was time to go. Too cute.

So if you happen to be out walking or at the dog park and meet up with Blue make sure you say hi. I'm sure you'll get a wag and a kiss out of the encounter.



Birding Activity



Photos by Tom Butler

A beautiful swallow in graceful flight.

by Tom Butler

This beautiful bird is a resident of Central and South America but migrates to Florida and the southeastern U.S. to breed. The flight plan can reach up to 10,000 miles just to visit our great state. They are on the way now and will begin to arrive in a few weeks. They will stick with their young. You will see them soaring over open spaces that include tall pine trees that provide nesting sites as well as food sources. The Kite is no songbird that will visit your feeders, it is a migratory raptor. Lizards, snakes, large insects and even small mammals including bats are their preferred table fare.

Our golf course provides both tall pines and open spaces that creates the perfect environment for our visitors. They will build a nest a hundred feet up in these pines and lay two to four eggs that will require 28 days to incubate and another 36 to 42 days to fledge. The female incubates exclusively before both adults capture food for the nestlings. Like the adults, the young will develop into a 20 to 27 inch bird with a long-forked tail which is easily spotted. The wingspan can reach up to four and one half feet. This allows for, what seems like, a never-ending soaring pattern requiring little to no movement of their wings.

This black and white beauty is one of 50 birds targeted for

Swallow-tailed Kite

reintroduction into areas throughout the U.S. The Kites, at one time, were breeding in 21 states including all along the Mississippi River into Minnesota. This number has been devastated by loss of habitat and has dropped to just seven states with Florida having the only significant numbers. Measures are being taken to restore many areas in the hope of luring these creatures back to previous populations.

These birds were revered by Native Americans and symbolized freedom, transformation, balance, hope, perseverance, intelligence, beauty and unity. Those qualities are something we all should strive for and with effort on the part of everyone, we may be able to achieve just that. Let us all make an effort for positive change.



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Pet Lovers Club



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NORTH PAW DOG PARK SHELTER

by Kim Roberts

Looking forward to a fun season this year. Our first meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13, at 3 p.m. in the JMAC. Please remember if you use our dog parks, \$10 dues are appreciated. These help with the expenses to keep them up.

The shade pavilion and shed

are completed at North Paw Dog Park. It looks great; hopefully everyone will enjoy it. Thanks to all the members of the Pet Lovers Club for their support and for all the donations made by others to help us complete this project.

The Pup Crawl is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. More information to come soon but mark your calendar.

Runaway dogs on a golf cart

by Judy Leister

I don't know about your dogs but ours have always loved to go for rides. If they see one of us grab the keys to the car, they are right there at the door. There is no way they are getting left behind. They have always been just as enthusiastic about riding on the golf cart.

At home in Ohio we live in the country and have always had a golf cart to use around the farm so when we started coming to TR of course our golf cart came with us. Walking is a lot healthier than jumping behind the wheel of a golf cart but there are times it's just so much easier and faster to zoom off on our golf cart.

From the number of dogs I see here at TR riding around on golf carts with their humans, I'm pretty safe in saying our dog is not the only one that loves to go for rides. Her favorite destination is her daily trip to the Puppy Park to meet up with her four legged friends but she also has that doggy smile going on when we're just taking a tour around TR. She loves the breeze blowing through her hair.

One of the funniest adventures we have ever had with our dogs involved a golf cart. It wasn't so funny at first but in the end we did a lot of giggling. We had just arrived at a huge horse show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Everything was spread out so we took our golf cart. We had just arrived in the parking lot. Mark had unloaded the golf cart from the trailer and was busy doing what men do with the tools and straps.



I got our two poodles Peabody and Brinkley out of the truck and they quickly jumped on the golf cart. I had my back to them while locking up the truck when all of a sudden I heard the golf cart start up and take off.

Oh my...oh no! Brinkley was sitting on the seat behind the steering wheel but Peabody was sitting on the floor right on top of the gas pedal! Off they went with the golf cart. It was a big parking lot with lots of vehicles everywhere plus there was a pond not too far off and they were headed right at it.

Stop! Come! I was screaming as I chased after the runaways. You can just imagine what all was going through my mind. Finally the cart got to an angle where Peabody could no longer see me from his seated position on the gas pedal so he stood up and stretched his neck around looking for me. The cart came to an immediate halt. Whew!

Lesson learned....never let your dog drive the golf cart....at least not without you riding along to supervise.

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TR Foodies bring a new dining option to TR



Photos by Pam Watkins
Linda Smith, the person who originated the Foodies idea, serves lunch to Bill Apgar.

by Margaret Emmetts

TR Foodies is new to TR for the 2024-2025 season. Led by Linda Smith and Joan Colao, Foodies is serving lunch in Busch Hall three days a week. The service is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Foodies menu provides sandwiches every day with a weekly special. Having sampled both their sandwiches and special selections I can recommend both.

Smith is currently seeking volunteers to help in the kitchen. The schedule will be adapted to your convenience, one day a week or several. Please contact Joan Colao if you would like to help. Rumors are that the kitchen crew is having fun.

This activity will not conflict with the Snack Shack. The service will cease when Snack Shack opens. It will, however, resume for about two weeks in the spring after Snack Shack closes for the season, probably the last week in March and the first week in April.

We hope you will support this new activity. Smith hopes to begin operating at a profit so that they will be able to donate funds to other activities.

Smith welcomes any comments you may have about Foodies.



Michael Bly and Debbie Woodford having fun in the kitchen.



Laura and Mike Dyer place their order with Joan Colao.



Jackie and John Crone look happy with their meal.



Marilyn Nask and Petti Geer select ingredients for the day's offering.

TR veterans gear up for another season



by Ken Hankinson

Like most of TR, things do quiet down over the summer months. However, the veterans that are here all year stay active even in the warm summer months. The Veterans Memorial needs year-round attention as those pesky weeds tend to get out of control in the summer heat and rains. The annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor those who gave their all in service to the country was well-attended as is the case with all veterans programs. As the new season begins and residents begin returning to the park, activity starts to pick up. A special mention of our veterans who are 90 years or older was highlighted as well as special recognition of Darold Long who has been a major force in the park as well as the veterans group.

A big thanks to Marty Schencke for organizing and emceeding the event. Additionally, a big thanks to Dan and Barb Barthel for their efforts with the hot dogs and refreshments as well as everyone else who contributed to the event.

Recently, nine new memorial bricks were installed in the Veterans Memorial Walk by our able-bodied brick layers, Bill Wise, Kelly Newbury and Ken Hankinson. We have six more bricks that will be installed before the end of

the year for a total of 15 new bricks in 2024. Bricks can be ordered anytime during the year and are installed several times during the season. Brick order forms are available in Busch Hall at the Veteran's bulletin board, or see Bill Wise or Ken Hankinson for an order form.

Let's talk American Flags. The flag retirement box located outside the TR Post Office is scheduled to get a fresh coat of paint and continues to get numerous flags that are worn and weathered. It's been noted that because of the two hurricanes, many flags were damaged due to the high winds. If you need to replace a flag, they are available through the TR Veterans Group at a cost of \$25. Contact Ken Hankinson should you require a replacement flag. In 2025 the flag retirement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at the Valdez Farm, the same site used for the 2023 program. Watch *The TR Times* for future updates for this event.

As you can see, the TR Veterans Group remains very active in the TR community. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 10:03 a.m. in the Hobby House. Please feel free to join us.



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The veterans listed above are currently living at Travelers Rest. If we have missed your name, we ask that you leave a note in *The TR Times* box in Busch Hall or call us at (352) 588-4993 so that we may include your name next season.



TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League results for Nov. 27

by Kathy Reimann

We had 20 golfers and some very impressive results. Congratulations to my Player of the Week, Maureen Peet! We are off to a great year with 30 players already signed up.

The next play day is Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Low Gross		
Maureen Peet.....	31	Marijo Noll.....
Hazel English.....	34	Fewest Putts:
Sylvia Cole.....	38	Maureen Peet.....
Low Net		11
Joan McLean.....	33	Birdies:
Val Smith.....	34	Maureen Peet.....
Mary DeWeerd,		#2, 4, 7, 9
Dee Branchaud.....	35	Hazel English.....
		#3, 4
		Marijo Noll.....
		#9



Staff Photo
Golfers play past the beautiful sailboats on Lake Margaret. One of the perks of playing in the women's league during Wednesday mornings is witnessing the sailors out maneuvering their boats.

MLYC scores

by Bill Wise
Dragon Flite 95 Class
Wednesday, Dec. 4

Barry Sellick.....	1
Jamie Hyde.....	2
Jay Matthews.....	3

Saturday, Dec. 7

Barry Sellick.....	1
Jay Matthews.....	2
Jerry McRoberts.....	3

Soling 1M Class
Wednesday, Dec. 4

Barry Sellick.....	1
Jay Matthews.....	2
Chuck Lemke.....	3

Saturday, Dec. 7

Barry Sellick.....	1
Chuck Lemke.....	2
Jay Matthews.....	3

Men's Golf League results for Nov. 28

by Barry English

We had a great turnout for our Thanksgiving Men's Golf League play. The weather was beautiful and we saw lots of birdies!

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



Activity history profile of the Golf Association

Paul Ruth said that a golf course was planned for TR from the very beginning of the park. Before that happened though, golfers played area courses including the St. Leo Golf Course where the first tournament and golf banquet were held. By 1978 golfers developed a crude course with tin cans for cups and handkerchiefs tied to poles for flags on the greens.

By 1980, golfers requested permission from the Board to develop a nine-hole course with temporary greens. A professionally drawn layout for the course had previously been developed and was proposed as the plan with some minor alterations. Manager Paul Ruth had surveyed the wetlands where part of the golf course would eventually be built and calculated that it would need to be raised 4 feet above the existing level. He then calculated how much dirt would need to be removed to construct what is now Mirror Lake to provide the necessary fill dirt. The lake is 18 feet deep at the deepest end and the water level is three feet above the original level of the swamp. Amazingly, he received splendid cooperation during construction from the Florida Department of

Environmental Regulations. Today, the alteration of the wetlands to construct the course would simply not be possible.

Subsequently, many countless amounts of volunteer time and energy transformed the rudimentary course into the course that is played today. Various changes have been made in location and size of the greens and tees to improve play or make it more challenging. Fairways have been seeded with Bermuda Grass and the original greens were professionally replaced in 2006. Over the years teams of dedicated residents have joined with Golf Course Supervisor Ray Hill and staff to maintain the course and develop it as the beautiful "crown jewel" of the park.

Since the early 80s, the Board has delegated operational responsibility for the course to the TR Golf Association which coordinates golfing activity in the resort. Membership in the Golf Association numbers approximately 300 and volunteer help continues to be a vital part of course maintenance and development, enabling our golf fees to be among the greatest bargains to be found anywhere in the State of Florida.

New board appointed to TRGA



Photo by Bill Watkins

L-R Front: Gene Lockhart, Kathy Reimann, Jim Ridolfi
L-R Back: Ken Person, Dan Varner, Jim Prasch, Terry Halbbrook.





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Obituaries

NANCY MARGARET ROGERS

Nancy Margaret Rogers died Nov. 3, 2024, just weeks short of her 90th birthday. She was born on Dec. 5, 1934 to Walter and Margaret Derbyshire in Hawthorne, N.J. She lived most of her life in Wayne, N.J. and after graduating from high school she worked in the family business, Derbyshire's Unpainted Furniture.

Nancy married Gerald Francis Rogers in 1954. The couple had three sons, Robert (Mary), Richard (Nancy), Brian and five grandchildren.

For many years the couple camped in their VW bus eventually graduating to an Airstream. Many years ago they brought the Airstream to TR where they first resided on 3rd Street, later purchasing a home in the Village at 2614. They were members of the Watchung Airstream Unit and traveled extensively throughout the U.S. as well as taking part in a number of the club's trips to Europe.

Nancy was an accomplished artist and for many years organized and ran the Hobby and Arts Show in Busch Hall.

Although she had no daughters Nancy became a Girl Scout Leader. Unlike many Girl Scout troops at the time, Nancy's troop took hikes, went camping and participated in many outdoor activities.

She enjoyed playing cards and organized a weekly "Hand and Foot" game at TR.

A memorial service was held at the Preakness Reformed Church in Wayne, N.J. where Nancy was a member.



FRANCIS "DICK" BURNS

As much as Dick and Gail Burns loved and supported their family, nothing made them happier than traveling. From a rebuilt delivery truck, to a Class A motorhome, to a bungalow in Punta Gorda, Fla., when the wind blew they went with it. North, south, east or west they were the type to enjoy the moment and every person that crossed their path.

Later in life Dick continued his travels between Florida and New York, always making stops to visit family and friends. His last stays in Florida were in the TR retirement community where he enjoyed volunteering in the beautiful gardens and all the fun activities with neighbor and close friend, Sandra Yeager.

Upon his passing, the family is comforted with the thoughts that Dick and Gail can continue their travels together as they keep a mindful eye on family and loved ones. No services will be held at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at the family's convenience. Please send any donations in memory of Dick to the Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter.



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.

Please submit your obituaries to Sharon Cook at lot 17-35 or via email at shermie@juno.com.

If you have questions or need assistance she may also be reached via phone at 813-956-7977.

WINSTON EVANS PIKE, SR.

Winston Evans Pike, Sr. of White Lake, Mich. passed away Nov. 12, 2024 at 88 years of age.

Winston was born in Royal Oak, Mich. on May 7, 1936 to Frank and Stella Pike. He was ordained a minister with the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) and spent most of his life as a minister and traveling evangelist. His early ministry was spent as the regional director for Youth for Christ. In addition he was also a published author and recording artist.

He traveled for many years as a soloist, song leader and evangelist with the Ford Philpot Evangelistic Association and will be remembered for preaching and singing the Word of God throughout the country. He was on the board of directors of Camp Sychar in Mt. Vernon, Ohio for many years.

Before retiring in 2018, for 10 years Winston, with wife Lynda, was the resident minister at TR, living in the Village at 2815. They traveled throughout the U.S. in their motorhome in the summer and enjoyed the activities and interacting with the residents here during the winter months.

Winston loved classic cars and was an avid NASCAR fan. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by five children Winston (Theresa) Pike, Jr., Bradley (Teri) Pike, Alan (Kyla) Pike, Angel (Matthew) Herdus and Barbara (Dr. J. Byron, II) Wilfong, 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wives Anita, Carolyn and Lynda and siblings Marilyn Nichols, Norman Pike and Vonda Thompson.

Memorial contributions may be made to: www.campsychar.org/finances.heml or write to CAMPSYCHAR, P. O. Box 241326, Lyndhurst, OH 44124.

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The TR Times advertising policy

by Margaret Emmetts

The TR Times has an advertising policy that has evolved over the years. While I will not go into all the details of the policy, I will list some of the more pertinent concepts.

No material of an abusive, libelous, seditious, derogatory, nature, etc. will be accepted.

Articles must adhere to The TR Times vision and mission statements, that is they should reflect TR in a positive light. Submissions must include contributor's name.

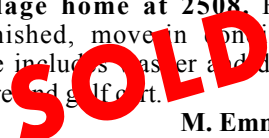
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On-going events such as Flea Market, Yard Sales and club activities will not be published unless the chairperson submits an article.

Articles from the Internet will not be published without authentication and proper credit/permission from author and/or source.

Articles must be of interest to residents and current in nature. No political or world events.

Business advertising must be contracted and invoiced at current rates.

Should you have any questions about our policy, do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking Back

30 years ago - 1994

- Norman Hewer has suggestions for improving WBCCI future.
- Busch Hall is certainly not an ancient structure, yet it is almost 22 years old!
- Table and chairs to be put away? There's some confusion as to whether or not the tables and chairs have to be put away in the evening if they are to be used the next morning. Yes, they do this so the floors can be cleaned.
- Emergency Medical Squad has walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, crutches and canes which are available to residents of TR. Please sign check-out sheet.

20 years ago - 2004

- Does safety education for RVers sound like a "man thing?" A Safety Seminar for RVers will include tips on towing, supplemental braking and enhanced steering control. This is definitely a guy and a gal thing.
- Soliciting is not permitted at TR. This policy is a residential safeguard from high-pressure, door-to-door sales people and yet provides for contributing to special worthwhile causes.
- The Church Association selected TR Chaplain Reverend Kenneth White, who will be chaplain, organist and choir director. (He wrote the song we sing every week at services' end.)

10 years ago - 2014

- Your help is needed with the luminarias.
- Setting out luminarias on Christmas Eve is a tradition at TR. We would appreciate all the help we can get.



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