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GARDEN WALK

Lake Margaret Garden Walk

Sunday, March 8, 2 to 4 p.m. in the Garden. See Page 11.



Sunday Night Busch Hall presents

TR's Annual Talent Show on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See Page 2.



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Pops Chorus to sell root beer floats

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Travelaires Orchestra

Plays their last Friday Night Dance next week, March 13, 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. Page 2.



End-of-Season Bash!

Saturday, March 14, noon to 5 p.m. in The Grove.



Monday, March 16, 3 p.m. at Busch Hall Front Porch



People and Places . . . Chapter 10

The story of a very shy young man

by Margaret Emmetts

Colin Hyde was born and raised in Canada. He received a degree in mechanical engineering technology which was to shape his future. Colin claims to have been an extremely shy young man. Apparently he was able to get past this because if you know anything of his life story, it is hardly the tale of a shy young man.

After graduation Hyde worked briefly to get together some money. Having achieved this his life underwent an 180 degree turn. He decided to travel the world and did so for six long years. How did a fellow in his 20s afford this? His plan was to find work to pay his way as he went. What kind of work? Well, anything he could find and so he lived off his wits and more than a little moxie.

Over the six years Colin lived everywhere from Australia, the Philippines, various island nations in the far east and places too numerous to mention, traveling some 25,000 miles. He would fly from one destination to another and then hitchhike from the airport to a spot where he thought he might get work.

Some of his "careers" included dishwasher, sailor and even a flight attendant. The latter occurred when there was a rumor that the employees of a certain private airline were about to go on strike. To prepare for this possibility, the company hired and trained a secret replacement staff. As a result, Colin went to flight attendant school in Florida and learned all the safety procedures necessary to protect passengers in the event of an emergency. Remember, this is an extremely shy young man.

At some point Hyde settled down and got a "real" job working for a company that was designing

a unique taxi for use in New York City. The small car was essentially made of a plastic material. It featured wide doors and had the ability to accommodate a wheelchair. The project was sponsored by grants from New York.



Photos submitted by Colin Hyde
HYDE'S PLASTIC TAXI



Unfortunately the grant money ran out and the project was scrapped. Eventually the company folded and the prototype taxi was donated to a small museum in the area. Hyde left the company and went on to other things. Fast forward a few years. Hyde and a friend went to visit a museum. What should he see but the very taxi which he had designed. He told the museum curator that he was the creator of the machine. The museum was in dire straits and about to close. The curator said that if Hyde would make a small donation he could have the taxi. Not only does he own the taxi, he is still using it! Sometimes fact is stranger than fiction.

Hyde's most enduring career has been restoring vintage

Airstreams, a profession for which he is internationally known. His 11,000 sq. ft. facility in upstate New York has the capability of removing the Airstream shell and even spinning the chassis to work on it. He specializes in custom work.

A notable custom job was for Matthew McConaughey, star of the movie "Sahara," a man once voted "the sexiest man alive." McConaughey's producers wanted an Airstream which the actor could tour in to promote his film.

For many years Hyde has been one of the voices on **thevap.com** podcast that caters to owners of vintage Airstreams. If you own a vintage Airstream that you would like to refurbish to your own custom specifications, Hyde is the person to see.

To chronicle the many exploits of Hyde's life, one would have to write a book. Sit down with him and have a chat. He has endless stories. However, remember this is the life of what he describes as a VERY shy young man.



Colin's "rotisserie" setup to allow for a full shell-off restoration in which he spins the chassis to work on it.

The producers bought a new Airstream and wrapped it in "Sahara" graphics and toured the U.S. promoting the movie. At the end of the promotion, Matthew loved the Airstream so much, he removed the graphic and started living in the trailer on Malibu Beach in California. He then went looking for a vintage Airstream settling on a 26 foot 1952 Airstream Cruiser Overlander which Hyde's shop completely customized for him.



THE VAP LOGO

Last Resident Forum of the season

by Margaret Emmetts

The last Forum of the season was held in Busch Hall on March 2. The Board of Directors were present with the exception of Ruth Reeve. Chad Barber, Lora Davis, Terry Halbrook and Diana Peacock were also present.

Treasurer Halbrook stated that they are still not in receipt of the January financials. However his records show that we are breaking even. He expects a full financial will be available at the AGM together with a two-year comparison of assets, income and expenses. The projected budget for next year will be completed in May.

President May reported that it has been a busy season and again emphasized the value of all the work provided by volunteers. She also recognized the Maintenance Committee who are charged by the Board with providing a prioritized plan of projects/programs for Board consideration. Members of this committee are chosen based on their expertise in various fields, such as electric, sewer, water,

plumbing, etc. Their recommendations, which include estimated costs, provide a basis for capital projects to be included in the next budget. Their plans provide a three-to-five-year outlook. This committee has no budget. All projects are approved and budgeted by the Board.

Capital improvements this season will include a complete renovation of the Maintenance Building. The structure will be taken down to the studs and receive a totally new interior.

The Garden Club and residents are working diligently to remove plants killed by the cold weather. TR lost a number of our palm trees that were native to Mexico. They will be replaced by palms native to Florida.

May requested residents to arrange to have their lots weeded during off-season. If Maintenance has to do the work, the resident will be billed.

It was announced that a quorum has been met for next week's AGM.

The President went to some length to state that there are no illegal Board meetings. The bylaws require a ten-day notice of each meeting but do allow this rule to be waived if the Board members sign waivers. ALL Board members have signed these for the past three years. This allows the Board to act immediately in the event of a crisis, such as a hurricane.

Executive Board sessions are held for the purpose of discussing employee issues and usually occur at the end of a regular Board session. Privacy laws prohibit Board members from disclosing information about employees at regular meetings.

The Board is working on a preliminary budget for next season. The numbers will be announced when available. It is anticipated any lease increase will be similar to the current inflation rate. The \$200 creek assessment will remain in effect.

Kelly Newbury gave a report on the recent park survey. About 240 of the surveys were returned.

On a scale of one to five, most responses were in the four to five range. The full report is some 35 pages long and after editing it will be posted on the website. The survey covered topics such as: amenities and park lifestyle, office, golf course, buildings, landscaping and technology.

A question and answer period followed:

Q – The electronic bulletin board in front of the Post Office is very difficult to read. Can something be done to deal with the glare problem?

A – Chad will look into the situation.

Statement – Deborah May was congratulated on publishing Board Minutes promptly.

Statement – A truck was recently recorded dumping construction materials in our trash dumpster. License numbers were given to the office. Also, aluminum cans are being placed in with regular recycling. There is a special bin for aluminum. Recycling of soda cans earns money.

Busch Hall Sunday Night Talent Show



**FLY AWAY DANCERS
2022 TALENT SHOW**

File photos

by Katherine Shawver

TR has a lot of great talent, and the TR Talent Show is easily the most popular Busch Hall Sunday Night program of the season. This year the program showcases 14 talent entries including a variety of dancers, musicians, skits, singers, mimes and storytellers. This show is always a special TR event.

Cheri Richman is the new director for the TR Talent Show, so please come out to support her and see your friends and neighbors.

Please join us in Busch Hall on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. for this program. Our Ice Cream Social runs 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. and announcements follow at 6:45 p.m. The show starts promptly at 7 p.m.



**WRECK OF THE NANCY LEE
2023 TALENT SHOW**



It's a celebration!

Get ready to celebrate another great season at TR. Join your friends and neighbors in The Grove on Saturday, March 14 from noon to 5 p.m. Food trucks and music will add to the festivities. Bring your comfy lawn chairs, favorite refreshments and enjoy the afternoon festivities.

TNOM

by Nancy McDowell

Our next movie on Tuesday, March 10 in Citrus East is "The Boys in the Boat" starring Joel Edgerton and Callum Turner. From Wikipedia: "The Boys in the Boat is a 2023 American biographical sports drama film produced and directed by George Clooney, based on the 2013 book by Daniel James Brown. The film follows the University of Washington rowing team and their quest to compete in the 1936 Summer Olympics."

Short clip at 6:55 p.m., feature presentation follows. Please remember to silence your phones prior to the movie. Donations for movies and popcorn are always appreciated as they help keep this activity vital in our community. Do not forget to bring a comfy chair.

Last Flea Market of the season will close early

by Amy Peebles

To accommodate preparation for the Talent Show in Busch Hall on Sunday, March 8, the Saturday, March 7, Flea Market will be closing at 10 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. We kindly ask that vendors be packed up and out of the building by 10:30 a.m. so volunteers can begin to prepare for Sunday's show. To give the Flea Market vendors ample time to prepare their tables, vendors can begin their set up at 7:30 a.m. instead of 7:45 a.m. This will be our last Flea Market of the season, so we hope to see you there.

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Built by Volunteers

Buy a root beer float to support the Pops Chorus

by Pat Daubenmier

Wasn't last Sunday night's entertainment fabulous? If you missed it, you missed around 40 fellow residents on stage providing one of the best shows of the season. The Pops Chorus loves to show off!

They'd also like for you to come to Busch Hall on Wednesday, March 11, between 1 and 3 p.m. to help them get rid of around 40 cartons of ice cream and 48 bottles of pop. It's root beer float day at TR. At \$4 a float, it's one of the best bargains around.

Your support will help the Pops Chorus purchase what will probably be over \$1,200 worth of music for next year's show and replace a borrowed piano that actually died right before the most recent show. We thank you for your support.

We'd also like to recognize and thank Ron Reeve for sharing his time and talent. His boundless energy and wry humor truly make the Pops Chorus one of the best activities at TR. Perhaps you should check it out next year.



Come and get one!
(or two, or three...)

Wednesday, March 11
Hobby and Art Fair
in Busch Hall

1 to 3 p.m.
\$4 (Such a bargain!)

Sponsored by the
Pops Chorus



The Travelaires Orchestra to play their last Friday Night Dance of the season

by Pat Daubenmier

The end is near. That sounds ominous, but it's not. It's the last Travelaires' dance of the season. In one week we'll all be wearing the green and becoming Irish for St. Patrick's Day.

Mark it on your calendar now: Friday, March 13, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. We wouldn't want you to miss out on the fun.



Coffee Seminars to feature Charlie's Market and Katherine Shawver

by Leslie Ewing

Tuesday, March 10 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall, Charlie's Market will present the Coffee Seminar. Some changes will be coming to the market. They will be expanding their food offerings.

Thursday, March 12 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall Katherine Shawver will talk about the entertainment that will be coming next season. She will also talk about the process involved with scheduling these groups.

Friday, March 20 is last day for Snack Shack!



FOOD MENU

2026
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TURKEY SALAD	6.00
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Briefings from the Board

by Deborah May, President
Volunteerism

Travelers Rest was built by volunteers and runs because we have volunteers. Everywhere we look we can see volunteers at work making this a great place to live. Some volunteers like recognition and some just like to stay behind the scenes. Regardless, TR only exists because of the work the volunteers do every day to make this place operate smoothly.

The residents are used to everything happening on schedule to make their time here both entertaining and enjoyable. They often do not even think about how much work goes on behind the scenes by the volunteers.

The TR Times comes out every Friday like clockwork regardless of the problems that arise in The TR Times office. They have a shortage of volunteers and always need reporters. These workers are all volunteers putting in countless hours to produce our paper.

The Golf Course has become a showplace in the last year and a half thanks to many volunteers working, not only during the season, but year round. These volunteers have also contributed their time to other work that needed to be done in the park when they were asked. It takes a lot of volunteers to maintain the landscape of the Golf Course.

The Bocce Ball Court has to be maintained for the games. Again, volunteers step up. The Garden is run and maintained by a



DEBORAH MAY

lot of volunteer hands working in the dirt to give us a beautiful and peaceful place to just enjoy.

The Pickleball Court and surrounding area is run and maintained by volunteers. All the games and activities are run by volunteers. Often these same volunteers have been giving of their time for several years to Travelers Rest.

Who makes the decisions about the infrastructure and building repairs? Who decides when work needs to be done on the roads, buildings, the swimming pool, or roofs need to be replaced and buildings remodeled?

A quiet group made up of volunteers called the Travelers Rest Maintenance Committee. This group of resident representatives are chosen based on their expertise and experience in various fields like electric, sewer, water, plumbing, commercial contracting, etc.

During the five months of the season these individuals meet

every two weeks in the boardroom at the office to review problems, look at existing structures and work with the Maintenance Supervisor and General Manager to make sure everything is up to our high standards. On an annual cycle the TRMC is charged with providing a prioritized plan of projects/programs for BOD consideration. The annual plan should have a 3 to 5-year outlook. Recommendations contained within the plan include valid cost estimates.

The TRMC is charged with recommending the Contractors and/or Service Providers for projects and programs. This includes recommendations of Licensed Operators of the Water and Sewage facilities. Testing of both our water and sewage is done on a regular basis to ensure compliance with government regulations. Capital and Maintenance Projects as well as Preventative Maintenance Programs are included in the annual plan. The TRMC does not have a budget or the authority to spend or commit monies without BOD approval. They submit a budget request to the Board of Directors for their recommendations each year. Their budget request is reviewed and approved items are included in the annual budget that is approved by the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year.

THESE RESIDENTS ARE VOLUNTEERS!!!!

From the Manager's desk



CHAD BARBER

by Chad Barber with Pam Watkins

How many signs do you see while walking or driving through the park? From speed limits to recycling reminders, signage plays a small, but silent role in community safety.



Chad explains that the main purpose of TR's signage is simple: "to provide clear, situational information for the changing environs throughout the park." Some signs focus on safety, e.g., where not to ride a bicycle, 10 mph maximum speed limit and no glass in the pool area. Other signs are instructional, e.g., how to properly operate an automatic door opener, where pets should not be walked, and what is (and isn't) permitted in recycling receptacles.

Just like our ever-changing community, signage needs to be reviewed regularly. Conditions shift, new situations arise and residents may make suggestions or share concerns. A new situation was addressed just this year in response to the increasing use of electric bicycles. New signage was added to remind people that electric bicycles are not to be used on the sidewalks.

ends of Busch Hall are often missed in this high-traffic area. The speed limit, however, is the most common problem. "The most important and overlooked is our speed limit signs within the park," Chad points out. Crosswalks are another area often misunderstood by motorized vehicles of all kinds. Chad reminds us that "pedestrians have the right of way and vehicles should stop at crosswalks where pedestrians are attempting to cross." Another frequent issue are the areas in which golf carts and electric bicycles are not allowed. "Sidewalks are meant for walking," Chad adds.



TR signage appears to be relatively easy for all to notice and understand, but there is always room for improvement to ensure that the message is clear. Some signs could be updated or refreshed such as the recycling signs that will soon be installed, and other signage may need to be posted in more than one small area. "We are regu-



larly looking for better forms of communicating these crucial messages," Chad says, "such as sharing updates via mass communication emails and discussing changes at monthly Forum meetings." Ultimately, it is everyone's responsibility to read and adhere to the TR's signage, yet "sometimes we are still required to have conversations with those we see misunderstanding our signs," Chad notes.

How many signs do you see? TR's signs may be small and silent, but they play a large and loud role in safety and communication within the park. Help spread the word.



Despite our best efforts, some signs are more likely to be missed or overlooked than others. The "no bicycles or dog walking allowed" signs posted on the east and west

Let your voice be heard: Attend the Annual General Meeting and vote

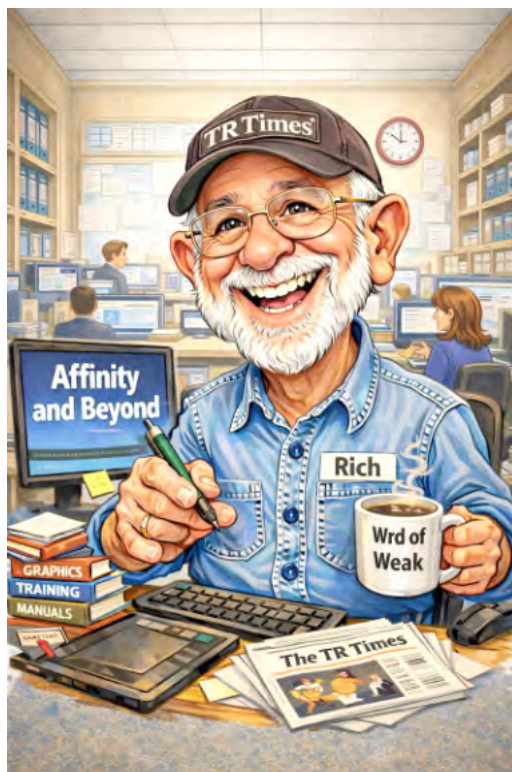
Shareholders are strongly encouraged to attend TR's Annual General Meeting, vote and make their voices heard. This is not a simple gathering of residents; it is your opportunity to directly influence the direction of our park and its future. There are five vacancies on the board this year-that is more than half of our Board of Directors. Your vote does matter.

TR's Annual General Meeting is next week on Tuesday, March 10 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. Doors open at 1 p.m. for registration. All shareholders are urged to attend and vote.

Graphic grins: The TR Times Production staff



KAREN WALDO
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Time to plan ahead

There is only one more issue of The TR Times for the season: Friday, March 13 (submission deadline of today, March 6).

All submissions should be sent to thetrimes@gmail.com





Do you read for pleasure?



When was the last time you actually read a book for pleasure? I was startled recently to hear on television that at least 40% of the adult population admitted that they had not read a book in 2025.

Apparently a majority of people do not feel that it is okay to take time out of their busy schedules to just kick back and enjoy a book. They don't seem to understand that reading can be a pleasurable activity. I know people who readily admit that they have never read a book since they were in school!

Part of the problem may be that many people do not really know how to read on an adult level. Their skill sets in reading are severely limited. Some of this shows up in the standardized testing that is done in school. Students may read a passage, but they do not comprehend the meaning of the words they read. This is truly sad.

Reading brings so many benefits. There are people who have limited formal education, yet they have considerable knowledge. The reason is that they are readers. Reading books, magazines, newspapers, even *The TR Times* can broaden your horizons. Books can serve as a companion to individuals who have limited mobility and/or few friends helping to fill time.

I personally belong to two different book clubs. One is here at TR and the other is in New Jersey. Although I do not need a book club to encourage me to read, I find that book clubs cause you to read books that you would not ordinarily choose. Again, this broadens your horizons.

Don't be one of the people who never reads. Start a book today and encourage your friends to do so also. You just might find it to be more pleasurable than you expected. *mre*

The TR Times

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

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Letter to the Editor

In response to Margaret Emmetts' "Meet the Candidates review": You express disappointment and call residents "blasé" because we did not attend the Meet the Candidates event. I take exception to that. We are not blasé, we are cooperative.

My husband and I did what was asked of everyone—we voted and returned our ballot when we received it in the mail. We saw no benefit in "meeting the candidates" after our vote was cast. We would have eagerly attended an event before we were asked to vote. Perhaps *The TR Times* will take that into consideration next year.

Sandy Langell

TR Times Policy: Letters to the Editor

The TR Times will make every effort to publish signed Letters to the Editor, given the constraints of space and currentness, even if they are of an opposing view to the Editorial Staff.

Letters to the Editor are limited to 250 words, and must be of interest to the current residents of TR. All letters must be signed by person submitting and include phone number and lot number. Phone and lot numbers are not published.

If a letter to the editor is rejected, the submitter will be notified, informed of reason(s) for denial and allowed the opportunity to resubmit.

The Servant's Plow

Taking a seat on the bench at Gethsemane

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Lent invites us to slow down. It calls us away from noise, hurry and distraction. It asks us to sit still long enough to notice what we usually rush past. There may be no better place to sit during these 40 days than in the shadows of the Garden of Gethsemane.

Imagine there is a simple wooden bench beneath those ancient olive trees. The night air is cool. The city lights of Jerusalem flicker in the distance. The Passover moon hangs heavy in the sky and just a few steps away, Jesus Christ kneels in prayer.

What do we notice if we take a seat there?

First, we notice honesty. In the Gospels, especially in the Gospel of Matthew, we see Jesus speaking words that are raw and unfiltered: "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." That is not polished religious language. That is not a public sermon voice. That is anguish.

Gethsemane reminds us that faith does not require pretending. Lent is not about spiritual cosmetics. It is about truth. When we sit on that bench, we realize that deep sorrow and deep faith can exist in the same heart. Jesus does not deny His dread. He brings it to the Father.

That is a lesson many of us need. We are often quick to say, "I'm fine," when we are anything but. We smile at church, answer politely in the grocery store and keep moving. But in the Garden, there is no pretending. There is only prayer.

Second, we notice surrender. "Yet not as I will, but as You will."

Those words are not whispered casually. They are prayed through sweat and struggle. Surrender is not weakness. It is strength under control. It is trust when every instinct wants escape.

If we sit quietly on that bench, we see the turning point of history. The cross was not an accident; it was accepted. The path of suffering was not forced on Jesus against His will; it was embraced in obedience.



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

Lent calls us to that same posture. Not dramatic martyrdom, perhaps, but daily surrender. The quiet yielding of our plans, our pride, our need to control outcomes. Sometimes surrender looks like forgiving someone who never apologized. Sometimes it looks like staying faithful when results are slow. Sometimes it looks like praying, "Your will be done," and meaning it.

Third, we notice loneliness. Jesus asks His closest friends to watch and pray with Him. They fall asleep. Not once, but repeatedly.

There is something painfully human about that scene. The Son of God, facing the darkest hour of His earthly life, and His friends, cannot stay awake.

If we are honest, we see ourselves in those disciples. We intend to be faithful. We mean well, but we grow tired, distracted and "spiritually drowsy."

There is a touch of humor in it, too— holy humor, perhaps. Imagine the disciples insisting earlier that evening, "We will never leave You!" Only to be found snoring under an olive tree an hour later. It sounds uncomfortably familiar. We declare bold spiritual resolutions in January and struggle to keep them by February.

Yet even here, we notice something else: patience. Jesus does not storm away in anger. He wakes them. He exhorts them. He invites them again: "Watch and pray."

That is grace. Even in disappointment, He keeps calling His friends closer.

Fourth, we notice courage. When the soldiers arrive, Jesus does not run. The One who trembled in prayer now stands in resolve. The battle in the Garden prepared Him for the cross.

Time in Gethsemane produces strength. Private prayer fuels public obedience. Lent works the same way. When we carve out quiet space— when we fast, reflect, confess and pray— we are not retreating from life. We are preparing to face it.

I once visited a hospital room where a man nearing the end of his life spoke with remarkable peace. He was not in denial about his condition. He understood it clearly. But he had spent years "in the garden," so to speak—years learning to trust God in smaller trials. Now, in his hardest hour, his faith was steady. Gethsemane had already shaped him.

That is what happens when we take a seat on the bench.

We begin to see our own struggles differently. We realize that fear is not the enemy of faith— refusing to bring fear to God is. We learn that surrender is not losing; it is aligning ourselves with something greater than our limited vision. We discover that even when others fail us, God remains near.

Lent is not merely about giving something up. It is about drawing closer. It is about sitting long enough in the Garden to let Christ's prayer shape our own.

So, during these weeks, find your bench. It may be a quiet corner of your home. It may be an early morning before the world wakes. It may be a brief pause in the middle of a busy day.

Sit there. Listen. Pray honestly.

When you rise, rise with the courage that comes from Gethsemane— ready to walk whatever road lies ahead, trusting the One who walked it first.



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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First Sunday of the month.



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The Siren



by Donna Neer, EMT, RN (retired) with Larry Polzin, TR Fire Chief, Station #33
Automated external defibrillators

What are they, how do they work and where are they here at TR?

I have written several articles this season for Station #33 under the heading of "The Siren." These articles were at the request of, and always approved by, Chief Larry Polzin. It is my hope that you have found these articles interesting, informational and accurately presented. Much research has gone into developing a timely, up-to-date and useful article.

What is an "AED?" The AED is a portable, lifesaving medical device designed to analyze a person's heart rhythm and deliver a controlled electric shock if needed. This shock can restore a normal heart beat in someone experiencing a "sudden cardiac arrest."

How does an AED work? Simply stated, an AED delivers an electric shock to the heart via sensors/electrodes that are contained in the pads that are attached to the chest. This marvelous piece of equipment determines if a shock is needed after analyzing the heart rhythm. The AEDs that are located throughout the park are user-

friendly...this means that anyone, at anytime, can utilize the functionality of the AEDs. After you remove the AED from its mounted casing, you must turn it on. After the AED is turned on, it will give the user clear and concise step-by-step instructions when there is a need to use it. I found several links on Google that can be accessed to learn how to use an AED including cpcare.com, aed.us, americanredcross.com. If an AED is needed to be used for a sudden cardiac arrest, don't hesitate to use one!

We are very fortunate to have several of these AEDs located throughout our park. There is one in each of the mobile vehicles (the Fire Truck, the small medical cart and in the TR vehicle that leads the ambulance in upon arrival to the park). Additionally, AEDs are located in the main office, on the southside of Busch Hall, the southside of Citrus East, the Pickleball Court, on the Golf Course at hole #6 and in the Snack Shack Pavilion. The AEDs are routinely maintained and checked weekly by members of Station #33.

Currently these maintenance checks are teams of First Responders, chaired by Bill & Martha Bigelow.

The first AED was purchased by the Pasco County Fire Department and is kept in the Fire Truck. An additional two units were purchased with a very generous anonymous donation. The remaining units were purchased with successful fundraising events. The cost of an AED can run as high as \$1,800 per unit.

On Feb.14, Station #33 held an Open House that I hope many of you were able to attend. We were able to see and appreciate the Fire Truck and all of the amazing pieces of equipment that are available to the TR First Responders and Firefighters. Did you know that our fire department is basically self-sustaining? What does this mean? Simply stated, Station #33 continually needs the support of the TR family to maintain not only the equipment, but to also offset the costs of the on-going training of its members.

Remember, Station #33 is here for YOU!



One of the available AEDs

File photo

Healthy Tips

by Donna Neer, EMT, RN (retired)
Normal aging vs dementia vs Alzheimer's disease....what is the difference? Part One

I so enjoy writing these articles for you and it is my hope that you find the topics both informative and helpful. This week's topic is a concern for all of us as we age. Sadly, we often learn that someone we know and/or love has been diagnosed with a brain-related illness.

I have found myself worrying about why I walk from the living room into the kitchen and forget why I went there. Haven't we all done that? I write clogging routines and sometimes my mind doesn't connect with my feet when I practice/dance them. I question myself if what I have experienced is a sign of normal aging or could these difficulties with memory be signs of dementia?

First let's be truthful, we have all experienced gradual changes to our bodies and to our brains as we have aged. Aging is a normal process of our lives. Some of these changes can affect our physical and mental abilities and each of us experiences aging very differently. However, the extent of how we experience changes due to aging, and when these changes are noticeable, well...just as we are different in every aspect of our physical beings, so are these changes very different. As we grow older, it is natural to feel concern about these changes and especially our mental abilities.

Some factors that affect how we age are genetic, such as our lifestyles and our environments. It is completely natural to worry

about changes. We all want to carry out our daily routines, to be self-sufficient and enjoy our lives. Most of us will continue to have strong memories as we age and our ability to remember will not decline rapidly or substantively. We can retain the skills and knowledge learned throughout our lives.

According to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, "Almost 40% of us will experience some form of memory loss after we turn 65 years of age." The article further stated, "For the most part our memory loss is mild enough that we can still live our day-to-day lives without interruption. There are different levels of memory loss and not all memory loss is due to dementia."

This led me to ask, how can we tell which is which? Although not considered a diagnostic tool, some examples of normal aging memory loss can be:

1. Unable to remember the details of a conversation or event that took place a year ago;
2. The inability to remember the name of an acquaintance;
3. Word-finding difficulty;
4. Self worry (we worry ourselves silly while our friends and relatives do not worry about our memory ability).

Always, always, as with any health-related concern...see your healthcare provider!

More to come with my next column in *The TR Times* on this subject.

Ref: Alzheimer Society of Canada; American Alzheimer's Association; Web MD.

A waste and recycling seasonal update



by Ken Hankinson

With the end of the season rapidly approaching, the TR Waste Management Group thought it was a good time for a program update. Our bin monitors report continued good results in ensuring that all the waste and recycling is being deposited in the correct bins. While still not perfect, we've come a long

way since the program started in 2023. New signs have been placed on the recycling bins, and we ask for your continued assistance especially in the recycling area. Junk, and obviously unusable items being left at the bin areas, has been reduced dramatically. Any items of this nature that are mistakenly left in these areas will be immediately put into the dumpsters.

The committee decided, due to certain aspects of the program, that there would be no bulk waste pick up this season. This service will be reviewed next season based on the feedback we receive. Please keep in mind that all these types of items can be taken directly to the Handcart Road facility for easy convenient disposal. A map to this facility is shown in the new waste

management brochure which is available in the Post Office, Busch Hall and the TR Office.

We recently learned that non-hazardous medical waste, i.e., needles and syringes, are accepted and can be taken to the Advent Medical Center in Dade City. Please call ahead for specific instructions for these items.

An extra effort is being made to increase the recycling of items in the Post Office and TR Office with the recent placement of two new recycling bins. Our 12-member committee of volunteers has worked hard to keep this program moving in the right direction. We appreciate your efforts to assist us in making this program so successful for the park and, more importantly, for our global environment.

Items Not Recycled

	✓ Plastic bags and film.
	✓ Glass bottles and jars.
	✓ Styrofoam, packaging, cups and clamshells.
	✓ Kitchen waste such as food scraps.
	✓ Pizza boxes, potato chip or other snack bags.
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Activity Affairs

by Lora Davis

The Hobby and Arts Show is coming up on Wednesday, March 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. This popular event gives residents the chance to showcase the crafts and artwork they have been working on throughout the season. Items may be displayed individually or as part of a larger activity and some will be available for purchase. Root beer floats will also be available so you won't want to miss it. If you would like to participate but haven't yet signed up, please do so as soon as possible using the sign-up sheet in Busch Hall. Be sure to include your name, activity or hobby, phone number and the number of tables you will need.

This time of year is always packed with major annual events. The TR Annual Garden Walk takes place on Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Come enjoy the beauty of the garden and admire all the hard work of the garden volunteers. Later that same evening, the

highly anticipated TR Talent Show begins at 7 p.m. It is one of the biggest events of the season. The Talent Show always delivers a great time, plenty of laughs and lasting memories.

The Friday Night Dance on March 13 is the last orchestra dance of the season and will feature a festive St. Patrick's Day theme. As well, don't miss the TR End of Season Bash in The Grove on Saturday, March 14, from noon to 5 p.m. Bring your comfy lawn chairs, favorite refreshments and enjoy the afternoon festivities.

Finally, remember that InTouchLink always has the most up-to-date event information. If you are not yet familiar with it, InTouch is a free mobile app you can download to stay informed about everything happening at TR. If you need help getting it set up, please contact the office for assistance.

Travelogue is finally here



Photos by Alan Kenney

Ticonderoga on display at the Shelburne Museum.

by Bert Contractor

Due to my travel plans early this season the Travelogue presentations were delayed. However, we'll now start the activity with a bang.

On Wednesday, March 11 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus East, veteran traveler Alan Kenney will present a series of photos taken at Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, Vt. In Alan's words, "this presentation includes photos of thousands of exquisitely hand-carved and meticulously-painted figurines and dozens of large and small jaw-dropping Americana relics from decades and centuries ago that have been preserved for generations to come. Come join this journey into yesterday."

After March 11 there is a Travelogue presentation scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. I am looking for a presenter for that session. Share your travel adventures with your fellow TR residents. Please contact me via text or call 980-334-5050 if you are interested. If you need assistance

with your slideshow presentation, I will be glad to help.

In the meantime, travel safely and think about this quote by Ralph Crawshaw. "Travel has a way of stretching the mind. The stretch comes not from travel's immediate rewards, the inevitable myriad new sights, smells and sounds, but with experiencing firsthand how others do differently what we believed to be the right and only way."

Happy travels.



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TR policy updates: E-Bikes and Vehicle Identification Program

by Kelly Newbury

The Board of Directors has approved policies for both E-Bike use and the Vehicle Identification Program within Travelers Rest. These changes reflect the continued growth of our community and our shared commitment to safety, accountability and consistent administration of resort policies.

Electric-Assisted Bicycles (E-Bikes)

E-Bikes are now formally classified as vehicles under Policy A0010, and the Board has adopted a new section, Policy C2010 Electric-Assisted Bicycles (E-Bikes), to provide clear operating standards.

Key Points:

- E-Bikes may be operated only on TR roadways and designated paths.
- Riding across sites, grassy areas or sidewalks is not permitted.
- Riders must maintain safe, controlled speeds at all times.
- Racing, weaving, reckless operation or excessive speed is prohibited.
- E-Bikes must always yield to pedestrians.

This policy supports the convenience and enjoyment of E-Bikes while prioritizing safety for residents and guests.

Vehicle Identification Program

The Board has also adopted Policy C2005, Vehicle Identification Program, establishing clear requirements for registering vehicles operated within TR.

All resident-owned, leased or regularly operated vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motorhomes, golf carts, LSVs and e-bikes, must be registered with TR Management.

Requirements include:

- Registration at TR lease issuance and renewal.
- Updating information within 10 days of any vehicle change.
- Providing make, model, color, tag information and VIN/serial number (as applicable).
- Displaying any issued TR identification permit decal as directed.

This program allows TR to maintain accurate vehicle records, support safety efforts and ensure consistent enforcement of resort policies. It is separate from state registration requirements.

Both policies are now part of the official TR Policy Manual and are available in the Office and on the TR website.

Thank you for helping to keep TR safe, organized and enjoyable for everyone. If you have questions, please contact the Office or a TR Board member.

C2010 Electric-Assisted Bicycles (E-Bikes)

Electric-assisted bicycles (e-bikes) are classified as vehicles under A0010 and shall comply with all TR rules applicable to vehicles, bicycles, and golf carts. In addition, the following rules apply:

1. Operation on TR roads

- E-Bikes must be operated only on TR roadways and designated paths.
- Riding on sidewalks, across other sites, or through grassy common areas is prohibited.

2. Speed and Safe Conduct

- Operators must maintain safe, controlled speeds appropriate in all areas.
- Excessive speed, racing, weaving, or reckless operation is prohibited.
- E-Bikes must always yield to pedestrians.

3. Age of Operators

- Operators must be 16 years or older, unless directly supervised by an adult who assumes responsibility.

4. Lighting and Visibility

- After dusk, E-Bikes must display an operational front light and rear reflector or light.
- Dark-colored clothing is discouraged during low-light conditions.

5. Parking and Storage

- E-Bikes must be parked and/or stored in a safe location and manner that does not obstruct access or walkways.
- No parking or storage is permitted in any TR Building.
- Indoor charging must only occur in accordance with manufacturer safety guidelines.

(Approved 12-2-25)

C2005 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

To maintain accurate records of vehicles within Travelers Rest Resort and ensure compliance with all safety and operational guidelines, all residents are required to participate in TR's Internal Vehicle Identification Program. This program is separate from and does not replace any state/provincial motor vehicle registration or licensing.

Residents must register their vehicles with TR Management as follows:

1. Vehicles Subject to Identification. All resident-owned, leased, or regularly operated vehicles brought into TR must be registered, including but not limited to:

- Automobiles
- Pickup trucks
- Vans
- Motorcycles
- Mopeds
- B Vans, Class A/B/B+/C motorhomes
- Golf Carts & Low Speed Vehicles (LSV)
- E-Bikes

- Any vehicle defined under A0010 "Vehicles" as appropriate

2. Schedule for Identification. Lessees must complete or update their vehicle information:

- At issuance of a new lease/maintenance contract, and
- Annually upon renewal of each lease/maintenance contract, and
- Within 10 days of adding, replacing, removing vehicles, or making significant changes to a vehicle's characteristics

3. Required Documentation. Residents must provide:

- Current state/provincial registration (As applicable-for information only)
- Current license plate/tag information (As applicable)
- Make, model, year, and color
- Serial number/VIN for golf carts or similar vehicles

4. TR Identification Permit Decal

- TR will issue Internal Identification Permit decals.
- Decals must be visibly displayed as directed.
- TR Management retains authority to verify registered vehicle information.
- Enforcement and Remedies. Unauthorized or noncompliant vehicles are subject to enforcement under Policy N2060 and Florida Statute §513 (Recreational Vehicle Parks). Enforcement actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Written Notice
- Suspension of Privileges
- Administrative Fines
- Revocation of On-Property Parking Rights
- Towing of Vehicle(s)
- Non-renewal of Lease/Maintenance Contract

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Meet a TR Vet Frederick (Fred) McGoldrick

by Ken Hankinson

This is the third and last for this season of the Meet a TR Vet articles. We hope you have enjoyed meeting the three vets featured this year. The plan is to run the series next season.

If you are fortunate enough to have known many Marine Vets you'll probably remember the phrase "once a Marine, always a Marine." This description is a perfect fit for this Marine.

Fred was born in central western Connecticut at a time when it would have been considered a rural area with many farms and forests to explore. Fred enjoyed spending time outdoors with fishing and biking definitely his favorite pastimes. He attended local schools, played football and ran track in high school.

After graduation Fred enlisted for a three-year tour of duty in the Marines followed by the usual program for all Marines, basic training at Parris Island. Fred had hopes of securing a MOS in the engineering field. These hopes were dashed when he was actually assigned as a Rifleman in a Marine Rifle Company. He remained, as he puts it, a grunt for most of the remaining time of his three-year enlistment. Prior to the end of his first enlistment, Fred opted for a second three-year enlistment with a promise of being trained in the specialty electronics field. During this time he met his soon-to-be wife, Dale, on an interesting blind date situation. Six months later they were engaged and six months later they were married. They are still together 62 years later.



FRED MC GOLDRICK

As a newlywed Fred was assigned to San Diego for advanced training in the electronics field. He was later transferred to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia for more sophisticated advanced training in crypto. Shortly after this assignment Fred was reassigned to a one-year tour in Okinawa leaving his wife, who was seven months pregnant at that time, home alone. A year later, after reuniting with Dale and his one-year-old daughter, he finished out his Marine career at Camp Lejeune, N.C., retiring as a Staff Sergeant having received numerous awards and decorations. Military service runs deep in Fred's family DNA. Fred and Dale have three children, all college graduates, and three grandchildren, two of which graduated from West Point and had distinguished careers in the Army. Looking back on his Marine career Fred fondly remembers a saying he heard during basic training: "Every day is a holiday, every meal

is a feast and every march is a parade."

After the military Fred went to work for the Burroughs Corporation which later became UNISYS and remained with them for 33 years. He held positions in field sales management and environmental product sales. After retiring from UNISYS he joined Active Power as a sales manager for a period of two years and finally decided to retire and start enjoying the good life. Through most of his life and business career he was fortunate to have remained grounded in the Connecticut area and still owns a home in Southington, Conn. where he spends his summers. In retirement Fred and Dale bought an Airstream trailer and joined the CT Airstream Club. It was through his association with the Club that he learned about TR. Based on recommendations of Club members Fred purchased a TR share and leased a site in RV South, completely unseen having never yet visited TR. They presently reside in a park model on 10th Street in RV South. Fred has logged 22 years as a TR resident, including 20 years as a Snack Shack Crew Chief!

Fred has a long history of serving in the Marine Corps League for over 20 years. Over the years he has participated in hundreds of military funerals and ceremonies. Fred is an American Flag Folder Extraordinaire. As the saying goes, "once a Marine, always a Marine" is a perfect fit for Fred. We are proud to have him as a member of our Vet group and part of the TR community.

TR Amateur Radio Club

by Dan Zile

Congratulations to the Travelers Rest Amateur Radio Club. This is our 50th year of being prepared to be of service to the residents and park management in case of an emergency. While the faces and names have changed over the years, the purpose of the organization has not! My, oh my, have things changed with regard to communications technology over those 50 years. It's interesting how what started out as a hobby for most of us has turned into serving a useful purpose for our TR community.

The organization decided earlier this year to bury an Amateur Radio Time Capsule that will include some club history and the current state of the club. The burial will take place later this month and will be opened in 10 years. Maybe some of the current members will be able to attend "The Grand Opening!"

The club has been very active this season. A portion of the Communication Center was revamped to make room for digital communications. We now have four different operating positions in the Communication Center commonly known to us as "the Ham Shack." The club, whose membership is over 60 members here in TR, can now monitor and respond to many different agencies during an emergency. Our members are very innovative and can quickly construct very good temporary antennas to continue communications with the appropriate agencies should our current antennas be destroyed. We are also continually attempting to upgrade our equipment. Our station can operate without commercial power using solar power should it be necessary.



In addition to our reconfiguration project in the Communications Center, we also gained three new hams this season. Andrea Patterson, Cloie Morgan and Bill Watkins all passed the exam and now have joined the TR Amateur Radio Club. Congratulations to each of them and to Peter Lipka who upgraded his license this season. We are always looking for people who might like to expand their knowledge and become part of the Amateur Radio Club here at TR and worldwide. We have members who will help and guide you thru the process.

The club also has a weather station here that is available to anyone who has an interest in the weather at TR when you are not here. This works over the Internet, is solar powered and available to anyone. Just put in tempestwx.com/station/167385 and you will see the weather here at TR. There is also a map showing hundreds of weather stations around the country that you can also visit.

If you have any interest in becoming part of this organization or are just interested in seeing the Communications Center, contact Dan Zile, 2025-2026 club president at 618-954-8550.

Blanton/Lake Iola Roads intersection

by John Freed

We all drive through the nearby Blanton Road and Lake Iola Road intersection near the entrance to I-75. The intersection was built decades ago when there was a lot less traffic in the area. It may have worked marginally back then but over the years, as traffic has increased, its shortcomings have created an increased hazard for traffic, especially on Lake Iola Road.

The majority of the traffic is on Blanton Road, sweeping either from north to east or east to north, around the curve. Most traffic on Lake Iola Road goes from south, continues north, or turns east toward I-75. Some turns from Blanton Road to go south on Lake Iola Road toward Johnston Road. The vehicles increasingly include larger ones with trailers and large motorhomes, many of which are related to TR, and semis, many from Schwend next door.

The safety of the intersection is significantly reduced by the sweeping curve of Blanton Road, limiting visibility and the especially short stacking section for vehicles turning from east on Blanton to south on Lake Iola. It is only about a car-and-a-half long and quite inadequate for longer rigs. This causes the back of these to hang out onto Blanton Road in the way of oncoming traffic.

As we know, development is accelerating in our area, including the nearby RV park and potential housing near the west end of Johnston Road. The RV park alone will significantly increase the quantity of large and multiple unit

vehicles traveling through the intersection and reduce the safety of it even further.

Beginning last spring, I have been talking with Pete Monaghan, a project manager and engineer with the Pasco County Transportation Department, about ideas for the intersection redesign. He quickly acknowledges the dangers of the current configuration and is working on several designs for a much-improved layout that will serve the traffic needs into the future.

The initial idea as design work began last year was to have a three-way stop "T" intersection for all traffic. As the design progressed, it became apparent that this was not a good solution. I have some experience with roundabout design and suggested that this might be a good option. I included details that would smooth traffic flow for all legs, including several slip lanes and large enough to accommodate large multiple unit vehicles. Pasco Engineering is including this option in their work and is also considering a signalized intersection as an option.

While a roundabout is not always the best solution, a well-designed one at this intersection would greatly increase the safety and traffic flow as well as reduce delays. There are considerations like needing more right-of-way and the terrain, but these are manageable should this be found to be a good option.

I'm confident that the engineers will achieve a good redesign and hope that it will be built before long.

by Brian Krupicka

In our next couple of meetings, the TR Model Railroad Club will be reviewing new equipment such as engines and rolling stock (passenger and freight cars). We will also be looking at animation and automation techniques. It is always nice to see and operate trains on the TR layouts, but we will focus on sound effects, lighting effects, operating signals and much more. Come see how fiber optics have made the hobby much more versatile and flexible.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243.



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Photos by Brian Krupicka

Engine with coal car that the talented TR Model Railroad Club members operate.



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BIRDING Tuesdays, 8:00 AM Busch Hall Front Porch. Bring binoculars and cameras. Jan - Mar Tom Butler	CLOGGERS Tuesdays 9:00 -11:30 AM Saturdays 9:00 - 10:30 AM Citrus East Nov - Mar Donna Neer Donna Smith	FIVE CROWNS Wednesdays (non-concert nights only), 6:30 - 9:00 PM Citrus West. Nov - Apr Jackie Thackery	HAND AND FOOT Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Diane & Brian Krupicka
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 AM to 2:30 PM unless announced otherwise. Ken Neer	COFFEE & DONUTS 1st Saturday (during Flea Markets) 3rd Saturdays during Yard Sales. 8:30 to 11:30 AM or until sold out. Donuts & coffee in Busch Hall. Nov.-Mar. Dan Zile Dee Manos	FIVE HUNDRED CARDS Saturdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM Citrus West. Dec - Mar Deborah May Connie Bradley	HAPPY HOURS Thursdays, 4-5:30 PM Backup venues (weather): Cabana: Jeri Miller Activities Building; RV South: Citrus West; Village: Hobby House. Sandra Langell (Cabana) Ken Neer (RVS)
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM Paul Rife Room. Larry Polzin	COFFEE SEMINARS Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 - 9:00 AM Busch Hall. Watch The TR Times and InTouch for updates. Leslie Ewing	FLEA MARKET 1st Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 AM Busch Hall Nov - Mar Setup at 7:00 AM Coffee & Donuts for sale. Rick and Amy Peebles	ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sundays, 6:15 - 6:45 PM Busch Hall, Nov - Mar Kathy Shawver
BOCCE Scheduled games and competitions, Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sun at 1:30 PM Tue at 7:00 PM Jan - Mar Rob Sunde	COFFEE SOCIAL Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 9:00 AM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Jan Rubino	FOODIES Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Busch Hall, Nov - Dec 18 Linda Smith	IPHONE - LEARNING YOUR IPHONE Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:00 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar 19 Susan Stahley
BOOK BROWSERS 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Citrus West Book discussions. Jan - Mar Nan Feeney Lance	CONCERT SERIES (WEDNESDAY) First Wednesdays of the month, Jan - Mar. Busch Hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM, shows start at 7:00 PM Check InTouch and TR Times for program details. Season tickets or pay at the door. Kathy Shawver Lacy Shawver	FOODIES PREP TIME Mondays 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM Busch Hall Kitchen Nov - Dec 15 Linda Smith	JOKER Mondays 6:30 - 9:00 PM, Jan - Mar Fridays 6:30 - 9:00 PM Nov - Mar Citrus West Bob & Deb Englert (Mon.) Deborah May (Fri.)
BOWLING (OUT OF PARK) Fridays at 1:30 PM Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Dec - Mar Leslie Price	CORNHOLE Wednesdays 7:00 PM Cornhole/Shuffleboard Courts, Jan - Mar Dan Varner	FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE (ORCHES- Fridays from 7 to 9 PM in Busch Hall, starting January 17. The dance schedule and themes are listed in the TR Booklet and on the InTouch app. Pat Daubenmier	JUBELLATION Mondays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Busch Hall. Nov - Mar Bernie Gutridge



Bulletin Board

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

<p>KARAOKE</p> <p>Check InTouch schedule for selected Wednesdays 7 - 9pm in Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Dave Kat</p>	<p>NEWCOMERS RED DOT SOCIAL</p> <p>Happy Hour Newcomers: 4 - 5:30pm, Golf View Pavilion. Jan - Feb If you're a newcomer, stop by for a TR goody bag & important info about the park! Diana Hill</p>	<p>RUG HOOKING</p> <p>Tuesdays, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Green Room, Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Tawnya Rowden</p>	<p>WALKING AEROBICS (WINTER)</p> <p>Weekdays, 7:15 - 7:45 AM Citrus East. Nov- Apr 10 Gloria Polzin</p>
<p>KNOTTY KNITTERS</p> <p>Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM Citrus West. Nov - Apr Diane Fisher</p>	<p>OPEN ART STUDIO</p> <p>Mondays, 2:00 - 5:00 PM in Citrus West. Bring your own project and supplies (Any medium, not a class). Jan - Mar Delia Box</p>	<p>SEWING</p> <p>Mondays, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Busch Hall Nov - Dec Barbara Olm</p>	<p>WEIGHTS & STRETCHING</p> <p>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:50 - 9am in Citrus East. Year-round. Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:50 - 9am in Citrus West also, Jan - Apr Sheila Schencke</p>
<p>LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT GAME</p> <p>Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM Citrus East Jan - Mar 16 Gary Dietz</p>	<p>ORCHESTRA/TRAVELAIRES</p> <p>Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3:00 PM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar 17 Pat Daubenmier</p>	<p>SEWING THERAPY</p> <p>Mondays, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Laura Lilawski</p>	<p>WELCOMING COMMITTEE</p> <p>1st Thursdays, 11:30am - 1pm, Citrus West. Nov - Mar 1st Thursdays: Welcoming Committee organizational meetings Diana Hill Joan Ledbetter</p>
<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall. Open 24/7. Honor system sign-out. Please reshelve your own books if you can. If not place in cart behind desk. Meetings: 1st Tuesdays, 1 - 2pm Citrus East Mary Kosbab Kay Blunda</p>	<p>PAINTING (OIL & ACRYLIC)</p> <p>Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Citrus West. Jan - Mar. Pat Gallagher</p>	<p>SHOOTING CLUB (SPORTING CLAY)</p> <p>2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building, Jan - Mar Ray LoPresti</p>	<p>WIZARD</p> <p>Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Kevin and Denise Weik</p>
<p>LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)</p> <p>Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00 AM Busch Hall Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 PM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar Alex Adair</p>	<p>PAINTING (WATERCOLOR)</p> <p>Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM Citrus East. Jan - Mar Amy Grier</p>	<p>SNACK SHACK</p> <p>Currently weekdays, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM January 6-March 21. Jim Walsh</p>	<p>WOOD SHOP</p> <p>Weekdays, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wood Shop Oct-May. Membership \$20. Larry Kurkowski</p>
<p>LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)</p> <p>Mondays & Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 PM Citrus East. Jan - Mar Alex Adair</p>	<p>PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP</p> <p>Thursdays, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Hobby House, Nov - Mar 19 Cyndi Brodeur</p>	<p>STAINED GLASS</p> <p>Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 PM Mondays (Beginners), 12:45 - 2:45 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building Jan - Mar Betty Teichert</p>	<p>WOODCARVING</p> <p>Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Citrus West. Jan - Mar Linda Murphy</p>
<p>MAH JONG (CHINESE)</p> <p>Mondays & Fridays, 12:00 - 2:00 PM Citrus West. Dec - Mar Rose Taggart</p>	<p>PENNY POKER</p> <p>Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM Hobby House. Jan - Apr Bruce Anderson</p>	<p>TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG</p> <p>Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 PM, Play from 3 - 5pm in Citrus East. Extra paddles available. Jan - Mar Charles Mason</p>	<p>YARD SALES</p> <p>3rd Saturdays, 8:30 - 11:30 AM Nov - Mar Lora Davis</p>
<p>MAH JONGG (NATIONAL LEAGUE)</p> <p>Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 - 3pm at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Nov.18 - Mar. Not on Forum Mondays Bette Gorman</p>	<p>PET LOVERS CLUB</p> <p>2nd Mondays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar Judy Leister</p>	<p>TAI CHI</p> <p>Mondays (except 2nd Mondays) & Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Hobby House. Jan - Mar Janet & Harold Baal</p>	<p>YOGA</p> <p>Restorative Yoga (Improves flexibility): Tuesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 AM Yoga for Athletes: Thursdays, 7:15 - 8:15 AM Citrus West, Jan- Mar Renee DeTar</p>
<p>MATS FOR THE HOMELESS</p> <p>Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM Busch Hall. Dec - Mar Lorraine Gould</p>	<p>PICKLEBALL</p> <p>Daily sessions available for all level of play. See InTouch calendar for schedule. Jan-Mar Nancy McDowell Shirley-Ann Appleby</p>	<p>TENNIS</p> <p>Open play, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:00 - 11:00 AM Nov - Mar Betty Teichert</p>	<p>ZUMBA</p> <p>Thursdays, 8:30 - 9:30 AM Citrus West. Cardio dance. Jan - Mar Bev Weissinger</p>
<p>MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB</p> <p>Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Mirror Lake Jan - Mar 18 Chris Farler</p>	<p>PINOCHLE</p> <p>Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM Busch Hall. Jan - Mar John Delaney</p>	<p>TONE & TIGHTEN</p> <p>Mon & Wed, 9:00-10:00AM, Sep - Dec Mond, Wed, & Fri, 9:00-10:0 AM, Jan - Mar Citrus East Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights. Bev Weissinger Louise McRoberts</p>	<p>Activities</p> <p>please note</p> <p>All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity, or to join our team. Contact Lora Davis activities@travelersrestresort.com 352-584-6377</p> <p>WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." ~ Sherry Anderson</p>
<p>MODEL RAILROAD CLUB</p> <p>Fridays, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building Jan 30 - Apr Brian Krupicka</p>	<p>POKER TEXAS HOLD 'EM</p> <p>Tuesdays & Saturdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM Hobby House Tom Thompson</p>	<p>TR TRAVEL</p> <p>Day trips by bus begin and end at TR. Watch for new trips in TR Times, BH Bulletin Board and InTouch. Sharon Gilbert Zile</p>	
<p>MOTORCYCLE CLUB (ROADRIDERS)</p> <p>1st Mondays, 7 - 8pm in Hobby House to plan rides. Tuesday rides: Meet at 8am, Busch Hall parking lot Thursday rides: Meet at 9:30am Busch Hall parking lot Jan - Mar Bruce Richmond</p>	<p>POPS CHORUS</p> <p>Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:30 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar Mary Beth Coldren Ron Reeve</p>	<p>TRAVELOGUE</p> <p>2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM Citrus East. Jan - Mar Bert Contractor</p>	
<p>MOTORSPORTS RC CLUB</p> <p>Mondays 5:30pm; Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30am at our track by the Snack Shack. Practice precedes race schedule. Jan - Mar Sean Neer Tom Stuart</p>	<p>QUILLING ON A BUDGET</p> <p>Thursdays, 1:15 - 3:30 PM Citrus West. Jan - Mar. Call or text to reserve spot. Pat Daubenmier</p>	<p>UKULELE CLUB</p> <p>Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM in Citrus East. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. Jan - Mar Susan Keefer</p>	
<p>MOVIE NIGHT (TUESDAYS)</p> <p>Tuesdays in Citrus East, Movie shorts at 6:45pm, feature movies start at 7pm. Movie Night runs Jan - Mar Nancy McDowell</p>	<p>QUILTING</p> <p>Thursdays 9:30 AM - 3 PM Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Nov - Mar Cloie Morgan</p>	<p>VETERANS MEETING</p> <p>2nd Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM Hobby House. All year. Marty Schencke</p>	
<p>NEWCOMERS RED DOT SOCIAL</p> <p>Red Dot Social: Table will be set up along the Northeast wall prior to Bush Hall entertainment nights and during other special events. Jan - Mar Diana Hill</p>	<p>ROCK PAINTING</p> <p>Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building. Dec - Mar Marcia Hatfield</p>	<p>WAIST WATCHERS</p> <p>Thursdays, 8:30 - 9:15 AM Hobby House. Nov- Mar Jackie Thackery</p>	

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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile

"It's a trip my husband and I had planned to do." "I've seen Alaska by land but never by sea." "I'd love to see Denali." These are some of the reasons for traveling to the 49th State. Alaska is on so many Bucket Lists, or Must-Go-Again Lists, making an Alaska cruise the perfect TR Travel Cruise choice for 2026. This trip includes 3 nights and scenic days on land before embarking on a 7-night Princess Cruise. More than 30 TR travelers have decided to make their way from their nearest major airport to Anchorage, Alaska on May 31. Each traveler will find a Guest Service Host at the Anchorage airport and will be provided transportation to the Hotel Captain Cook where all TR travelers will rendezvous. To ease the transfer from airport to hotel, both checked and carry-on luggage will be delivered to the hotel separately. Only items of immediate necessity, such as medication, will go with us in our purse or backpack, so thoughtful planning for this trip will be important. Since most of the group members are starting their trip from the eastern U.S., May 31 will be a long day of flying and our rooms will welcome us for a relaxing night.

We arise to board a motorcoach for a 3-hour scenic ride along the George Parks Highway. After our arrival at the Mt. McKinley Wilderness Lodge, we may choose to walk the many trails around the lodge or relax and take in the views from the Great Room. There are also numerous recommended land excursion options. Rain jackets are recommended! Once again, luggage will be delivered to our rooms, eliminating luggage struggles.

On Tuesday, our motorcoach will take us from the Mt. McKinley Lodge to Denali. Once again, guest services will provide numerous optional land excursions. However, the Natural History Tour is included in our tour. We will seek a glimpse of the epic sweep of Denali National Park on this guided tour that travels to the Teklanika River. We will learn about the history and culture of the area and visit the Savage Cabin, an historic backcountry shelter that was originally built by the Alaska Road Commission and now serves as a shelter for patrols in the winter. We will learn about the local native

culture and stories at Primrose Ridge. Wildlife sightings will be a gift on this day of exploring.

Wednesday will find us transferring from the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge to the rail depot. Our domed train, specially designed for scenic-viewing, travels nearly 10 hours before arriving at the Port of Whittier where our ship, the Island Princess awaits. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase on the train and walking to the viewing platform for spectacular viewing of Alaska's majestic beauty is encouraged. The day promises to be a relaxing journey into inspirational landscapes not seen when traveling by RV or car.

After boarding the Island Princess, our balcony cabins will give our TR travelers an opportunity to view Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay National Park on the two days of scenic cruising. Ports will include Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Vancouver. Of course, there are opportunities for excursions while the Island



File photo

Sharon Zile enjoys the sun on a cruise ship in Alaska.

Princess is in the ports. There are options to board an excursion boat for up-close glacier viewing as well as helicopter viewing. Land excursion possibilities include the White Pass Scenic Railway, the Mendenhall Glacier Explorer, a lumberjack show, dog sled experiences, gold panning, saloons, a salmon bake, guided trail hikes, river exploring in rubber rafts and canoes, and many more, including several excursions in Vancouver, British Columbia where we will disembark for our return flights.

While 33 TR travelers are fully paid for this 10-day Alaska by Land and Sea journey, it may still be possible to add Alaska to your early summer plans. Call JJ Kuykendall of Cruise Planners at 281-202-7022 if you are interested in that possibility. One never knows what last-minute opportunities and deals are available! If Alaska is on your Bucket List, do consider joining our TR Alaska by Land and Sea group. Also, please give me a call at 740-360-3819 for current information.

Travel quote: "Alaska: where the bears roam free and the mountains reach the sky."

TRGA Italian Dinner keeps us out and about this week

by Kathy Reimann

This has been a different sort of week for me as I try to write for Out and About. My week has been out and about but revolved around shopping at Publix, Sam's Club, Dollar General and of course my favorite, Amazon. All this shopping was done in preparation for the TRGA's Italian dinner "Under the Tuscan Sun." that was held Saturday, Feb. 28, in Busch Hall.

I watched my fabulous volunteers cook up over 300 pieces of chicken, chop vegetables, prepare 50 heads of romaine and all with a smile! Tomorrow will be spent transforming Busch Hall into an Italian eatery accompanied by music from Il Divo and Andrea Boccelli. So for this week, I am happy that everyone has decided to stay In and not go Out. Instead, all will enjoy this wonderful place we love, Travelers Rest!



Photo submitted by Kathy Reimann

Some of the fabulous volunteers who made the Under the Tuscan Sun Dinner and fundraiser possible. These lovely ladies are ready to serve.



Photos by Bob Rubino

Under the Tuscan Sun diners look forward to their savory chicken entrees.



Several participants examine the auction offerings before placing their bids.

Looking Back



by Nan Feeney Lance

30 Years Ago - 1996

- Paul Rife was a prime mover in the TR Fire Department. He came to TR in 1976 and led the effort to set up the Fire Department. He became the first Fire Chief and remained actively on the job until his death.
- Annette Whitner scores lowest gross in Ladies Golf Tournament. Annette Whitner shot a 79. The first low gross in B flight was earned by Jeri Miller who scored a 97.

20 Years Ago - 2006

- Don't lose your stock. Protect your share of TR stock so it remains in your family and is not taken by the state. Proxies may be returned with "address unknown," a forwarding address may have expired, your family name may change, the owner is deceased, or family records may not have been updated. Take care of your stock!
- News from the Board: Citrus Center is expanded. There are 72 on our waiting list. Shares are now \$4,475. A peaked-roof park trailer is standard and considered to be a park model.

10 Years Ago - 2016

- "Cloggers' Shoe Off" for nursing home residents. Recently, 10 members of the two clogging teams from Travelers Rest, the TR Cloggers and the Traveling Shoes Dance Team, performed together at the Westbrook Manor Nursing Home in Zephyrhills.
- How Busch Hall came to be. Back in 1972, residents of TR felt that a recreation hall was needed, although there were no funds in the exchequer to finance it. It was estimated that the building would cost \$67,000. The actual cost was \$83,000.
- Alzheimer's Tea and Little Black Dress Social offer their recipes. Approximately 150 lovely ladies attended the first Little Black Dress Social and Tea. A total of \$2,800 was raised for Alzheimer Research.

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Library News

by Mary Kosbab

Have you read a graphic novel? Coming from a generation of comic book readers I have been intrigued by them since they started becoming popular in 2019. I bought my first one this past summer, "Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home" by Nora Krug.

"In this graphic memoir, illustrator and writer Nora Krug explores what it means to have German grandparents who may or may not have been complicit in the atrocities of the Nazi regime. They might have been offenders, or maybe bystanders, but were never willing to share their memories of those years.

Frame by frame, Krug illustrates the complexities of her family relationships; how deeply the events of WWII and the Holocaust continue to affect people today; and the courage it takes to probe (and overcome) the rifts and disconnections caused by events that occurred two generations ago.

Through illustrations, collages and text, Krug reveals an increasingly comprehensive narrative of what was and what may have been. She digs into stories about life and death, survival and murder, action and inaction, participation and witnessing. She

READING IS NEVER a waste of TIME



asks how to reckon with guilt and responsibility, and how to own what is yours — inherited or chosen, uncomfortable or delightful. We watch her forgo quick moral judgments and come to the compassionate realization that war is hell for everybody."*

Graphic novels are similar to comic books because they use sequential art to tell a story. Unlike comic books, graphic novels are generally stand-alone stories with more complex plots. They have a distinct beginning, middle and end and are often published in durable paperback or hardcover formats

Graphic novels are a format, not a genre. They can be any genre, including fantasy, sci-fi, biography, or historical non-fiction.

I am not ready to change my preference for the format of word books, but it was interesting to try a graphic novel for a change.

If you are interested in trying one, "Belonging" is in our library, located in the Biography section under the last name Krug.

*review by Reinhild Drager-Muenke for the Jewish Book Council.

New books to read at the TR Library

by Jim Watson

The following books are waiting for you. Come and enjoy.

1. "Swine Not? A Novel Pig Tale" by Jimmy Buffet

A humorous novel about a Southern woman who moves to New York City with her pet pig.

2. "Buffalo Hunter Hunter" by Stephen Graham Jones

An historical, horror novel following a Blackfeet man as he seeks revenge for a massacre, blending vampire lore with American history.

3. "Walk the Wire" by David Baldacci

The sixth book in Baldacci's Amos Decker series with the central character investigating a murder in a North Dakota boomtown.

4. "The Art of Loving You" by Amelia Henry

A contemporary romance novel exploring themes of love, grief and purpose.

5. "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas

Written in 1942, this historical novel explores the aftermath of the crucifixion of Jesus.



Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

A Renaissance Man in our midst

He goes by many names: Bob the photographer, Bob the bird-watcher, Bob the boat sailor, Bob the yummy espresso martini maker and Bob the stargazer. You may know him as Natasha! As a Lake Margaret Garden volunteer, Bob Rubino brings invaluable expertise and knowledge to the garden.

Through the Connecticut Park and Forest Association, in collaboration with the University of Connecticut Extension Service, Bob has earned the prestigious title of Master Woodland Manager. This title extends beyond trees and gardens. Bob's knowledge encompasses the intricate ecology of the earth, encompassing all its parts and their interdependencies. He also has a deep understanding of the sources of negative impacts, such as climate change and urban fragmentation of habitat.

Bob's interest in environmental conservation was sparked in the 1990s when a housing boom began in his town of Tolland, Conn. He focused on the practical aspects, considering the financial implications of the housing growth. He worked with others to determine the impact on the town's population and the increased demand for services. The town listened to Bob's business case, and a Governor's Grant Match enabled them to purchase local open spaces. After winning multiple state grants, the Town of Tolland acquired nearly 1,000 acres of open space.

He collaborated with another TR resident, Ken Hendrickson, to establish the Tolland Conservation Corps. This organization maintains these open lands at no taxpayer cost. The TCC has been operational for approximately 25 years, demonstrating Bob's commitment to preserving and conserving natural spaces.

Bob brings his business and conservation strategy to TR. Last month, he spoke at a Coffee Social

Seminar about how TR can save money by allocating eligible acreage here as an easement for a tax break. We shouldn't miss this opportunity to save money for all of us. Bob is working with the TR Board and Pasco County to pursue this idea. He focused on "keystone species" at TR, including live oaks, pond cypress and longleaf pines. These species are considered valuable to our unique Florida ecosystem, so Pasco County should agree that we have land that qualifies for an easement.

Bob's knowledge of nature and the interconnection of living and non-living things has been instrumental in our efforts at the Lake Margaret Garden. This year, his focus is on the boardwalk. Earlier in the season, he removed all the weeds, plants and dirt from the planks to prevent mold and decay. He and a couple of other volunteers, Glen Lessig and Mike Lilawski, have been cleaning and sealing the boardwalk to extend its lifespan beyond what we typically experience.

Bob and his wife, Jan, organized the Hearts in the Garden event last month. Bob expresses their gratitude for the volunteers' efforts during the event in today's paper.



Photos by Nancy McDowell

Bob Rubino hard at work preserving our boardwalk.

As the season draws to a close at TR, the Lake Margaret Garden Club reminds all residents that we cannot take any of your plants or garden decorations when you pack up and leave. Please ask a neighbor or friend to care for your plants while you're away. Additionally, make sure to securely store all smaller pots and decorations to prevent them from becoming projectiles during hurricane-force winds.

Come take a stroll through the Garden and imagine through Bob's eyes.



Upcoming LMGC events:
Annual Garden Walk
Sunday afternoon,
March 8, 2 to 4 p.m.



A special Hearts-in-the-Garden thank you

by Bob Rubino

The Lake Margaret Garden Club held their annual Valentine's Day celebration, the Hearts in the Garden event on Sunday, Feb. 15. Though the preceding week's weather of lows in the 20s left the garden brown and many hearts low, the Hearts in the Garden Tour buoyed the spirits of those in attendance with dashes of pink hearts scattered here and there denoting native plants that survived the worst cold in more than 20 years.

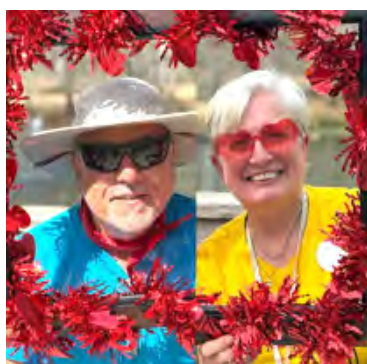


Photo by Marijo Noll

Bob and Jan Rubino

We give special thanks to Marijo Noll for running the photo booth, Leslie Ewing for organizing refreshments and Amy Grier and Debbie Etchill for running the craft booth with the creation of Valentine pop-up cards and wildlife-friendly garden art. Continued grateful thanks to all of the Lake Margaret Garden volunteers whose dedicated toil every week keeps the garden looking its very best. It is the treasure we have all come to love!

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Pets on Parade



Photo by Judy Leister

AVA

by Judy Leister

Susan and John Delaney have been coming to TR for quite a few years. The country setting here makes for a lovely, peaceful place to escape to during those colder months up north. There's not much golfing or outdoor activities in the winter around their home in Fremont, Mich.

Ava is a nine-year-old English Cream Miniature Dachshund. She is a bit shy, especially around men she doesn't know, but oh how she loves the folks that are in her life on a regular basis. At just nine pounds she's the perfect size to hold and cuddle.

Susan has had dachshunds all her life. She and John were without a dog for a short time after the passing of their previous dog. Christmas was coming and Susan didn't know she was in for a huge surprise. John and their daughter Amy had a plan. Amy flew down to Florida and just happened to appear at TR with adorable little two-year-old Ava in her arms. Oh what a surprise for Susan when she received her four-legged present. Merry Christmas!

Several generations of their family are quite involved in dogs. Their granddaughter breeds and shows dogs and is quite busy traveling all over to shows. Susan jokes saying their family is all "going to the dogs!"

Susan had her knee replaced some years back and more recently

she was out of commission for four months while recovering from a broken ankle that she got in a car accident. Now she is keeping physically fit by taking walks and, of course, little Ava has become the perfect walking partner.

Dachshunds originated in Germany. The breed's amazing talent at tracking and scent work made them great at burrowing underground and chasing after unwanted critters. Keeping their weight down is important for those short little legs, plus staying fit helps keep their long back healthy too. Ava's active life is keeping her very healthy.

Ava is great in all modes of travel. In the car she loves sitting in her raised doggy seat where she can watch out the window. Flying in an airplane is a breeze. Susan is an active kayaker and Ava isn't about to be left behind. The instant she sees her life jacket she gets all excited. As soon as Susan is seated in the kayak, Ava launches her little body in too and is ready for a ride.

To protect Ava's little legs and long back Susan and John have special steps for her to use to get on the furniture. Of course she loves sleeping with them, so they lift her on and off the bed. While sitting on their porch I watched those fast little legs go 90 mph as she zoomed up the steps to their living room. Obviously, those steps are just right for Ava.



Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

Hotspots!

You would think I was talking about solar flares. No! I am talking about locations in our country that are amazing points of interest. For example, if you are looking for games, restaurants, shows and celebrities, Vegas would be a great "Hotspot." If cattle, oil rigs and vast stretches of land are your thing, I recommend Texas. Masses of people rushing about like ants, try a New York subway! However, if nature and birds are your specific areas of interest, Travelers Rest is well-known as a hotspot. The Cornell University Ornithology Lab conducts amazing surveys of birds and their locations using the website eBird. You download the app, spot a bird and enter that species into the app. Thousands of people will join in this activity and just like that areas of high avian concentrations are identified worldwide. What do we know about our "Hotspot?" Let's take a look.

The eBird app came online in 2002 under the scrutiny of the Cornell Ornithologists. By 2022, the 20-year anniversary of eBird, 1.3 billion sightings were recorded. These sightings were submitted by a staggering 820,000 birders around the globe. This treasure-trove of scientific information has led to a greater understanding of migrations, numbers of birds and the variety of species found around the world.



Photo by Tom Butler

VANISHING LAKE

In the single month of August 2025, a total of 1.6 billion sightings were entered by 123,000 birders. Wow! That's a lot of nerds! Oops - I mean birds. Well, I guess it takes nerds to save birds, an important aspect of nature. These reports provide help in identifying the rise and decline of species, habitats and migrations. In turn, we can begin to address the causes of each issue.

Travelers Rest has recorded nearly 180 species in our small slice of Heaven alone. This number of sightings rivals many state parks and wildlife areas. We have bodies of water, old growth trees, open spaces and many new plantings (thank you Garden Club)! These diverse areas provide diverse habitats which attract a diverse cross section of wildlife. It is

important to replace the trees, shrubs and flowers that disappear from our park each year. We should strive to be good stewards of our magical place. The last thing we want to happen is for our space to become a parking lot full of trailers. Green space is gradually disappearing from our world and we must reverse this terrifying trend. If you see a bird, thank a caterpillar. If you see an insect, thank a tree. If you see a lot of trees, thank all nature lovers that were willing to put a spade in the ground. Let's not let our beautiful space wilt and die away. Plans are in motion and there will come a day when the call goes out. I hope everyone responds in a positive way! Butterflies - Bugs - Blooms - Birds!



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The TR scavenger hunt sends many on the prowl



A long line of hungry scavengers await their turn for food after the day's hunt.



Laurie Lasure and Marla Varner await participants at the registration desk.

Scavenger Hunt a huge success

by Laurie Lasure and Chris Marsh

Nearly 200 TR residents gathered in The Grove on a perfect sunny Saturday afternoon for the 2026 TR Scavenger Hunt. Event organizers Dan and Marla Varner and Ken and Laurie Lasure outlined the instructions and distributed the list of clues/riddles to all participants. The crowd quickly scattered after a whistle-blow start to solve clever clues and riddles. They raced around the park to not only find the correct locations, but also to beat the clock.

Scavenger Hunt Champions Barry and Hazel English, Ken and Lori Martin and John and Maureen Peet had a near-perfect finish. They missed only one clue and arrived just before the chime of the third bell. There was a three-way tie for second place with each of the teams missing just four clues. A TR trivia contest ensued that led to awarding second place to the team of Mike and Susan Craig along with Carl and Nancy McDowell. Linda Gavin, Bill and Lorraine Gould and Sandra Yeager took home third place.

This year a new category was added for those that did not have a golf cart or bicycle and chose to walk while hunting clues. Each of the Walkers Only teams received an abbreviated list of clues. First place finishers in this race were the team of Dan and Barb Watson, John and Mary DeWeerd, Stella Loiselle and Nancy Chadelle.

A big thank you to all who attended and made this such a fun and exciting event. A special thank you to the organizer team for all their work in planning, preparing and then making the hunt go smoothly.

Following the hunt, the TR Golf Association sponsored a parkwide picnic. Thank you to all the volunteers for feeding the big crowd. TR residents enjoyed barbecued hot dogs and treats, not to mention good conversation with friends and neighbors beside Mirror Lake. It was a perfect TR afternoon.



First place team: Ken and Lori Martin, Jon and Maureen Peet and Barry and Hazel English.

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Scavengers are attentive as they listen to instructions for the hunt.



Chris Marsh reviews the rules of the game with her team.



One of the teams to tie for second place included Mike and Susan Craig, Nancy and Carl McDowell and Laurie Lasure.



Sandra Yeager, Linda Gavin and Lorraine Gould took home third prize. Bill Gould is missing from photo.



John and Mary DeWeerd, Stella Loiselle, Nancy Chadelle and Dan and Barb Watson are shown to the left.



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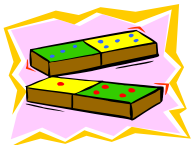
500 cards

by Bob Luther
Saturday, Feb. 21
 Deb Oppel 1050
 Arlene Wykoff 1030
 John Bearman 890
Saturday, Feb. 28
 John Bearman 2110
 Nan Lance 1520
 Deborah May 1110



Party Bridge

by Jen Furman
Thursday, Feb. 26
 Bridge games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
 Janet and Harold Baal 1810
 Tawnya Rowden and Jim Weigand 1510
 Pat Dellamuth and Jen Furman 1030
 Kitty Fisher and Mike Clark 330



Dominoes

by Linda Gough
Thursday, Feb. 26
Table 1
 Emily Fly 154
Table 2
 Rob Sunde 290
Table 3
 Matt Fadrowski 203
Table 4
 Sue Sweetser 134

Chinese Mah Jong

Monday, Feb. 23
 Deb May, Mary Brown 6
 Betty Brown, Jen Furman, Rose Taggart 5
 Kathy Bocchino, Rachel Brooks 3
 Kelly Fadrowski, Marcia Hatfield 2
 Nancy Moschler 1
Friday, Feb. 27
 Laurie Bania 8
 Denise Weik 5
 Kathy Bocchino, Pam Weisberg, Mary Beth Coldren 4
 Arlene Bouchard, Mary Brown 3
 Anne Amico, Deb May, Marcia Hatfield 2
 Emily Fly, Jen Furman, Linda Gough, Nancy Moschler, Rachel Brooks, Rose Taggart 1

RC Motorsports

by Tom Stuart
Saturday, Feb. 21
 Dave Watson 36
 Craig Kubiniec 35
 Jim Matkovich 31
Wednesday, Feb. 25
 Shawn Liaguno 36
 John Youngblood 34
 Bob Slagle 32

Cribbage

by Bob Luther
Monday, Feb. 23
 Terri Lymburner 604
 Kathi Van Horn 590
 Sarah Parker 581
 Bill Dickerson 578

Scramble Results

by Dawn Pulleyn
Saturday, Feb. 28
 Congratulations to all and thanks to everyone for coming out to play.
First
 Moe Michaud
 Joe Lichtenstein
 Beth Farrington
 Brenda Oliver
Second
 Maureen Peet
 Dawn Pulleyn
 Donna Stein
 Tom Hills
Third
 Charles Bouchard
 Terri Lymburner
 John Delaney
 Wayne Moore



Wizard

by Denise Weik
Tuesday, Feb. 24
Game 1
 Kevin Weik 330
Game 2
 Barb Watson 270



Advance Pickleball Jam

by Sherie Grissinger
Tuesday, Feb. 24
 1. Carey Box
 2. Scott Fuller
 3. Mike Clark

TR Sports Club

by Ray LoPresti
Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays members played the green, black and red courses.
 Scores are:
 Randy 37
 Tony 36
 Gary 33
 Bob 28
 Bill 26
 Chuck, Harold, Dennis 25
Thursday, Feb. 26, at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays the blue and yellow courses were played which are the expert courses.
 Bill 31
 Randy 28
 Tony, Chuck 23
 John 22
 Chris 21
 Barb 21
 Mike 20

Five Crowns

Jackie Thackery Thursday, Feb. 19
Table 1
Game 1
 1. Christine North
 2. Sharon Hall
 3. Deb Oppel
Game 2
 1. Jeff Despard
 2. Sharon Hall, Jackie Thackery
 3. Denise Weik
Table 2
Game 1
 1. Denise Weik
 2. John Park
 3. Joan Braun
Game 2
 1. Denise Weik
 2. Brenda Hatchel
 3. Rose Taggart
Table 3
Game 1
 1. Heidi Duquette
 2. Diane Krupicka, Louise McRoberts
Game 2
 1. Jeff Duquette
 2. John Walters
 3. Diane Krupicka

Men's Golf

by Barry English
Thursday, Feb. 26
 This week was the last regular week of men's league. Thanks to all for a good year.
Low Handicap Gross
 Bill Harkins 32
 Ken Lasure 33
 Barry English 34
Low Handicap Net
 Terry Halbrook, John Bearman 29
High Handicap Gross
 John Delaney 38
 Serge Loiselle 40
High Handicap Net
 Dennis Ledbetter 29
Closest to Pin #3
 Chet Brooks 10'
Closest to Pin #5
 Steve Niles 6' 9"
Eagle
 Ken Lasure 1
Birdies
 Bill Harkins 4
 Barry English, John Delaney 3
 Steve Niles 2
 Bob Vaughn, Chris Furgerson, Dave Kat, Ken Lasure, Dennis Ledbetter, Jay Jager, Jim Doggett, John Bearman, Ken Neer, Lloyd Marsh, Terry Halbrook, Terry Oliver, Tom Hills 1

Ladies Golf

by Kathy Reimann
Wednesday, Feb. 25
 Although the morning started out cool, it warmed quickly for a beautiful day of golf. Great work ladies as we get ready for our yearly tournament on Wednesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 5.
Low Handicap Gross
 Hazel English 37
 Maureen Peet 39
 Mary DeWeerd 40
Low Handicap Net
 Barb Watson 30
 Brenda Oliver, Lorraine Gould 32
High Handicap Gross
 Terri Lymburner 40
 Beth Farrington, Ann Hugh 42
High Handicap Net
 Karen Waymouth, Pat Butler 30
 Val Smith 31
Fewest Putts
 Hazel English 11
Chip Ins
 Beth Farrington 1
Closest to Pin #3
 Arlene Wykoff 13' 11"
Closest to Pin #5
 Brenda Oliver 34' 9"
Birdies
 Terri Lymburner 2
 Beth Farrington, Barb Watson 1

Deborah May wins with All Pairs

by Marcia Hatfield
 Our third special winner this month in Chinese Mah Jong is Deborah May. On Monday, Feb. 23, she created the difficult winning hand by collecting All Pairs. She started with only three pairs but as she drew from the wall on each turn, she found something that matched another tile in her hand meaning another pair for her. Finally, she drew the last tile to make seven pairs and declared Mah Jong. Well done Deborah!

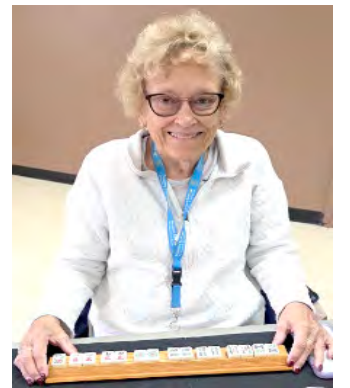


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 All Pairs winner is Deborah May.



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How our weekly newspaper comes together

by Pam Watkins

Have you ever wondered what happens to the articles and photos submitted to *The TR Times* between the time we receive them and the time you pull the printed newspaper from your Post Office box? Several production volunteers led open-house tours at *The TR Times* office last week to share a behind-the-scenes look at this production process.

Every issue begins with planning. The administrative team meets to decide the initial layout of the paper and which news will be published on the front page. This sets the direction for the entire edition.

Next comes preparation. Page templates for the week are built, including space for regular columns and advertisements. This step creates the framework that the stories and photos will soon fill.

As articles and photos arrive from our columnists and weekly contributors, they are saved, indexed and printed for review. Each article is carefully edited according to Associated Press guidelines and every photo is processed to ensure the highest quality for print. Once content is ready, articles and photos are arranged on the pages. Sometimes the process is similar to putting together a jigsaw puzzle as we work together to balance text and images with advertisements so each page is clear, readable and visually appealing.

The pages then go through an initial proofing stage. Spelling,

content and layout are reviewed, and corrections are made. After the initial round of corrections is made, all pages are printed and made ready for a final round of proofing from front to back. This final check is planned to catch any remaining errors before the paper goes to print and is published to the web.

When everything is corrected and approved, and the index of articles and chart of advertisements are confirmed, a file is prepared and submitted for printing. This is the moment the digital pages become a physical newspaper. Our freshly printed papers are delivered to us within a couple of days and distributed to residents and guests, bringing them news of park happenings, activities and events.

At the end of the week, each issue of *The TR Times* is archived at our office preserving a record of our community's history. Our printed drafts get upcycled into notepads helping us reduce waste while putting every page to good use.

From planning to print, every issue of *The TR Times* is the result of a fantastic team of writers, contributors, photographers and production workers who all voluntarily commit their time, between two and 30 hours per week, to ensure a quality product is delivered to you. We're proud to bring you a newspaper that reflects and serves our TR community—week after week. It truly is a weekly miracle.



Our open-house volunteers: Nancy Carini, Pam Watkins, Rich Kushman, Margaret Emmetts, Karen Waldo, Carole Young, Chris Marsh and Sharon Cook.



Bill Watkins was our happy photographer.



Our 10 a.m. tour group: Cal and Barbara Bacon, Gayle and Bob Sunde, Denise Weik and Pat Daubemier.



Sandy Sasuta and Kathleen Kushman served refreshments and smiles.



Our early-bird tour group: John and Marsha Cater, Marge Cantu, Jen Furman, Bob and Carol Luther, Steve and Deborah Oppel, Diane and Brian Krupicka and Barbara Brothers.



Our 10:30 a.m. tour group: Linda Moore, John Freed, Emily Fly, Linda Gough, and Debbie and Les Watson.



Our 9:30 a.m. tour group: Christine and Glen Lessig, Mary Kosbab, Amy Peebles, Brenda Brinkley, Rose-Ann Boucher, Sandy Herman and Bob Curran in the back.

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