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If these walls could talk . . . Chapter 12

by Margaret Emmetts

I guess you might call me a youngster here at TR as I am only a couple of years old. How I came to be here is interesting.

You don't have to be at TR very long to realize just how busy this park is. We have over 100 activities that take place here each week. That sounds rather simple, but then you have to realize that all these activities do not occur every day. Some meet once a week, some every day, others meet once every two weeks and yet others meet only once a season. Somehow all these activities, each having different needs, had to be scheduled in just five buildings. Moreover, those buildings varied widely in size as did the activities.

The day finally arrived when scheduling became impossible. Additional space was needed, so I was born. My sole purpose was to provide more space for all these activities. Not only was space needed for the activities, but where was the space to put me? It was decided that I would be placed back from the road between the Hobby House and Fire Station.

Since my birth I have been a busy place housing a multitude of different activities. Basically I am just a square room with restroom facilities. On any given day I may see anything from music, such as the Pop Chorus, Singing Men or the Pom Pom Drill Team to crafts



Photos by Bill Watkins

The exterior of the Jeri Miller Activity Building.



The building was delivered in two pieces and then joined together.

such as Calligraphy, Rock Painting or Stained Glass.

An important day in my life is Tuesday mornings. This is when the Fire Fighters and First Responders meet in my room to receive the training needed to keep all our TR residents safe.



JERI MILLER

I am affectionately known as the JMAB. JMAB stands for the Jeri Miller Activity Building. Who is Jeri Miller, you may ask? Jeri Miller was TR's overworked Activity Director for many, many years. She was the one person tasked with scheduling each building to accommodate all the activities that took place each week. Talk about an overwhelming task. Especially when space was at a premium.

I received my name as the Jeri Miller Activity Building in honor of the many years Jeri volunteered her services to TR.

Last Resident Forum of the season

by Margaret Emmetts

The final Forum of the 2024-2025 season was opened by Deborah May. All Directors were present with the exception of Terry Halbrook. Also present were Ray Hill and Donna Sullivan together with Candidates for the Board, Scott Fuller and Kelly Newbury. Candidate Ruth Reeve was absent.

May thanked Ray Hill for his 30, soon to be 31, years of employment and service to TR.

In Halbrook's absence the Treasurer's Report was given by May. The bottom line is that on a half-year basis, our income has exceeded our expenses which are currently below budget expectations. She noted that we have not yet completed repairs from Hurricane Milton.

It was reported that a lot of work still needs to be done this spring, including the installation of the new pumps in the Sewage Plant, the creek erosion problem and some tree trimming and removal. The fence repairs are complete. The antenna repair for the Ham Radio Club is underway.

May noted the large number of units for sale in the Park and said this is not a first. Our community is "aging out" and a turnover is to be expected. She regretted the loss of many older residents who have been the backbone of our volunteer system and have made many contributions to the Park. She reminded residents that only our volunteer program keeps our lease rates low.

Terry Halbrook has submitted his resignation and a new person

is needed to fill the job of Treasurer. The position is primarily one of auditing and working with the CPAs. Interested parties should submit an application to the Board.

May addressed the two entities at TR. The Resort, a corporation that owns land, buildings, etc. and the Travelers Rest Activities LLC. The latter oversees the volunteers who run our activities and recreational programs. The LLC was formed on the recommendation of our attorneys and CPA. She noted that a portion of your lease payment goes to fund the Activities as it always has. The LLC does not, nor will they ever, own any property that belongs to the Resort. The Board maintains two separate legal and accounting firms to avoid legal conflict. However, as the LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Travelers Rest Resort, they will file a joint tax return.

Guy Weik has submitted a letter of resignation. Brenda Varty will not be back next season. The Board expressed their thanks for all their work and introduced Lori Davis as the new Activity Director.

The Board thanked Ken and Sandy Langell for their past work on the Sunday night programs as they are also retiring.

The President advised residents that all members of the Board are not permitted to respond to any social media in their capacity as a Board member regardless of what is posted. However, the Board can and does respond to questions raised at Forums, Veranda Chats

or letters. Questions to which they are unable to respond must be referred to our attorneys. She has been endeavoring to keep our legal bills down and was happy that the January bill was just \$140.

This spring the Maintenance Department will begin cleaning up the storage lot. If you have anything outside of, or on top of, your shed these items must be removed. Anything left in these areas will be disposed of and the owner of the shed will be charged.

Question and answer:

Q – Why will stockholders only receive a tentative budget at the AGM?

A – A final budget is expected to be distributed in April or May. Insufficient information is available to have a firm budget in place by the AGM.

Q – A resident expressed concern over the amount of clutter that is appearing around and beneath some units as it may encourage animals to take up residence.

A – The Board is aware of the situation and is working to resolve the situation with several residents. If the Board is required to remove items, the lessee will be billed.

Q – Have any assets been transferred from the Resort to the LLC?

A – Only the cash in the activities funds. No other items will be transferred.

Q – Since activities are now under the LLC, who is responsible should someone be hurt during an

activity?

A – Only residents or their guests are permitted in activity programs. The guest is the responsibility of the resident. It is not likely that a resident will sue the Resort as they are part owners of the Resort.

Residents were reminded to attend the AGM and submit their ballots to assure a quorum.



Time to spring forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed Saturday evening. You can regain your lost hour of sleep when we fall back an hour in November.

Busch Hall Sunday Night presents TR's Got Talent



File photos

TALENT SHOW CLOGGERS

by Sandy and Ken Langell

Travelers Rest has more talent than you could ever imagine, and a lot of it is going to be onstage for you on Sunday, March 9 in Busch Hall.

Our Talent Show acts are made up entirely of TR residents, directed by TR volunteers, staged and costumed by TR volunteers. It is our most popular show every season. This year the program

includes 93 performers and 28 people working behind the scenes. There are a variety of dancers, musicians, skits, singers, mimes and storytellers, who have all been preparing their acts for months.

This show is always special, but this year is a milestone event. It is the last show to be directed by Donna Neer, our indefatigable energizer bunny. Donna has guided this show for the last 10 years, with her husband Ken always at her side to manage the stage and laugh and cry with her as circumstances dictated. There are very few of us that have ever been able to say "no" to a request from Donna, especially when she constantly reminded us that "with God all things are possible." Thank you, Donna, for all your years of hard work. It has been a joy to work with you.

Come out on Sunday to see your neighbors in action and express your appreciation to our outgoing director. The Ice Cream Social is 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., announcements at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission.



Ken Langell gives a floral thank you to Donna Neer at a recent Talent Show.



DONNA NEER

Tuesday Night Movies

by Jim and Carol Henrikson

Next Tuesday, March 11, TNM will feature the movie "Reagan." Dennis Quaid stars as the 40th U.S. President Ronald Reagan who rises from actor to leader of the nation in this captivating journey told through the voice of a former KGB officer.

The remaining 2025 TNM classic movie will be "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" on March 18 and the last feature of the TNM season will be "Napoleon" on March 25.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for Carol and me to share TNM with all of you. As most of you are aware, we have decided to

leave Travelers Rest after the showing of "Napoleon." We thank all of our TR friends who have shared the movies, many of which you have recommended.

Like you, we have enjoyed the TNM popcorn (very popular and delicious, salted and unsalted) that is enthusiastically prepared for us

by Mark and Joanna Waltz. Thank you so much.

Watch for future messages in *The TR Times* for more information about the final month of the 2025 TNM Season. The new LG projector with the SONOS sound in Citrus East is a great place to catch the movies that you love.

Tropical Beach Party is theme for end-of-season event

by Donna Probes

Get ready to celebrate the end of another great season at TR. On Saturday, March 15 we're going to have a Tropical Beach Party.

Grab your favorite beach chair and get settled in at The Grove around 11:30 a.m. Food trucks will be on hand for your lunch and snacking enjoyment.

At noon, The Grove will be transformed into Margaritaville as Doc Probes kicks things off with his "All about Buffett" show. Bringing you the well-known favorites along with some of the lesser-known songs, Doc will take you on a journey into the incredible songwriting of the Parrot Head king.

Next, Sunny Jim, the musician named Entertainer of the Year by the Trop Rock Music Association in 2024, will join renowned steel drum artist John Patti for a 90-minute show that will take you

to the islands, the keys and the sunniest places of your dreams. These two outstanding musicians perform all over Florida and beyond. They also sponsor a beach-themed cruise that is very popular.

The grand finale of the day will be a classic rock band that will knock your socks off. This midwestern band will be on tour in Florida and we are very fortunate to be one of their stops. Knee Deep will have you dancing under the live oak trees for the final two hours of the afternoon.

Stop in at the Welcome Table near the mobile stage and register for the drawing of two Tommy Bahama beach chairs. The drawing will take place at 4:30 p.m. and you must be present to win. Mark your calendar for March 15. Be sure to bring your own favorite beverage/libation.



12 Noon



Sunny Jim & John Patti
1:30 - 3 p.m.



3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Knock your sox off Classic Rock!

Travelers Rest End-of-Season Celebration

Tropical Beach Party

in the GROVE

Saturday, March 15



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Briefings from the Board



DEBORAH MAY

by Deborah May, President/CEO, TR Board of Directors

Other structures. When I was a kid we had a milkman, who also carried bread and treats like snowballs. We had an ice cream truck that announced his arrival by the ringing of a bell and the dry cleaners picked up and delivered to each home on a regular basis. As families grew smaller and women entered the workforce, these delivery trucks became obsolete. The convenience of delivery trucks is once again growing in popularity. Here at Travelers Rest we have food trucks, an ice cream truck, a produce truck and a mobile hair salon. Now even our vehicles can be serviced at our home by a mobile truck. While not everyone welcomes these mobile trucks, many of our residents prefer to use their services so they don't have to leave the park. The number of activities we offer is so tempting and time-consuming that often we

can't find the time to go shopping. Who really wants to go out and fight the traffic anyway. We have designated areas for these trucks. No repair trucks, whether it be RV repair trucks, delivery trucks, etc. is allowed to block any street preventing traffic from navigating down the street.

In the Policy Book Section D6200 deals with other structures. If you are thinking about making a change, adding an awning, etc. please read this section in its entirety. Be also aware that we are subject to high winds periodically and hurricane warnings that can affect what you add to your unit. Hurricane awnings (aka Clams or Clamshells) which are installed in Travelers Rest must be placed in "Storage Mode" and locked down when high wind and/or hurricane warning are in effect (D6230). This is also true when you leave for the summer, all awnings must be in "Storage Mode." If TR Maintenance has to work at your site while you are gone, remove or secure items or lower clamshells in preparation for a storm, you may be assessed a fee (D7036).

A canvas curtain may be attached to the body of a fifth wheel trailer around hitch area to be used as a storage area (D6240). Policy D6240 deals with two types of sunscreens. 1. Permanent types. Sunscreens are permitted in accordance with specified plans

available through TR Office and must have written approval from Management. 2. Temporary types. Commercial sunscreen material made for that purpose may be attached to the awning of an RV. It must be completely disassembled and stored at the end of the resident's season. Tents or any type of free-standing screen rooms are prohibited from being placed on any lot. Blue tarps are not allowed to be used as a sunscreen.

Sun protectors for tires are permitted. Tire protective wheel covers, if used, must be either a commercially available product manufactured and intended for that purpose or attractive materials that blend with the RV. Mismatched boards, bare wood, metal siding insulation material, or corrugated fiberglass or plastic are not permitted. Materials used to secure wheel covers must likewise be inconspicuous and attractive. Cement blocks shall not be used to anchor or support wheel covers (D6250).

The season is rapidly moving along and before we know it, it will be time to go home. Please check your hurricane awning, canvas curtains, tire protectors, etc. to determine if they need some work or possibly replacing now before the end of the season. Getting ready to go home is often a lot of work and we tend to forget some of the little things we can do now to make that time go smoother.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Richard Kushman

Ray and I sat down and realized this chat was for the March 7 newspaper meaning after this only one more issue remains for this season. Having to dig up topics each week, as we have mentioned, is often an unwelcome chore but I will miss sitting down with Ray and enjoying the positive happy spirit he projects for our park and residents. Ray's demeanor and happy disposition when dealing with crew and customers sets a positive tone that linked with his years of practical and mechanical experience is an important reason TR is a popular, pleasant and well-maintained community.

Ray wants to mention how important it is for all residents to make sure their lots are properly maintained while they are away for the summer season. People arranging for a monthly service and/or using low maintenance plantings is very important. Indeed there are

2 equally major reasons off season maintenance is of special importance to Ray. The first reason, of course, is maintaining a neat and tidy appearance of Travelers Rest Resort. The other reason is that Ray very much dislikes the unpleasant task of collecting fines from a TR resident. He, of course, accepts the responsibility and follows the rules enacted by the Board of Directors, so be nice to TR and also be nice to Ray, keep your lot neat and tidy.

Riding along 10th Street I noticed the little knee-high fence leading to the dog path. Ray said the old fence needed to come down and this low, fenced, narrow walkway is to prevent people driving golf carts on the path that is designated for walking dogs.

Ray wanted to mention the planned Season End Celebration organized by Donna Probes. He said the new handy portable stage will be used, there will be several food trucks and also great entertainment. The event is Saturday, March 15, in The Grove. Busch Hall will be used if rain dampens the day.

Another week of good news here at TR and for me another pleasant visit to the Travelers Rest Resort Office where a happy, friendly and pleasant atmosphere abounds. We can call it Ray's special effect.

Policy changes recently approved by the TR Board

Policy D6265 was modified, eliminating policies D3625, D3630, and D3640.

D6265 SKIRTING - STEPS

All ANSI, HUD and other RV's on blocks must be fully skirted.

A skirting plan for RV's on blocks must be submitted to management for written approval prior to installation.

Skirting should be completed within 30 days of Pasco County Permit approval.

Skirting plan should be submitted for HUDS and ANSI units with the initial plan for unit placement.

Skirting must be done by a licensed contractor (no do-it-yourself installations) and must be commercially manufactured white vinyl RV skirting.

Perimeter Units

HUD and ANSI units on the perimeter of the park, 10th Street, 14th Street, and 21st Street, must have white split stone masonry skirting at the front of the unit. The balance may be skirted with a vinyl commercial product made for that purpose

White split stone masonry steps into the unit that meet County Code requirements, are required on perimeter sites.

Interior Units

All units in the interior of the park that require skirting must have approved vinyl skirting.

(Approved 2-18-25)

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 14
doors open at 1 p.m.
meeting starts at 2 p.m.

Parkwide Yard Sale

Saturday, March 15
at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
at individual sites.

Veranda Chat

Monday, March 17
at 3 p.m. on
Busch Hall
Front Porch.

Time to plan ahead

There is only one more issue of *The TR Times* for the season: **Friday, March 14** (submission deadline of today, March 7).

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Are we undergoing a generational renaissance?

History indicates that at certain time intervals, civilization undergoes a renaissance. What does this mean and how does it relate to TR?

If you have been at TR for many years, 20 or more, you will find that the Park has and is undergoing a significant change. For many years the park population was dominated by Airstream owners. They, like the Park's founders, had a history of volunteerism. They were a busy lot with a common philosophy. By volunteering to take care of many of the tasks necessary to maintain TR, they were saving money and keeping lease fees to a minimum. This philosophy may have developed as a result of the financial depression of the late '20s and early '30s as many of our original settlers were of that generation.

Most, if not all, of this early generation of TR residents is long gone and with them their philosophy.

The Park is currently undergoing a turnover of residents. Younger couples are moving in with a different philosophy. This generation did not live through a depression. Incomes are very different than they were when the park opened. As a result, there is more of a tendency to think in terms of hiring someone to do work rather than doing the work themselves. This is fine to a point, however, if carried to extremes will have a huge impact on our lease fees.

We still have a volunteer work force but it does not seem to be as strong as that of years ago. People still volunteer, but they are more likely to do so only after being asked. The ability to perceive of a park need and just resolve to fill the need seems to be lost.

New generations bring new ideas and new activities which is a good thing. A renaissance involves a rejuvenation to change with the times. We are looking forward to a new generation of TR residents with new and exciting ideas. *mre*

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To be a trusted source of information for the TR Community.

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Do you know...the origin of our interstate road system?



by Margaret Emmetts

Dwight D. Eisenhower was an interesting man. From his humble beginnings in Texas and Abilene, Kan., he went on to graduate from West Point in 1915 and had a long career in the U.S. Army. He rose to the rank of five-star general and was Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Western Europe during WWII. At the end of the war he served as the Military Governor of the American-occupied zone of Germany, then Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and finally as Supreme Commander of NATO. In 1953 he was elected President of the U.S.

During Eisenhower's early Army career he led a caravan of 81 Army vehicles on a 3,251-mile trip from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco. The trip took 62 days. Why so long? The reason was that

the U.S. highways were a hodge-podge of two-lane roads on which you were lucky to do 45 mph.

During WWII Eisenhower was impressed by the Autobahn in Germany and its ability to quickly transport troops from point A to point B. He realized that this ability was essential to national security. When he became President he had the ability to rectify the highway situation in the U.S. In 1956 he introduced legislation to begin construction of the interstate highway system.

As you probably know, the east-west interstates bear two-digit even numbers. Route 10 runs along the southern U.S. border and Route 80 runs from New York City to San Francisco. The north-south routes bear odd numbers. Route 1 is in California and Route 95 runs along

the east coast. Three-digit interstate numbers indicate beltways that circle major cities such as Boston or Atlanta.

Today we take these high-speed, multi-lane highways for granted. We can drive coast to coast in five days or less, as opposed to the 62 days it took Eisenhower many years ago.

There is a belief that straight, level portions of the interstates were built at predetermined intervals. The story is that these straight, flat portions could be used as landing strips for airplanes in an emergency. Although this is a great tale, unfortunately there is no substantiation for that idea.

We owe Eisenhower a huge vote of thanks for both his foresight and his execution of the interstate plan.

The Servant's Plow

Observing Lent through Psalm 25

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Psalm 25 is often read on the first Sunday of Lent, a time of preparation for the Passion of Christ. The psalm is a prayer for guidance, protection and redemption.

Psalm 25 is an alphabetic acrostic poem. Though its structure is obvious in Hebrew, it is obscure in translation, but when we attend to the structure of Psalm 25, we can start to comprehend its message. In short, the psalm teaches that God shows us the way to follow Him and provides the way out of danger. There are also instructions to live in harmony with others and the way to organize our lives.

What can we learn about God from Psalm 25?

The psalmist articulates a set of characteristics about God. These characteristics are revealed about His divine character (v. 8-10) and through the writer's request for God's action (v. 1-7). God provides order and meaning for human life through the law (v. 4-5). God forgives (v. 7-8). God acts on behalf of the faithful, satisfying those who wait on Him (v. 3, 5). God is in it for the long haul: That is, God has been faithful in the past and God will continue to be faithful in the future (v. 6-10).

What can we learn about the psalmist and, by extension, about ourselves?

The psalm reveals much about what it means to walk the path of life in a relationship with God. Being a sinner doesn't exclude us from the ability to learn from God (v. 7). Even those who have experienced great shame and oppres-



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

sion can experience God's redemption (v. 2). God's mercy overwhelms any of our failings (v. 8-9). Following God's path leads us to salvation (v. 1-2, 5 and 10). In this Psalm, the psalmist asks God to show His wisdom, to make His ways understandable (v. 4) and then to lead him in those ways (v. 5).

The Hebrew verb "hadrikheni," pronounced "dah-rak," at the beginning of verse 5 means literally "cause me to walk" or "lead me." God is the one who reveals the path and who makes the psalmist walk it.

Everyone benefits from God's instruction, both the humble (v. 9) and the sinner (v. 8). Sinners can learn the right way by attending to God's Word. The psalmist should know. He himself is a sinner (v. 7). He has failed to walk uprightly in the past, but hopes that God will instruct him and keep him on the right track as he goes forward (v. 11 and 18).

This Psalm is useful in teaching one how to pray.

The poem's structure enables

one to memorize it easily. Similarly, the psalm contains a series of "hinge words" that facilitate memorization. Hinge words are words that appear in one line and are then repeated in the next, often in slightly different but related form. Once memorized, the psalm provides a roadmap for the faithful to pray. The psalm, like God's Law, becomes a guide. It travels with you wherever you go. The psalm thus becomes a way for God's order to be realized in one's life through prayer.

The instruction of Psalm 25.

The psalm begins like a classic lament with a statement of trust and a series of direct requests for God's aid. The psalmist is in trouble and when trouble besets him, he thinks about the Law of God. The psalmist is keenly aware of the ways that he has failed to keep the law. Indeed, guilt and sin hang over the psalmist (v. 2-3, 7-8). Even so, the psalmist understands that salvation comes in the form of divine instruction: "teach me, for you are the God of my salvation" (v. 5). The psalmist imagines his salvation in the form of learning.

We are saved by grace, a reality that we remember and commemorate during the season of Lent. Because we trust that God is gracious, we dare to enter a season of confession and penitence, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice to God and pledging ourselves anew to discern and do God's will. May your season of Lent be filled with remembrance, repentance, renewal and instruction for the road ahead. Blessings and comfort.



Travelers Rest
CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Bernie Gutridge

Sunday Service

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Anthony Shipe

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TR helps with a rehab for Habitat for Humanity



Photos submitted by Barbara Colson

Group picture in front of the house after our day of work. Back row: Glen and Christine Lessig, Barbara Colson, Bob Trotter. Front row: Randy Smith, Charlie Mason, Mary Brown, Nan Lance, Chris Blackwell, Dan Watson, Steven Syring and Craig Miller.

by Barbara Colson

What a wonderful community we live in here at TR. To be able to enjoy all the activities TR has to offer and then be a part of our local community is one of our many blessings.

A big TR thank you to all the people who were involved in this year's Habitat Rehab Build. The 12 volunteers, as well as the crew who fixed our lunch or donated goods and funds to this year's building event, did a fantastic job. Our task this year was priming and painting the inside of a rehab house. Some even painted the trim below the house! Our chief cook, Jackie Thackery, not only fed our crew but insisted on inviting the caravan volunteers who come each year to work for the Central and East Pasco County Habitat Affiliate, to join us. It gave us all a chance to get to know each other better.

I am just sorry that there were not more places to help build this year. I was limited with the number of volunteers I could have on the site. Next year they are hoping to have more building opportunities available. There is even talk of building an apartment complex.

Our 2025 TR builders were Charlie Mason, Bob Trotter, Randy Smith, Mary Brown, Glen and Christine Lessig, Chris Black-



A painting lesson from Jose, the project supervisor.



Youngest Habitat volunteer, a 3-month-old baby and the cutest of the build.

well, Craig Miller, Nan Lance, Dan Watson, Steven Syring and Barbara Colson.

Our culinary crew and donors were Jackie Thackery, Jenice Johnson, LuAnn Gatewood, Brenda Hatchel, Alex Adair, Laurie Zentmyer, John and Mary Ellen Deegan, Mary Beth Coldren, Jeff Duquette, Dan and Sharon Zile, Gerry and Patsy Nagel, Peggy Biser, Connie Swanson, Antonette Jennings, Dee and Chuck Manos, and Russ Thackery. Notable was the great representation from the Celebration Choir and TR Amateur Radio Club. We are grateful to Jackie Thackery for her delicious pies. Many thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile and enjoyable activity.



Caravan volunteers share a lunch at the campground. Jackie's pies are always a hit.

TRash Talk Update



by Ken Hankinson

Since the start of our Waste Management Program two years ago, significant progress has been made. The new and revised Waste Management Brochure updates several issues and includes a map with directions to the waste recycling facility on Handcart Road. Our next bulk-waste pickup event is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please note the change in time of the event as it will end earlier than previous events. The 10:30 a.m. time will allow volunteers to get back to the park in time to enjoy the year-end event that starts at noon. Please do not leave any items after 10:30 a.m.

As with previous bulk-waste events, PLEASE no large furniture, mattresses, vanities, toilet bowls, tires, or auto or golf cart batteries. If in doubt, please refer to the Waste Management Brochure. We continue to ask for your support for the program: NO plastic bags in recycling bins and please break down your cardboard boxes to save room.

Thanks again for your help with TR's Waste Management Program. Please direct any questions to Ken Hankinson.

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Waste Management Program

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Trash bins and recycle bins are located at the west end of 14th Ave. and behind Busch Hall.

This program reduces our environmental impact.

Veterans Fundraiser reminder

by Ken Hankinson

By now we hope everyone who plans to attend has made their reservation and has secured their entry tickets. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Your donation for the event will be accepted at the door. All proceeds from the event will go directly to The Heat Factory in support of their efforts and programs to assist veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD. PTSD is responsible for the majority of veteran suicides which is too high and unacceptable.

If you missed securing a reservation or are unable to attend the event, donations can still be made prior to as well as after the event. Make checks payable to Travelers Rest Veterans, with memo to Veterans Fund Raiser. Checks can be submitted to Marty Schencke lot 2605 at any time. Your generous donations will go a long way in supporting our veterans and are very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the event as Busch Hall is transformed into an informal around-the-world food and dining experience.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

by Ken Hankinson

The Saturday, March 22 Flag Retirement Ceremony is rapidly approaching and this will be the last reminder. This event is now held every other year and will not be scheduled again until 2027. The ceremony will start at 1 p.m. and will be held at the Valdez Farm, 16316 Bellamy Brothers Blvd., the same location as the 2023 event. Both parking and restrooms are nearby and handicap accessible. Please bring a chair and what you feel you may need if it's a hot sunny day – sun screen, hat, water, sun



glasses. The ceremony will last approximately 45 minutes and light refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Plan to linger for awhile to enjoy and tour this beautiful site.

Please sign up in Busch Hall if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, you can contact Ken Hankinson.

Travelers Rest vehicle gets new decals

by Margaret Emmetts

Most residents have seen the Travelers Rest car around the Park. This week it received a new designation. It is now officially a vehicle used by our First Responders and Fire Rescue team.

To signify this change, new decals were applied to the car on the front, rear and both sides. Wally Wilson and Alan Kenney were charged with making the changes. Bill Watkins, who has experience with decal applications while working in fleet management, stepped up to assist making the task a bit easier.



Photos by Pam Watkins

Our Travelers Rest car sporting its new decals.



Alan Kenney, Bill Watkins and Wally Wilson applying the new decals.

The car originally had decals that said "TR Crime Watch." Over time the Crime Watch decal was removed.

Each evening the First Responder Team Leader assigns someone from the team to take the car to their residence. In the event of an emergency, our vehicle will accompany the Crash Cart to the site. It will then be used at the Park entrance to quickly direct the ambulance to the correct location. This procedure assures that help will reach the parties in need as quickly as possible.

Thanks Fire Rescue/First Responders.



Bill Watkins, Alan Kenney and Wally Wilson measure for the hood decal.

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Activity Affairs



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

The Hobby and Arts Show and Root Beer Floats. This year's Hobby and Arts Show is coming up Wednesday, March 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. The Hobby and Arts Show gives residents the opportunity to display the crafts and artwork they've been working on all season. Resident vendors can display their handiwork individually or as part of one of our activities and many of them offer their crafts for sale. If you would like to participate, please sign up ASAP on the sheets on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. You can also text Guy Weik or Brenda Varty or email activities@travelersrestresort.com. Please include your name, activity or craft, phone number and the number of tables you will need.

Added treats at the Hobby and Arts Show are the root beer floats being sold by the newly-formed Pops Chorus. These are always popular on a warm March afternoon at TR. We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday at the Hobby and Arts Show.



Root Beer Float

Meet our TR Times advertisers: Judy and Lisa of Partners with Style

by Pam Watkins

Judy and Lisa own a boutique hair salon in historic downtown Dade City where they provide a full range of expert hair-care services for both women and men from cuts and color to perms and styling.

Lisa says that she and Judy worked side-by-side for many years at another salon before they decided to open the door to their own and "we have never looked back." They have operated their cute, cottage-style shop at 14241 7th St. in Dade City since 2000. They have supported TR through advertising in *The TR Times* since they opened their door for business.

Both owners have more than 35 years of styling experience. They also have two additional stylists on staff to serve your needs: Kaylee is a stylist with more than five years of experience and enjoys working with foils and Amanda, a stylist with more than 20 years of experience. All offer genuine smiles and enjoy good conversa-

Dining with Friends



Photos by Nancy McDowell

Dining Hosts Marlene and Harold Hughes.

by Marlene Hughes

Dining with Friends was held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. The group will meet again on Saturday, March 8 at 5 p.m. This is the last one of a fantastic season. We are suggesting that you bring something related to your state or country of origin for the potluck. Don't let that keep you from coming, anything is great. We were excited to see the great turnout that we had for the dinners. We met old friends and made new ones as we shared food, fellowship and some great music. The highlight of all the dinners has been the great music and Saturday night was no exception. Ron and Ruth Reeve, Barb Swartz and Ruth's brother entertained us. We are so blessed to have such great musicians here at TR and they are so willing to share their God-given talents. I am making a plea for someone to take my place next year to host Dining with Friends. The time has come for me

to step down and help someone else to continue the activity. It is not hard to do and I will help and support you as much as you need. We would like to request the dish you bring is enough to share with at least eight to ten people. Everything else is furnish except your beverage. There is a sign-up sheet on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for Saturday night. See you then.



A fun group of TR friends enjoying a meal together.

GOOD FOOD
GOOD MOOD

Let's all travel Newfoundland from coast to coast



Photos by Alan Kenney

Alan Kenney on the move along the coast.

by Bert Contractor

It was amazing to travel with Barbara Colson zig-zagging the world at the last Travelogue delivered on Feb. 26. Thank you Barbara for working so hard to prepare your presentation and for an amazing delivery. The Travelogue, by Barbara, was attended by over 60 TR residents. This was one of the largest attendance counts since I have been attending the Travelogue activity.

Last year, Alan presented his adventures on an Airstream trip through Mexico and is a master storyteller. This is how Alan described his "Airstreaming Newfoundland Coast to Coast" trip: "I took these photos and videos in 2024, they include the Great Western Peninsula, Gros Morne National Park, Gander, Trinity, St. John's, Bonavista and other northern Peninsulas. Come and enjoy the geography, jellybean houses, birds, pubs and gaelics (kitchen Fests) along the way."

We have only one more Travelogue this season. Please mark your calendars now so you do not miss out on attending these wonderful journeys. Wednesday, March 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Citrus East, Jerry McRoberts: "South America and Antarctica" (Cruise).

I am always looking for travelers interested in presenting their adventures and stories. Please contact Bert Contractor via text or call 980-334-5050 if you are interested in sharing your travel adventures. If you need assistance in preparing your slideshow I will be glad to help.

Hope to see you all at the next Travelogue.



Elk at the Great Western Peninsula.

I am looking forward to Alan Kenney presenting his adventure "Airstreaming Newfoundland from Coast to Coast" on March 12 at 3 p.m. in Citrus East. This presentation will end at 4 p.m. in order to accommodate the individuals invited to the Travelers Appreciation Dinner in Zephyrhills.



Photos by Pam Watkins

Partners with Style Judy and Lisa.

tion with their clients many of whom are from TR. In addition to hair services, the salon also offers facial waxing. "Waxing above the chin only, please," Judy reiterates.

Partners with Style is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. and on Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Appointments may be made by calling them at (352) 458-0122. Let them know you saw them in *The TR Times* and that you appreciate their support of our community's newspaper.



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TR Scavenger Hunt 2025 was a hit

by Laurie Lasure and Chris Marsh

The TR Scavenger Hunt was a resounding success! Nearly 200 TR residents gathered in The Grove on a lovely warm Saturday afternoon before scrambling to search for clues and solve riddles throughout the Park. There was much camaraderie and laughter as 35 teams raced to beat the clock. Eight of the teams received a perfect score.

Scavenger Hunt champions were Dave Kat, Daryl McLeod and Ralph Smith who finished in first place with a time of one hour and 43 minutes. Second place finishers were Bill and Shannon Harkins, Al and Trish Horney and Lloyd and Chris Marsh. Erna Akers, Deb Kat, Belinda McLeod and Val Smith took home third place.

The Hunt was followed by a community gathering at Mirror Lake. The TRGA welcomed scavengers along with the TR community. They provided grilled hot dogs, chips and bottled water to the hungry crowd. There were putting and chipping contests for



Champions Dave Kat, Daryl McLeod and Ralph Smith.

the golfers in the crowd. John Bearman bested all in putting, while Bill Harkins won in chipping.

Donations were accepted to help cover the food costs. Many thanks to all who attended and made this a fun and exciting event.

The event was planned by Dan and Marla Varner and Ken and Laurie Lasure. Ken Person and his TRGA team provided the refreshments. Thank you all for your work – great job! There was so much positive feedback that planning has already begun for the next TR Scavenger Hunt in the 2026 season.



Second place winners are Lloyd and Chris Marsh, Al and Trish Horney and Bill and Shannon Harkins.



Val Smith, Deb Kat, Erna Akers and Belinda McLeod take home third place.

Sporting Clays, Skeet and Target Shooting Club is for women, too

by Barb Swartz

TR Sporting Clays, Skeet and Target Shooting Club has been an active group for nine years. I want to encourage women in the Park to consider this great activity. Shooting sporting clays is fun and you can compete equally with the guys. My husband Jeff and I have fun trying to best each other on how many clay birds we can hit. No skill is necessary. Having your own shotgun is a plus but you can rent one at The Tampa Bay Sporting Clay office. Please consider this fun activity. For more information, contact Ray LoPresti in the TR Directory or on the InTouch app.



Photo submitted by Barb Swartz

Bottom: Chuck Bocchino, John Toombs, Ray LoPresti and Barb Swartz. Top: Bill Long, Gary Grenier, Bill Moschler, Anthony Tartalone and Jeff Swartz.

Tea Party update



by Cathy Stuart

Mark your calendars Ladies! After a successful, fun-filled event, there is another Tea Party planned for Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026. Again, it will be a chance to use your tea cups and saucers as well as don your festive hats.

We would love a few more helpers for the day. Please think about it and we will talk in January. Have a beaut-TEA-ful day!

TR Model Railroad

by Brian Krupicka

The different modules the club members have made can provide some very interesting configurations. We can combine straight modules, outside corner modules, inside corner modules, T-intersection modules, tear drop modules, crossover module, etc. The TR Model Railroad Club has never assembled the same layout design twice. This makes for some very interesting operational meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243.



Photos by Brian Krupicka

T-Trak layout displayed at an independent seniors center.



Both layouts were displayed at the national model railroad show in Milwaukee.



Book Browsers

by Nan Lance

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

- March 12 - "The War Nurse" by Tracey Enerson Wood.
- March 26 - "Grandma Gatewoods Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail" by Ben Montgomery.

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 Years Ago - 1995

- Boardwalk built over path at Lake Margaret. A boardwalk was recently completed over the lower path to the Windows on the Lake building at Lake Margaret. It is 5 ft. wide and approximately 50 ft. long.
- There is a nationwide organization of fire clowns whose mission is to entertain at elementary schools, daycare centers and other groups to promote fire safety. As part of the routine, they do magic, balloon characters and face painting.
- A Golden Anniversary luncheon in Busch Hall was attended by more than 200. Over 10,000 years of married life were celebrated.

20 Years Ago - 2005

- Travelettes and TR Singing Men will perform at Busch Hall Sunday Night. Directors Bernie Gutridge and Al Gable will conduct together and separately.
- TR residents say no to more TV channels. The recent survey about adding more channels was resoundingly rejected by TR residents.
- TR Volunteer of the Year. Nominating a Volunteer of the Year could be very detrimental to the volunteer system we have here at TR. Singling out one person could cause hard feelings among other volunteers. We have many volunteers devoting their time and energy making it impossible to select only one.

10 Years Ago - 2015

- Approximately 15 to 20 years before the TR property was purchased, farm men met in The Snack Shack area once a month. They eventually built a shack of rough wooden poles, roof and a dirt floor with open sides. Picnic benches were added and the area served as a meeting place.
- In September 2014, TR was represented at the Hershey Pennsylvania RV Trade Show, one of the biggest RV shows held. We will be attending the next one this September.
- We love Treasure. As children, we enjoyed stories of buried treasure. We even acted them out by putting marbles in a can and burying them. Take note that this is what TR's Geocaching members are doing with a more sophisticated method.

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Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION

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

BRIDGE: BEGINNERS

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

CRIBBAGE

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

GAMES NIGHT

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

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES

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

SATURDAY DANCE NIGHT

Various available Saturdays 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

BULLETIN BOARD IN BUSCH HALL

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

Tuesdays, 3-4:30 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, 5:00-7:00 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.
Dave & Dawn Pulleyn

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays when scheduled, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch The TR Times and InTouch for updates.
Leslie Ewing

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.

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 2:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas.

Laura Lilawski

VETERANS MEETING

2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. All year.

Vince Smith (Winter)
Marty Schencke

KNOTTY KNITTERS

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. All year.

Diane Fisher

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

LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT GAME

Non-dance Fridays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall (January-March)

Gary Dietz

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. Nov.21-April 10.

Jackie Thackery

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

PICKLEBALL

Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check Outdoor Activities in the SWISH and InTouch apps for current schedule. Jan-March.

Delia and Carey Box

SP. CLAY, SKEET & TARGET SHOOTING

Meet in the Jeri Miller Activity Building, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. (January-March) Sporting Clay and Target Shooting off campus. Novice shooters 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 (IMPROVERS)

Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. January 9-March 20.

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 (Beginners), 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., Fridays, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Betty Teichert

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. November-March.

Amy Grier

LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. in Busch Hall, Wednesdays 1 to 2:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Jan. 14-March 19.

Alex Adair

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).

Janet & Harold Baal

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 9:00 a.m. in Citrus East and West. Year-round.

Sheila Schencke

LITURGICAL DANCE

Tuesdays, 3-4:00 p.m. in Citrus East (December-March)

Donna Neer

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 JONG CHINESE

Mondays and Fridays, 12 to 2:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Dec 9-March.

Marcia Hatfield

POM POM DRILL TEAM

Thursdays, 2-3:00 pm, in Jeri Miller Activity Building.

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.

Denise Weik

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Nov.18-March.

Bette Gorman

POPS CHORUS

Wednesdays, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January-March.

Mary Beth Coldren

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

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. Call or text to reserve spot.

Pat Daubenmier

TR SINGING MEN

Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:00 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

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 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

YARD SALES

3rd Saturday of the month, 8:30-11:30 a.m., November-March.

Activities Director

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.

Sean Neer
Tom Stuart

TR TRAVELAIRES ORCHESTRA

Tuesdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.

Pat Daubenmier

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 7-March.

Renee DeTar

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

ZUMBA

Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in Citrus West. Cardio dance. January-March.

Bev Weissinger

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building (Dec-March).

Brian Krupicka

ROCK PAINTING

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.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

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



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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,
Volunteer Travel Director

Have you noticed how food brings people together? Such was the case with the TR Travelers who are preparing for their March 10 to 14 bus trip to New Orleans. King Cake, a yummy traditional Mardi Gras season treat, helped everyone to get their NOLA groove on as trip details were shared by Small World Tours guide Holly Griggs.

The King Cake, made by a professional baker, is a cake created by twisting cinnamon dough into an oblong ring that is decorated with sweet white icing topped with colored sugars. Purple

represents justice, green represents the importance of faith and gold signifies power. Hidden in the dough before baking is a small baby Jesus. Legend suggests that the guest who receives the baby Jesus in their piece of cake will provide the next King Cake, often for a party. TR Traveler Bobbi McGee was touched to know that the newborn King found in her piece of cake would be traveling with her.

Holly distributed trip materials and oriented the group to the week's schedule, luggage tagging procedures and bus amenities. The Small World Tours Bus is equipped with WiFi, charging ports at each seat, TV screens for movies, a microphone for announcements and games and, most importantly, a restroom. Since temperature preferences vary widely among passengers, Griggs suggested that passengers bring sweaters or blankets and pillows for comfort. Bringing along a heating pad might help comfort lower back muscles for the long bus ride. Since the group will include just 29 passengers, there will be extra seats available, adding to our comfort.

In addition to comfortable walking shoes, passengers are encouraged to bring along assistive devices such as canes and walkers, as most NOLA sites involve considerable walking.

Amenities are not limited to the Small World Bus. The Beau Rivage Casino will be providing each traveler with \$30 in Free Play and breakfast. The Drury Inn adjacent to the French Quarter features a free buffet breakfast and a daily 5:30 p.m. "Kickback" with complimentary adult beverages and a variety of food options. Numerous events, such as the WWII Museum and the Natchez Steamboat Cruise, include meals. An additional amenity for the trip is portage service, meaning that in several hotels, luggage will be brought from our hotel rooms to and from the bus.

The schedule for our NOLA adventure is packed with a City Tour including a cemetery, the WWII Museum with a luncheon performance by the Victory Belles, a Mississippi River Dinner Cruise on the Steamboat Natchez, a Sugar Plantation House Tour, time for a visit to Harrah's Casino and more.

However, Holly stressed that if the schedule is overwhelming, an individual may decide to opt out of an activity to make time for rest. Just give her a call!

Holly developed this particular itinerary for us, and she and the bus driver have already taken a first run of the trip with another group. NOLA is a busy city with many narrow streets, so it is to our advantage that they have determined the best and legally approved bus routes and parking locations for our itinerary. We are definitely looking forward to an awesome New Orleans City experience.

As you are reading this article, our Small World Tours Bus will be returning 51 contentedly tired travelers from a Wild Florida Day Trip that began at 7:30 a.m. this morning and is scheduled to return at 5:30 p.m. Assuming everyone followed the Wild Florida guidelines, we will have observed many exotic animals with no injuries to humans or wildlife. Look for pictures in next week's edition.

As the TR Travel season nears conclusion, we are already beginning the planning process for next

year. We will attempt to reschedule the Al Capone Dinner Show and perhaps another venture into Tampa. Nearby boat cruises are always popular. What will we choose? What will accommodate the interests of TR travelers, the TR schedule and reasonable cost? Be sure to watch Facebook Residents and Friends, as well as the InTouch Community app for the latest in travel news during your time away from TR!

"There are a lot of places I like, but I like New Orleans better." Bob Dylan

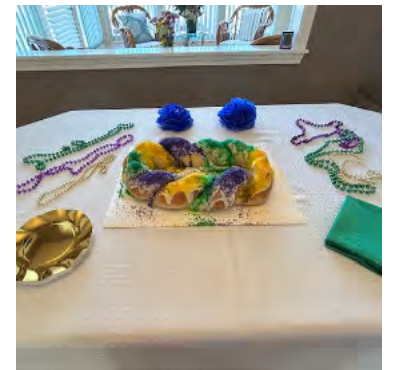


Photo by Sharon Zile

A sweet and colorful Mardi Gras King Cake.

The dream becomes a reality - Chapter Nine



Photos by Barbara Colson

Khorovatz in the garden.

by Barbara Colson

This article is very special to me. I had the opportunity to serve our country in the Peace Corps from 2008 to 2010. It was another one of those bucket list items I had on the back burner from when I was 19 years old in college. Sometimes, I'm like "Leo the Late Bloomer," it takes me awhile to get'er done. At 59, I applied, and they took me. What were they thinking?

Let's get a little history of the country of Armenia. Armenia's history goes very far back in time. Their greatest king, Tigranes II, ruled from 95 BC to 55 BC. His empire stretched from the Pontic Alps to Mesopotamia and from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean. When I visited Israel in 2011, I found a quarter called the Armenian Quarter.

The Armenian Quarter is the smallest Jerusalem old city neigh-

borhood. It comprises just one sixth of the Jerusalem old city area. The heart of the Armenian community lies between the Jaffa and Zion gates and this is where the world-famous Armenian ceramics of Jerusalem are created.

This small Quarter is home to one of the oldest Christian communities in the world. The Armenians were the first nation to formally accept Christianity, in 301 C.E. in their own country. Armenians were a presence in Jerusalem long before that. The first record of an Armenian visit dates to 96 BCE



A renovated garden at the Cascades.

when Tigranes II was the ruler. (Information from the jerusalem-insiders-guide.com.)

Today Armenia is squeezed in a tiny bit of land from the Republic of Georgia on the north, Azerbaijan on the east, Turkey on the west and Iran on the south. In 1915, Turkey killed between 664,000 and possibly as many as 1.2 million Armenians in the first genocide of the 20th century. Turkey and Azerbaijan are still trying to take land from Armenia and claiming it is theirs (Wikipedia).

Armenia has had many rulers over the years. Recently in 1922, Armenia became part of the Trans-Caucasian Soviet Socialist Republic. It finally gained its Independence on Sept. 21, 1991. When Russia dissolved their satellite countries, Azerbaijan was given land that was mostly inhabited by Armenians. They have been fighting for this piece of property ever since. Azerbaijan wants more.

I did wait until July this past summer to decide if I could trust going to Armenia to visit the friends I had made while in the Peace Corps. I'm glad I did get to visit and see my Armenian counterparts while working there, my patient tutor, some former students and girl scouts (we started a troop for one year), meet up with other Armenia friends, my host family during training and my program manager. I had spoken with some Peace Corps Volunteers I knew from when I had been in service. They were working in Yerevan. Plus, all my friends assured me there was peace in the country at that moment. I'm so glad I went. My host father passed away from a heart attack at the end of November. My former students spoke excellent English, some were even teaching English in the schools.



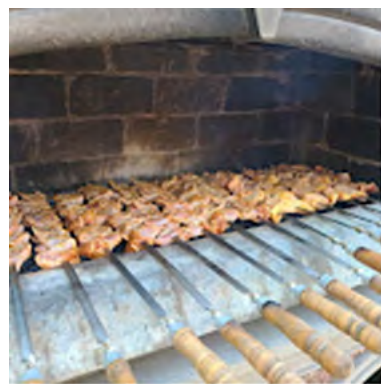
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Symbol of Armenia, Mount Ararat and the Yerevan skyline.

Others had gone to college and had great jobs. I was thrilled with their accomplishments, but not taking any credit for their success. Hard work on their part was probably the reason they were doing so well. I was just thankful they could speak and understand English. My Armenian language skills are gone.

While in Armenia, I attended a birthday party, partook in several khorovats (bar-b-ques), visited the renovated Cascades in Yerevan, an

art museum in Kapan and flew in an 18-passenger plane from Kapan to Yerevan which saved me a 5 to 7-hour van ride over some twisty, mountainous roads. I saw Mt. Ararat, once part of Armenia, but now it lies in Turkey and the beautiful Mt. Khutstup in Kapan. I didn't climb Mt. Khutstup this time as I had done in 2010. I can honestly say I was well taken care of. A huge thank you to all my Armenian friends for your kind hospitality and generosity.



A Khorovatz, St Sargis shrine, Bjni host family, my host mom and me, the Hrazdan River.



Library News

by Amy Peebles

It used to be that you would go to your local library, check out a book and return it upon its due date. But oh, how times have changed.

No longer having to schedule your visit to your library during operating hours, library apps that are downloaded on various devices, provide access to thousands of books, audiobooks and magazines, opening a whole new world for readers. You now have these materials at your fingertips and can access the apps whenever it is convenient for you.

According to their brochure, Pasco County Libraries has several apps for you to explore including Hoopla, Libby and CloudLibrary (CL).

Hoopla gives you access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, music, movies and TV. You can download up to six items a month for 21 days. To sign in to the app your default library PIN is your last name in capital letters.



Libby offers eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines. There are up to 10 checkouts at a time and up to seven on hold. You have seven to 14 days to use the items. There are extensive selections including new releases and bestsellers.

CloudLibrary offers eBooks and eAudiobooks. You can have up to 10 checkouts at a time and up to seven holds and you can use the items for 14 days. There is a very large selection including new releases and bestsellers.

According to the Internet, U.S. libraries began offering free eBooks to the public through their websites in 1998. To use the apps through the Pasco County Libraries you will need to apply for a virtual library account number online, and if you don't already have one you can convert this into a standard library card. For further information go to their website at pascalibraries.org.

I know many people say they like to hold a physical book, and I felt the same way. Going to the library and choosing a book has always been a passion of mine and so I never thought I would read an eBook. But once COVID hit and my two local libraries closed, I was so grateful that library reading apps provided such a vast selection of books to read. From then on I was hooked. Once the libraries opened again, I read both physical books and eBooks and it provided me with endless reading opportunities.

It's often you learn about something extraordinary when it's almost too late

submitted by Mary Kosbab

The following letter was sent to Mary Kosbab by Sue Chasteen:

It's often you learn about something extraordinary when it's almost too late. In my case it was the TR Library. My husband, Hugh, and I had been coming to TR in our Airstream during the season for over 10 years. Our first site was in RV South, under the big Oak Tree at what is now the entrance to the Dog Walk. We will never forget how difficult it was to back the rig into that space with all the big tree roots. In the succeeding years, we stayed on the "Hill" and "Oak View" until we bought a home in The Village.

I am almost ashamed to admit that I only learned about the library three years before we left the park!

I had asked around and learned that Mary Kosbab and Kay Blunda were the people I should contact to see if I could volunteer. After attending that first library meeting I was hooked and had been a volunteer ever since. I volunteer at my library back home in Athens, Ala. and was amazed when I first entered the TR Library. It is well-stocked, neat and clean and books are arranged in sections like any library you would walk into: Classics, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biography, Travel, Christian, Large Print, etc. In addition the library is entirely staffed by volunteers.

If you are new to TR or living under a rock like I was, I encourage you to visit the Library and experience what a gem we have here.

You don't need a library card, and you are on an honor system. You select a book, read it and return it with no designated return date (hopefully before you leave the park). You restock the book in its proper place or put it in the wire basket for a volunteer to restock. How delightful is that?

Unfortunately this was my last year as a volunteer. We sold our home in The Village and have returned to Alabama, but the TR Library and the many wonderful volunteers will always be a part of my heart and memory.

~ Sue Chasteen



Garden News



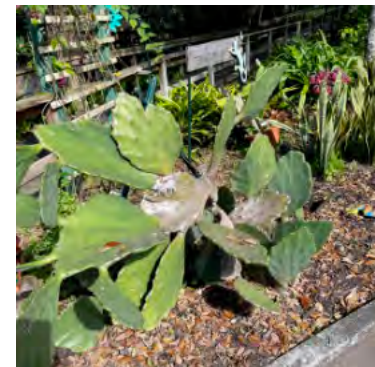
by Nancy McDowell

Succinctly succulents. I only wish! There is a section of the Lake Margaret Garden called Cactus Garden, which got me to wondering. See, there are also a few areas where sedum is abundant. Are cacti and succulents the same thing? What exactly is sedum? Not exactly the questions that keep me up at night, but I do wonder. I thought a quick Internet search would answer these questions. No such luck. There is just so much botanical detail to dig through when it comes to this topic.

Succulents are a way to describe, or group, plants that retain water or moisture. According to the Gardening Know How website "[M]ost succulents, including cacti, will thrive with little moisture. They also don't require rich, loamy soil but prefer well-draining, gritty and even sandy sites."

So succulence is generally a trait. Got it. With that, I turned my focus on cacti vs sedum. Since I learned they are of different plant families, I wanted to understand their similarities and differences.

I like how UF/IFAS defines cacti. They state that cacti store water in their leaves, stems or roots in order to withstand droughts (a succulent trait). When I think of a cactus, I do think of the desert first, though not Florida, and I think of long, prickly spines. Could it be as easy as - if it has a prickler then it is a cactus? Not with Mother Nature. Gardening Know How shares that it is all about where the spikes generate from - if from an



Photos by Nancy McDowell

Cactus Garden

areole, then it is a cactus. "Not all cacti actually bear spines, but they do all have areoles." So there you have it.

Sedum, on the other hand, do retain water and may have prickly spines, but do not have areoles. According to the NC State Extension Gardener website, sedum "is a genus of succulent, herbaceous perennials with fleshy, flat, or rounded leaves depending on the species. Genus name comes from the Latin word sedeo, meaning to sit in reference to the habit of many of the sedums species to sit and sprawl over rocks." They will also sprawl over tree stumps, as can be witnessed in the Lake Margaret Garden.

All in all, I do not think anyone will give you a prickly stare if you mistakenly refer to sedum as cactus or cacti as succulents.

Remember to join us at the LMGC Annual Art in the Garden Walk this Sunday, March 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. There is a great lineup of TR artists, musicians and craftspeople prepared to delight your senses. Delicious refreshments will be provided. Come and be dazzled by our beautiful space and the talent our wonderful residents offer.

Come take a stroll in the Garden, visit our Cactus Garden and walk amongst the sedum.



Pop Quiz: Cactus or some other succulent?

Results of the Library survey on DVDs and western books

by Mary Kosbab

A few weeks ago we asked for your input concerning the DVD collection and the usage of older western books. One person said they use the DVDs. No one said they read the old westerns. Based on our monitoring the DVD collection for two years and this response, we will stop accepting DVDs and will be removing the present collection to make room for books. We also will be removing older westerns as space is needed on the book shelves.

You are welcome to take any DVDs on the wall or in bins on the floor in the Library. As always, you are also welcome to take any books in the Free Books crates on the floor.

If you wish to leave a donation, there is a wooden box on the Pet Book shelves. We use all donations for Library supplies or to replace very popular books that are either extensively damaged or

are missing for more than two years.

We appreciate all the DVD donations given to us in the past. At one time they were very popular. Times change and new technology results in changes. Streaming seems to be the new way to watch movies. We give our deepest thanks to Kathy Fuller, Bert Contractor and Nan Lance who have taken care of this extensive collection for many years.

Old timers may remember the massive collection of VHS and BETA tapes which we had in the main room of the Hobby House. This collection was cared for by Casey and Kitty Fisher for many years. We also extend to them our deepest thanks for the time they gave to monitor that collection.

Thank you to those who responded to our survey. We always appreciate the input of all who use our Library.



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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Christine Natale and Vesa Nikuen have been full-time residents at TR for a little over four years. They had been in the Palm Beach County area on the east side of Florida until they happened to find TR. They loved it and have been here ever since.

Over the years they had assorted dogs and cats, all rescues. Almost 15 years ago a friend of Chris' discovered her Jack Russell-like girl dog was going to have puppies sired by a Chihuahua. Oh what poor timing. The lady's husband passed away and to add to her grief she was going blind. She had to move in with a friend who would take care of her but couldn't take the pregnant dog too.

The puppies were born and when they were one day old Chris stepped in and took mama and both puppies home with her. Three months later a new "forever" home was found for the mother dog. As you can probably guess, Chris and Vesa had grown to love those two puppies, who were now known as Rusty and Murphy and of course they stayed. The two puppies grew up together and spent eight happy years romping and playing. Then one day that fun stopped when Murphy collapsed and died from a heart attack while they were out in



RUSTY

the yard together, side by side. Oh did poor Rusty mourn the loss of his brother and best friend. Never again did he play with the toys they had shared. It just wasn't the same without Murphy.

Rusty has finally found happy times again. He loves to go for rides in the truck but once in a while he doesn't get to go along so they put out special treats and arrange the pillows on the couch a certain way, oh and he has to have his special "blankie." When they get home he leaps onto the bed and howls a serenade. They're never quite sure if he's happy to see them or he's yelling at them for not taking him along.

He loves people but if someone happens to walk up to

"his" truck while he's in it he barks. Same thing at home. If someone comes to the door he goes into warning mode and barks but it's all together different if he's out in the yard. Anyone can come over. He welcomes everyone with open paws.

Chris' mother is in hospice care and lives with family a short distance from TR. Rusty loves to go with them to see her. When they are just about there Vesa will say, "We're almost to Grandma's" and Rusty starts chattering in doggie language.

Rusty is a picky eater and doesn't like any type of dog food. Through lots of experimenting they have figured out what human foods he likes and he gobbles it up. Our pets give us so much love. Chris and Vesa are returning that love with plenty of yummy meals.

Like many of us that share our lives with our pets we also share our bed. Rusty wants to be in bed with them and of course he wants under the covers and touching one of them. Vesa said that close togetherness started when Rusty was a tiny puppy and sat in the palm of his hand. It is obvious he still loves that closeness. Towards the end of our interview Rusty was very relaxed in Vesa's arms.

Meet our TR Times advertisers: Chris' A/C Company



Photos by Pam Watkins

Husband and wife team Chris and Christina Jones are owners of Chris' A/C.

by Pam Watkins

Chris and Christina, owners of Chris' A/C Company, have successfully met their goal of building a family-friendly, Christ-centered business. They along with their staff of 19, deliver the convenience of HVAC services in one business providing installation, repair and maintenance services to both residential and light-commercial industry clients. They also sell non-refrigerant-related parts such as capacitors, thermostats, fan motors and duct work to customers who have the knowledge and desire to service their own systems.

Chris has more than 30 years of experience in the electrical and HVAC fields. After working for others for several years, he developed a plan to open and grow his own business. He started in 2001 near downtown Dade City working seven days a week and traveling across many counties to service customers and build his client base. Christina joined him in 2007 to manage the business as it grew. They eventually moved to their present location south of downtown in 2020 just as the COVID pandemic began.

situation. They did not know how or what they would do but they knew that it was not time to give up their faith. "Once you are a follower of Christ, you don't pick and choose when to do that. It's who we are," Chris says. They are thankful that they kept their staff and that their business continues to grow.

Chris' A/C Company is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they have a live answering service should emergencies arise outside of normal business hours. Appointments for installation, repair and maintenance may be made by calling (352) 521-4977 or visiting them at 10235 U.S. Hwy. 301 in Dade City.

Chris and Christina have supported TR through their advertisements in *The TR Times* since 2009. Let them know you saw them in *The TR Times* and that you appreciate their support of our community's newspaper.



The business is located on HWY 301 between Dade City and Zephyrhills.

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Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

A Dangerous Dagger. If your daily travels include walking along a body of water, then you have witnessed the beauty of the Great Blue Heron. This long-legged bird relies on water sources to provide anything that swims, hops or slithers near its shores for its dietary needs. It will quietly and slowly stalk its prey in shallow water while sometimes using its wings to block the sun for better visibility. When the critter of choice is spotted, a long sharp beak will spear said creature in the blink of an eye...bon appetit! This dangerous dagger of a beak can impale large fish that might seem too big to swallow. Have no fear however, that skinny looking neck will expand beyond belief to swallow fish up to three or four pounds. Down the hatch!

These Herons are colored in slate blue gray with black and white streaking. With a head to tail length of 36 to 54 inches and a wingspan of up to 79 inches this is indeed a large bird. The adult heron has virtually no predators with the single exception of the Bald Eagle. The sheer size of the heron along with that dangerous dagger is enough to discourage all others. That includes me! These migratory birds travel from southern Canada and Alaska to Florida, Mexico and the Caribbean for the winter. They will build a stick nest in trees near water. These social birds tend to nest in groups sometimes referred to as rookeries.



Photos by Tom Butler

GREAT BLUE HERON

A more specific name would be Heronries. These nesting locations can reach up to 500 nests. A more average number would be about 100. Vanishing Lake has reached five nests in a season which would be considered a good number for such a small body of water.

There are babies on a nest right now. Herons will build a stick nest near water and lay three to six light blue eggs that will incubate for about 27 days. Parents will share feeding duties while the young wait to fledge. Heronries will flourish if man does not interfere. Habitat destruction, human recreation, egg collectors and hunters combine to be the most common cause of rookery failure. Hawks, owls and mammals also contribute to the loss of eggs and young. Somethings are beyond our control but we can still make a positive difference with our efforts. Get out and enjoy nature and do no harm.



Great Blue Heron enjoys Nile Perch for lunch.



Pet Lovers Club

by Kim Roberts

The last Pet Lovers Club meeting is on Monday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. Kathleen Clark, our

resident dog trainer, will be there to speak about "Safety around Dogs." All are welcome, please join us.

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The art of photography

by Carey Box

The TR Photographers Group is a small group dedicated to learning about the art of photography. There are two meetings a week. The first session is dedicated to learning about your camera and how to use it to capture the images that you want. The second session is about learning post processing, also known as the digital darkroom. This session helps you further achieve your vision for your image using the latest image processing software. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level.

So far this season, we have done projects in Macro Photography (extreme closeup), Portraits, Candid Portraits (street photography), Event Photography (car show, corn hole), and Night (astro) photography.

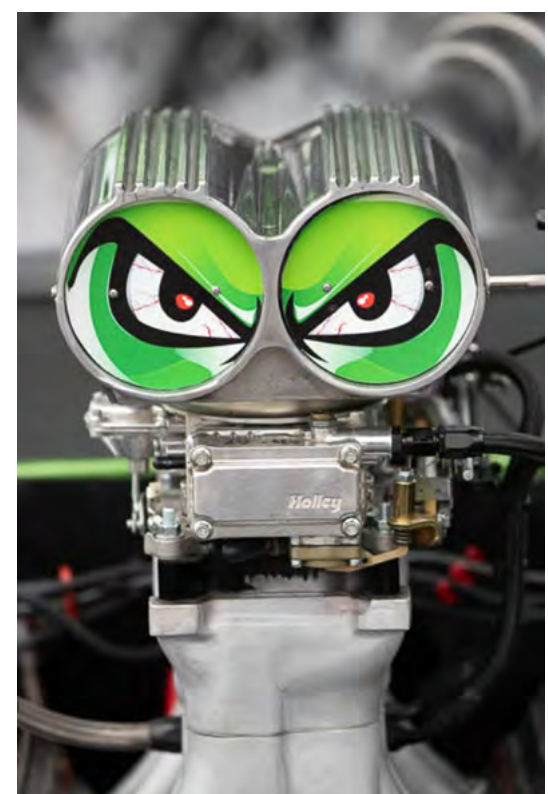
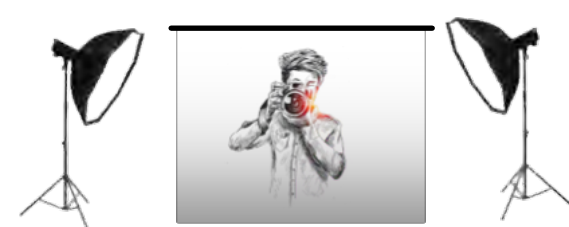
The TR Photographers Group meet on Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. in the JMAB. Also, check out the TR Photographers Group on Facebook and join the fun.



TOWNEY KENNARD



JIM PRASCH AND BETH FARRINGTON



Images by the 2025 TR Photographers Group: Carey Box, Bob Rubino, Bill Bradford, Marilyn "Mo" Maski, Jen Furman, Toney Kennard and John Van Ryswyk.

TR Sports

Bowling

by Leslie Price

Friday, Feb. 28

Men's Scratch High Game

Mark Hentchel	170
Bill Buczek	151
Don Markle	138

Men's Scratch High Series

Mark Hentchel	465
Bill Buczek	440
Don Markle	391

Men's Handicap High Game

Mark Hentchel	248
Don Markle	223
Bill Buczek	213

Men's Handicap High Series

Mark Hentchel	699
Don Markle	646
Bill Buczek	626

Men's High Average

Bill Buczek	161
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Women's Scratch High Game

Leslie Price	178
Lin Buczek	157
Pat Markle	152

Women's Scratch High Series

Leslie Price	477
Lin Buczek	432
Carol Schell	413

Women's Handicap High Game

Leslie Price	256
Carol Schell	254
Linda Smith	250

Women's Handicap High Series

Carol Schell	746
Leslie Price	711
Linda Smith	686

Women's High Average

Lin Buczek and Leslie Price ..	147
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Cribbage

by Bob Luther

Monday, Feb. 24

Kathleen Clark,	
Jean McKenney	484
Connie Bradley	479
Carol Jean Beard	471

TR RC Motorsports

by Tom Stuart

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Tom Cleland	35
Bruce Richman,	
Dave Watson	34

Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Dragon Flight 95

Soling 1 M Class 1

1. Jerry McRoberts

Friday, Feb. 28

Power Vees

1. Don Meddles

Spartan Class

1. Jay Starbody

Chinese Mah Jong

by Rose Taggart

Monday, Feb. 17

Connie Bradley	6
Marcia Hatfield	5

Deborah May, Kathy Bocchino,	
Nancy Moschler	4
Jen Furman, Rose Taggart	2

Janet Baal, MaryBeth Coldren,	
Betty Brown	1

Friday, Feb. 21	
Denise Weik, Anne Amico	5
Laurie Bania, Jen Furman,	
Rachel Brooks	4

Janet Baal, MaryBeth Coldren,	
Marcia Hatfield, Deb May	3
Connie Bradley	2
Kathy Bocchino, Rose Taggart ..	1

Monday, Feb. 24

Rose Taggart, Debbie May	7
Connie Bradley	5
Kathy Bocchino	3

Janet Baal, Nancy Moschler,	
Laurie Banie	1

Friday Feb. 28

Rachel Brooks	3
Nancy Moschler,	
Marcia Hatfield	2

Rose Taggart,	
Connie Bradley	1



Pickleball Jam

by Nancy McDowell

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Congratulations to the winners in each bracket.

We were blessed with wonderful pickleball playing weather this past week at our Pickleball Jam. We are now playing only one Jam each week.



Photos by Laurie Gardner
Varied skills bracket winners are D. Box, M. Biser and S. Appleby.

Varied Skill Bracket Winners

1. Delia Box
2. Michael Biser
3. Shirley-Ann Appleby

Advanced Bracket Winners

1. Carey Box
2. Wally Wilson
3. Scott Fuller



Advanced bracket winners are W. Wilson, C. Box and S. Fuller.

Partners Party Bridge

by Jen Furman

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Connie Bradley	
and Kitty Fisher	2770
Mike Clark and John Cyr	2220

Pat Dellamuth	
and Barry Sellick	1930
Jim Weigand and Casper	1840

Janet and Harold Baal	1680
Kathy and Lacy Shawver	570

Thursday, Feb. 27

Tawnya Rowden	
and Jim Weigand	2270
Janet and Harold Baal	2160

Connie Bradley	
and Mike Clark	1780
Pat Dellamuth	
and Barry Sellick	1570

Nat'l Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman

Monday, Feb. 24

Kathy Ellison	110
Arlene Wykoff	75
Kathy VanHorn	30

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Sue Guffy, Bette Gorman	50
Kathy Ellison	25

Friday, Feb 28

Bette Gorman	125
Kathy Ellison, Judy Pech	100
Arlene Wykoff	75

Sue Guffy	50
Diane Phillips	25



500 cards

by Deborah May and Connie Bradley

Saturday, March 1

Gary Anderson	2080
Deborah May	1870
Jackie Thackery	1590

Nan Lance	1500
John Bearman	1440
Shari Yingst	1290

Men's Golf League

Thank you everyone for a great year of Men's League. Our tournament is next week. Tee times will be posted on Facebook and at the Starter Shack early in the week.

by Barry English

Thursday, Feb. 27

Low Handicap Gross

Jay Jager, John Bearman,	
Mark Fedus	34
Bill Harkins,	
Moe Michaud	35

Low Handicap Net

Casey Fisher	28
Al Horney, Wayne Branchaud ..	30

Closest to # 5:

Ralph Smith	11'
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Closest to # 3:

Dave Farrington	5'3"
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High Handicap Gross

Roger LaPoon	37
Doug Waymouth	39
Serge Loiselle	40

Low Net

Michael Hill, Jim Doggett	30
John Delaney, Stan Motycka ..	32

Birdies:

Mark Fedus	3
Casey Fisher, Barry English,	
Rob Prophet	2

Jay Jager, John Bearman,	
Moe Michaud, Dan Varner,	
Wayne Schacht, Serge Loiselle,	
Ken Lasure, Dave Kat,	
Norbert Jansen	1

Ladies' Golf League

by Kathy Reimann

Wednesday, Feb. 26

We had another beautiful day for our 31 lady golfers and everyone was able to post one more round to update their handicaps for next week's tournament. Thank you Dee.

Congratulations to our Golfer of the Week Beth Farrington. Beth posted a 41 gross, 26 net and 12 putts. Even more impressive was her t-shot on #4 that hit the bridge then proceeded to run down the path and land in the grass adjacent to the green as witnessed by Maureen. Definitely the golf angels were helping her out that day.

A special thanks to Karen for looking after our tournament on March 5 and 6 and to Hazel and Barry for organizing teams and course rules.

Low Handicap Gross

Hazel English	34
Maureen Peet	35
Sylvia Cole	36

Low Handicap Net

Barb Watson, Marijo Noll,	
Eleanor Buchser	31
Shirley-Ann Appleby	33

Closest to # 5:

Maureen Peet	18'2"
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Birdies:

Hazel English	2
Maureen Peet, Betty Colborne ..	1

Fewest Putts:

Beth Farrington	12
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High Handicap Gross

Denise Michaud	
and Beth Farrington	41
Lorraine Gould	45

High Handicap Net

Phyllis Simmers	30
Karen Waymouth,	
Barb Larose, Janet Beisel	31

Closest to # 3:

Barb Swartz	28'1"
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Chip-ins:

Betty Colborne	1
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Lovely fully-furnished Village home located on a large lot in a cul-de-sac. Home has a wonderful private backyard. New kitchen appliances, two bedrooms, one bath, large eat-in kitchen, new kitchen floor, new windows and plantation shutters. Screened-in lanai completed three years ago. Sale includes share. **\$165,000.**

2615 Wiley and Gail Downing
203-241-2537

Park Model and Cabana with many upgrades and features located at a prime location in the park, within short steps to Busch Hall and everything else. The home is complete with quality furnishings and is move-in ready. A long list of amenities include inside dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer, mini-split Carrier heat-pump, three LED TV sets, Sleep Number queen bed, front and rear entrances, golf cart, TR stock.

11-09 Gerry Goffinet
615-481-6305

Fully furnished Park Model and Cabana. Extensively renovated and fully furnished. Ready for you to enjoy. Lighted patio, 6" deep concrete drive strips, easy walk to Busch Hall for concerts and to all the wonderful TR places where you play and/or take classes.

\$114,900 includes a share and remainder of 2025 lease.

11-16 Frances Taylor
615-479-8104
Bobby Taylor
615-479-8105.

2016 Forest River, 35'7" class A motorhome, Berkshire 34QS, Cummins 16 340HP Diesel, Freightliner chassis, four slides and awnings, dual a/c, auto-leveling, original owner, 67K miles, serviced annually, Freightliner Oasis, Gaffney, S.C. Featuring new flooring, water heater, AC, refrigerator and king bed. **\$109,900.**

17-30 Barry Zimmerman
910-232-5300

2020 Skyline Park Model 42' x 14' HUD built home to 2020 hurricane codes and specs.

Light and bright inside with a huge side porch and a screened in private back porch. Nicely done papers in driveway and back patio. Inside full size laundry. Lots of cabinet space for storage.

March Madness pricing \$114,000. RV South lot 10-21.

Kim Roberts
813-422-2126

RV South Park Model and lanai on a concrete pad. Fully furnished including plug-in generator, washer and dryer.

06-58 Wolf Reimann
816-308-9948

2006 44' Breckenridge 3 slide trailer with screen on full concrete pad. The trailer features a Mitsubishi split system heat pump, insulated aluminum roofover, luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout, custom Levelor window treatments, UV blocking window coating (2023), Kinetico drinking water filtration system, Lazyboy recliners, and a sleep sofa with memory foam mattress and many extras.

See Facebook for more detail. **\$75,000,** includes golf cart and share of stock.

09-04 Ken Pech
330-730-8056

2019 41' Hy-Line at lot 13-07. Cabana 12 X 24, washer, dryer and share of stock. Remaining lease through July 31, 2025, **\$108,990.**

13-07 Frank Meier
586-918-4266

2005 Keystone 5th wheel Everest 32 ft. fifth wheel with trailer-length concrete patio, fully renovated and meticulously maintained. The updates includes Roof overs. Main roof treated two years ago with a silicone base epoxy with a 20-year warranty. Many updates inside and out. Sale includes share and remaining season lease. See TR website for pictures. **\$24,900.**

08-12 George Paquette
450-409-1107

2008 35' Luxury Glacier Bay fifth wheel trailer with 3 slides, awnings have been replaced with hard metal roof, unit professionally leveled, blocked and anchored, bedroom with queen bed and full cedar-lined closet with mirrored sliding doors. Pull-out bed in living room, recliner loveseat, electric fireplace, office desk, full galley with three burner stove top and propane oven, dinette with four chairs, lots of storage inside and out. Comes with share and balance of the lease. **\$19,000.**

07-07 Jim Barnes
517-655-3788

2016 Rockwood Forest River 8329SS travel trailer for sale **\$29,500** obo. Sleeps up to four people. Welded aluminum frame with three large slides. Power leveling jacks, electric tongue jack, electric propane hot water heater with new anode rod just serviced December 2024. Air conditioner replaced December 2023. Two electric awnings, new electronic entry lock, vent lids on all overhead vents, professionally maintained. Shed with large double door and clamshell. Washer, dryer and refrigerator in shed with shelves for plenty of extra storage. Lease paid through July 2025. Does **not** include stock share.

15-35 Russ Fuller
860-747-1193
Rhona Fuller
860-805-4321

Roll-top desk in excellent condition. Make an offer.

2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820

Obituary submission

The TR Times includes obituaries of former residents in its various issues. Please submit your obituaries to the newspaper at thetrimes@gmail.com.



The last day is
Friday, March 21!



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