

The TR Times

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Friday, February 21, 2020

Hi Lites

Music City Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 22, at Papa Joe's 11:30 a.m. See page 7.

SkyMed Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 22, at noon in Citrus West.

Bonfire

Saturday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Snack Shack Shelter.

New Englanders Luncheon

Sunday, Feb. 23, 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. See page 7.

Busch Hall

Sunday Night

Feb. 23, Kenny Evans, from-Rocky Top Theater, Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Ice cream 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Program follows. See page 2.

Travelogue

Monday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. in Citrus West. Cuba and Cars is the theme. See page 7.

Drive-thru Steak Dinner

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 5 to 6 p.m. at Golf View Pavilion.

Tuesday Night

Movies

Tuesday, Feb. 25, The movie *Judy* released in 2020 with Renee Zellweger.

Short at 6:45 p.m. Movie at 7:15 p.m. Citrus East. See page 2.

Coffee Seminars

Seminars are held in Busch Hall from 8 to 9 a.m. See page 6.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, Planning Ahead by Marilyn Long.

Thursday, Feb. 27, Therapy dogs and Service dogs presented by Judy Leister.

Karaoke

Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Geneology

Friday, Feb. 28, at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. See page 7.

Golden Anniversary Dance

Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 6.

Activity Reminders

Garden Walk

Sunday, March 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. See page 12.

Bloodmobile

Monday, March 2, see page 5.

Quilt-a-rama

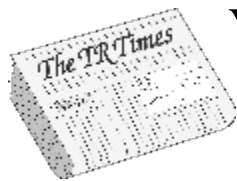
Tuesday, March 3, in Busch Hall.

Hobby and Art Show

Saturday, March 14, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 7.

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You are invited to The TR Times Open House to help us celebrate our 35th anniversary



The Tread Mark

by Margaret Emmetts

We hope you will mark your calendar to come join us at *The TR Times* Open House on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the *TR Times* office and the Paul Rife Room behind the Fire Station. Guided tours will be conducted at 1, 1:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to learn just how the newspaper you receive each week is put together. You may not realize that we have a staff of almost 90 individuals who help to create this “weekly miracle.”

The newspaper process begins with our Advertising Department that obtains and creates the ads that appear in the paper. The income derived from these ads supports all the costs of producing the paper.

We have Writers who produce our weekly columns such as *Birding Activity*, *Garden News*, etc. Typists enter the articles into



Photo by Bill Watkins

TR Paper Staff Editors are Pam Watkins, Margaret Emmetts Jane Harrold and Karen Waldo.

our computer system and editors polish the text. Proofreaders check the copy for errors and then Page-makers place the articles on the pages. A Cartoonist and Obituary Editor are also on staff.

Our Photography Staff take photos of various events and process the images for printing.

Our Production Staff organizes the paper with respect to what goes into each issue and where in

the paper the items appear. Our Computer Director ensures that our computers and printers keep working.

An Operating Committee sets policies and oversees the business aspect of producing the paper. We also have Couriers who receive and distribute the paper and Librarians in charge of organizing and filing our finished product.

We have a Secretary, Bookkeeper and Auditor and even a Recycling person who turns our scrap paper into the handy pads that we give away at the Hobby and Art Show.

If you take the opportunity to come to our Open House, you will learn about how all of our volunteers work together to produce the newspaper. There will also be refreshments.

Please join us for what we hope will be an informative visit.

Beginnings of The T. R. Times Feb. 7, 1986

This article was originally published on Friday, March 22, 1991

by Henry O’Pry

Much credit for the T.R. Times goes to Mary Presutti, past president of the Board of Directors, as well as other Board members serving with her, especially my wife, Bea, who upon my prodding, presented my desire for a newspaper to the Board; she was my advocate. The Board members approved but stated the paper must be self-supporting. However, following my presentation to the Board as to capabilities, intents, feasibility, name, format, titles of articles, possible volunteers, etc., they voted a grant of \$1200 as seed money. At the end of the season more than that amount was repaid to Travelers Rest. It was mentioned I should be the editor. However, since Wilma Abell was publisher and editor of *The Treadmark*, and doing a fine job, I informed the Board she would be asked to serve; she declined. Bob and Mary Alice Persche also declined.

In a short time posters were displayed at the annual auction advertising the need for volunteers to produce a newspaper. Many were willing but felt unqualified. Pioneers who did step forward: Bob Bauer (the Board Room and Owl’s Next); June Slater (Know Your Neighbor); because of great admiration for the stamina and courage of Jessie Small, she was selected as the first subject. R a t e establishment and advertising space (nearly \$8000 before first issue) were completed by me. Pagination, format, (tabloid size was selected to conform to presses of local printer) and photography were some of my responsibilities. Type was a huge problem. Typewriter print was unjustified and unprofessional in appearance; computer type was within our financial means, but difficult to meet deadlines. A home computer



RUTH WIRTZ HOWES
TR TIMES FIRST EDITOR

in Trilby meant many trips and in a break-down required finding a last minute commercial source. The early issues were hectic but we made the first Friday deadline. When Ruth Wirtz agreed to accept the editorship, the first issue was “put to bed” by the Wirtzs and O’Prys. Ruth did the editing and headlining; I showed “How To” in layout paste-up, waxing, etc.

Divergence of opinion developed. I was advocating “soft” news. Ruth was accustomed to writing and editorializing for city newspapers, selling advertising and subscriptions which increased revenue and more inclined for “hard” news – headlines that catch the public eye, such as “The Fly Problem,” “Curious Block Emergency Path,” etc. My headline “Santa Claus is a snowbird” was relegated to the back page. Articles about “Harvey Jones” and “The Propane Gang” provided much deserved publicity for our volunteers. Creation of a medalion with logo TRV and slogan “We Make Dreams Come True” was a reward volunteers merited during a past lunch hosted by the Board.

As for the paper now, it has come a long way: a work room, dark room, on premises computer typing, many volunteers for every

duty. These are signs of progress. I have some suggestions to offer:

1. Present both pro and con of a story – the democratic way.
2. Practice objectivity – not personal opinion.
3. When talking about person or quote, be fair enough to interview the person. Dig for facts. (I have been mentioned and reported numerous times, but never interviewed.)
4. Do not try to be sensational. There is no reason here. Our subscriptions are free; production cost is small; it was established as

a non-profit enterprise, produced entirely by volunteers for a select audience.

5. Again I would say let’s expand the previous list of titles to include “Consumer Concerns.” There are many disreputable companies and products being sold outside, and sometimes inside, our park. I pray the paper will attempt to protect us, the consumers.

6. At the start of The T.R. Times, the Board promised absence of undue influence – may it continue.

The TR Times will no longer be in your mailbox . . .read on

by Margaret Emmetts

As you probably know, *The TR Times* was not placed in your mailbox on Friday last week, nor will it be in your mailbox in the future. This came as a total surprise to the newspaper staff.

Monday, in a meeting with John Green Board President and Ray Hill Park Manager we received the following explanation:

The TR Board decided that newspapers would no longer be placed in our mailboxes. Their rationale was that the rather small boxes had become overcrowded. The papers took up too much space so that mail did not fit. Additionally some mail had been misplaced when it slid accidentally between pages of the paper as it was being put into the mailboxes.

As a result, the papers are now available on a table below the Display Board in the Post Office Lobby.

It is the intent of the Board to place two distribution boxes for the newspapers in the Busch Hall/Post Office area in the near future. They will be of the type that house advertisements found around town and do not require a coin to open. Unfortunately, these boxes are difficult to obtain.

Once obtained, it is anticipated one will be in the corner of the Post Office near Jeri Miller’s Activity Board. The second will be somewhere around Busch Hall, but the exact location is yet to be determined.

Should you be away for a week or two and wish to have prior copies of the paper, we were advised that the Park Office keeps four weeks of old papers on hand at all times. Old papers may also be obtained at *The TR Times* office, behind the Fire Station.

The Board regrets that we did not know of this new plan in time to notify our readers of this important change. If you have any questions or comments, kindly address them to the Board.

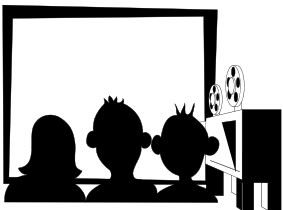


Tuesday Night Movies

by Jim and Carol Henrikson

The Tuesday Night Movie on Feb. 4 called *What They Had* highlighted the impact of how dementia affects many families. This was done in support of The Alzheimer's Family Organization of Dade City. The movie played for about 20 minutes and was aborted. We have previewed a fresh copy that works. If there is interest, we will run it again as an extra to the regular 2020 TNM program. Please let Carol or me know your wishes at the next TNM. We will announce a time and place for this once arrangements are made.

The high-resolution flat screen TV and Sonos audio equipment used in Citrus East provides a theater-quality experience. Citrus East is a good venue to join with friends for this TNM experi-



ence – free popcorn will be available to those arriving early.

All our movie choices are a result of TR audience recommendations. We hope you will continue helping us to make these enjoyable selections. TNM show times: Short at 6:45 p.m. Main Feature at 7:15 p.m. TR standard chairs are provided. If you prefer a favorite alternate chair, this can typically be accommodated based on our average audience size. For the special Alzheimer event, we may have to limit the

number of comfortable chairs used.

Check *The TR Times*, Bulletin Boards, and TR Facebook postings for all upcoming features. Future scheduled movies are:

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 the 2020 Oscar award-winning movie *Judy* will feature the story of 1960's legendary performer Judy Garland, brilliantly acted by Renée Zellweger.

On Tuesday, March 3 Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

Your TNM team welcomes all comments to help make TNM an enjoyable part of your Travelers Rest experience. Please encourage your friends to join us at Tuesday Night at the Movies.

See you at the movies.

Let us entertain you

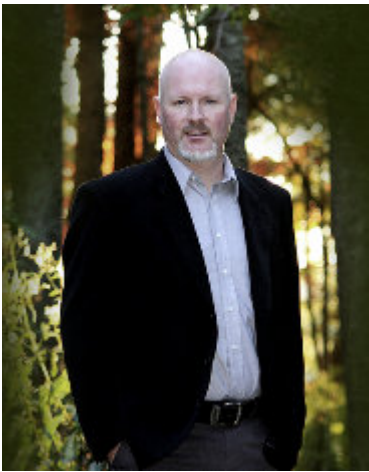


Photo by Ken Langell

KENNY EVANS

From 2000 to 2005 he headlined the *Faith and Fifties Show* in Pigeon Forge, where he performed a tribute to the golden oldies hits of the 50s and 60s and some of gospel music's most treasured classics.

Kenny now performs golden oldies and classic country hits as the male vocalist in *The American Oldies Show* at The Red Skelton Tribute Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Come and enjoy this show. Sunday, Feb. 23, Busch Hall. Ice cream social at 5:45 p.m. Announcements 6:45 p.m., followed by the program.



Jane's World

Revisited

A tall tale

by Jane Harrold

Note: This story first appeared in February 1986.

This year's TR Talent Show will be held on Sunday, March 1. I have been trying to think of a way for me, as a writer, to participate. Maybe I could be on stage just gazing off into space looking for inspiration or I could be sitting in front of the laptop yawning and occasionally typing a few words. Writing really is not a talent which is easy to use in front of an audience. In the end I decided to stick to what I do best and write a *Jane's World* story.

Once upon a time a traveler was staying at a motel on the way back home to Canada. Early in the morning while the traveler's spouse was sound asleep the traveler tiptoed out of bed and headed for the shower. The traveler was not very wide awake. At least I hope that was the reason that the following story developed.

This is based on an actual incident and I think I will call the two participants Jane and Bill just to make this tale easier to read. I will be cast in the main role as the somewhat hapless traveler and Bill will be the sleeping spouse. From previous experience I think I have the characters assigned correctly.

Reaching into the shower, I turned the water on so that it was running into the tub and

adjusted the temperature. More hot, more cold, just right. Then I pulled the little plunger to get the water to go up to the shower and the water disappeared. I could hear the water running but it was not coming down from above. I stuck my hand under the faucet and there was no water coming out.

My fuzzy brain was convinced that somehow I had lost the water. I stood up to look at the showerhead and discovered that the water was shooting right over my head and coming down from the ceiling at the back wall of the tub. I had found the water. Now for a nice wake-up shower. Meanwhile Bill the sleeping spouse snored on. Washing my hair proved to be the next challenge. Since my shampoo was packed away, I had grabbed one of the motel's little bottles for my shower. Hair all wet and dripping I opened the bottle and was very surprised when no shampoo poured out into my hand. Had I lost the shampoo too. I squeezed and squeezed until I was approaching a level of pressure close to what an Olympic weightlifter might use and still nothing came out. Meanwhile Bill the sleeping spouse snored on.

At last I discovered that the bottle had an aluminum foil cap that had to be removed in order to get at the contents.

Slippery and soft fingernails would not pry this lose. I would have to make a hole in it. Having no sharp objects to puncture the foil I just had to choose my most pointy tooth to make the hole. This method worked just fine. I tipped the bottle over and poured the liquid into my hand. Strangely this was very watery stuff but then I was not expecting a luxurious creamy brand of shampoo. I put it on my hair. It refused to suds and the minty fresh smell was pretty strong. Finally the light bulb went on – I was trying to shampoo with mouthwash. I laughed and laughed. Meanwhile Bill the sleeping spouse snored on.

Like all good stories this one has a happy ending. I dripped my way out of the shower, got my glasses, checked the little bottle labels and found the shampoo. Bill woke up after all the excitement was over and had no problems whatsoever with the shower or the shampoo.

Our hapless traveler and the sleeping spouse will live happily ever after. As far as next year's Talent Show is concerned I think I should develop a new talent.

Maybe I could learn to juggle or Bill and I could do a knife throwing act.

Do you suppose Bill would let me throw the knives?

FOOD VENDORS THIS WEEK....

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Monday, 2/24, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Thursday, 2/27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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The TR Times . . .Remembers when

by Margaret Emmetts

February of this year marks the 35th Anniversary of *The TR Times*. The paper was founded by Ruth Wirtz (Howes) who was a retired professional newspaper woman. In looking over the original documents submitted to the Board for their approval, it was interesting to note that Ruth Howes specified that *The TR Times* was to be a **newspaper**, not a bulletin or newsletter or similar product. For 35 years we have held true to this vision.

We currently produce a 20-page newspaper each week during the high season. Traditionally, the staff has referred to it as the “weekly miracle” because we often wonder how it all comes together in the time allotted. Our deadline for submissions to the paper is Friday afternoon and the finished product goes to the printer at noon the following Tuesday. Considering that we generally do not work on Saturday, this means 20 pages are prepared and polished in just a couple of days. Truly it is a miracle each week.



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The following is an Editorial written by Ruth Howes from the paper's first edition on Feb. 7, 1986:

Volunteerism is Key

What makes TR tick? Why is ours the best Airstream park in Florida – yes even in the country?

The key to TR's success is its volunteers – the men and women who give freely of their time, their energy and their expertise to provide a program of activities and services for residents that is second to none.

We salute you our faithful volunteers – the fire department, the choir and chorus, the instructors and class leaders, the activity chair people, the golf greens crew, the blood pressure clinic doctors – and all the rest of you who make Travelers Rest a joyful place to live for all of us.

We at *The TR Times* are proud to join our efforts with you.

Isn't it interesting that the first editorial addressed volunteerism, a topic which is still current? We hope you will join us on Saturday, Feb. 22 at *The TR Times* office and the Paul Rife Room to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of *The TR Times*. See you there!



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Please be aware we have about 90 volunteers that work on the newspaper. The photos on this page represent just a portion of the staff. The names of the entire staff may be found on the Masthead on page 4.

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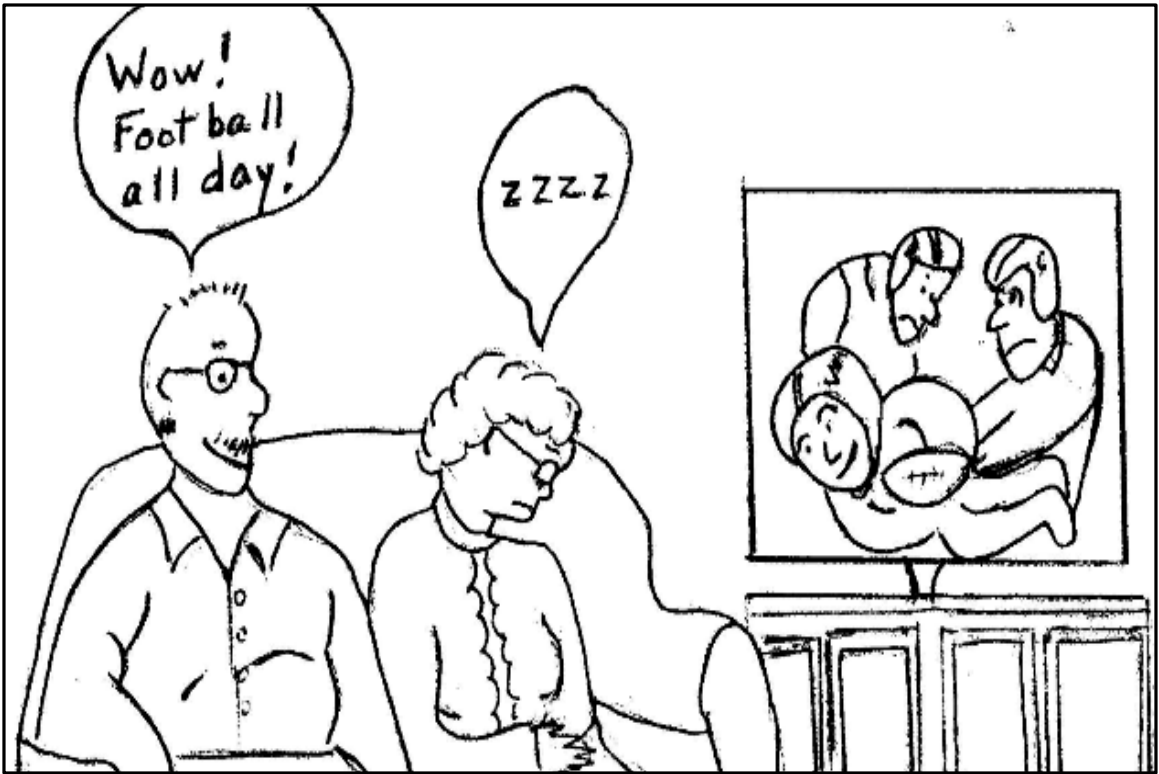
Do you remember Emily Post?

During her lifetime (1872-1960) Emily Post was the final word in manners and etiquette. Today many things have changed, but many are still the same. Gentlemen are still expected to remove their hats when indoors. But Emily Post never lived to experience current technology, which is probably a good thing.

Although we are usually told to silence our phones when attending a meeting or performance, there is always someone who fails to do so. What would Emily say?

We are accustomed to watching TV in our own living rooms where anything goes. If we want to chat, go the kitchen for a snack, or even do cartwheels that is acceptable in the privacy of our own home. However, we tend to forget our manners when we are at a public performance. How rude is it to have people nearby carry on a conversation loud enough to be heard above the performer. Didn't Mom remind you to "use your indoor voice?" Even when we attend church on Sunday, how many times does the leader have to try to get everyone to sit down and stop chatting so the song service may begin? What would Emily say?

Remember, using good manners is all about showing respect for those around you. mre



The Servant's Plow

The changing sea

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

In John 6: 16-21 we are given a little nugget of history that tells about the disciples waiting for Jesus to arrive at the shore on the Sea of Galilee. They had just fed 5,000 people that day. They were exhausted and night was setting in and darkness had fallen. The disciples decided to get on board their boat and travel back across the sea to Capernaum in the dark. They waited awhile for Jesus, but He never showed up.

Suddenly after rowing about three or four miles, a strong wind began to blow across the water. The crew became terrified and they caught a glimpse of Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. He called out to them and said, "Do not be afraid, I am here!" Miraculously, upon hearing those words from Jesus, the boat carrying the disciples arrived safely at its destination.

I recently read a true story from the nation of Israel. I keep up with current events in that region through a few websites. These are also offered as apps for your smartphone. My favorites are



ANTHONY SHIPE

Arutz 7, Israel Hayom and Hamodia. The Times of Israel ran a story on Feb. 10, by Nathan Jeffay. The title of the article was As Sea of Galilee fills to bursting, Israelis' joy overflows. That body of water is known also as the Sea of Tiberius and by its Hebrew name the Kinneret. Apparently Israel's largest source of freshwater has receded because of evaporation and many dry seasons. Much needed rain since early January has begun to fill the void.

Although the level of water is still 210.4 meters below sea level, it has risen 1.75 meters or 5.74 feet since the start of January. The last

time it was noticeably full was in 1992 due to major storms that passed through the region. The weather forecast for the week of Feb. 9 predicted another record rainfall which could reverse the drought.

If the Sea of Galilee begins to reach flood stage, local authorities plan to open the dam at Kibutz Degania to allow the excess water to flow into the Jordan River just as happened in 1992. There have been large crowds of people visiting the area due to the excitement of the changing sea. Tiberius residents are anticipating the dam opening as a momentous occasion. The chance of the dam opening stands at 50 percent now.

All throughout history the Sea of Galilee has brought excitement and terror to folks. The seasons in our lives also bring changes whether we welcome them or not. One thing to keep fresh on our hearts is that God is aware of our trials. Jesus walked across that very lake reminding His disciples to not be afraid. He still proclaims that He is with us still today. Keep the boat steady.

Letter to the Editor

Paint disposal

I've noticed people leaving partial cans of paint next to the dumpsters. The correct way to dispose of unwanted paint is to first mix sawdust thoroughly into the paint. It will absorb the paint and turn solid. Now you can safely and legally dispose of the can into the

dumpster with no threat of contamination of waterways or the ground.

Ah, but where to find sawdust? Just so happens TR has a wood-working shop. Collect it from there. Hope this helps prevent future abandoned paint cans.

Jeffrey Duquette



Please consider making a difference in someone's life by donating to Habitat for Humanity. Donations will be accepted on Sunday, Feb. 23 during TR's regular church service. You may also submit it to Vince Smith at lot 03-06 in person or via TR mail.

Looking Back

by Mary Kosbab

30 years ago

Dorothy Freed is recognized for her many contributions to The TR Times. The Sweetheart Ball sets a record attendance of 446. Paul Champion gives a Shuffleboard seminar for all interested.

20 years ago

Annual Golf Tournament winners are Lynn Meyers and Barb McBride. Horace Bill hand carves a wooden plaque for Hole #1. He and Ray Deus enlist the TR Woodcarvers to do the rest of the tees for the golf course. Tuesday Night movies are The Sting and You've got Mail. Phase II of the Boardwalk project includes a deck overlooking Lake Margaret. Plans are underway to finish the Boardwalk from the gazebo to the road next year.

10 years ago

Live, Love and Laugh is the theme of the TR Fashion Show chaired by Jan Gregory. The annual Advertisers' Golf Outing has prizes for the chipping contest and the opportunity to win a golf cart, offered by Country Club Golf Carts to the first person to get a hole-in-one on Hole #8.



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Choosing the Right Emergency Alert Device

by Jean Cobb

RN and First Responder

Many of us have wondered whether we or someone we care about should have an emergency alert device. Typical comments include - "I live alone." "She drives alone, sometimes after dark." "I'm afraid I'll fall and won't be able to get up." "What if I am ill or injured and cannot reach my phone." "I like to walk in the morning - what if I need help while I am away from my house?" Of course, it is a personal decision, but people who live alone and have physical disabilities or chronic medical conditions should carefully consider whether their telephone, or even cell phone, will be readily available to summon help.

I believe that it is most important that you take the time to evaluate different systems rather than rush to a decision based on an advertisement or even the helpful advice of a friend or family member. **The comparison tool*** included with this article can help you to carefully consider your choices before you purchase a device and activate its monitoring service.

All emergency alert devices have three components - a button to push for help, a transmitter and a call center with operators that handle your request for assistance. Some devices have the transmitter built into the same device with the emergency button and communicate directly with the call center through cellphone towers; others have a separate transmitter box that sits by the home telephone. Some devices are waterproof and can be worn in the shower or pool. Some have a GPS chip, and many are even equipped to sense a fall and summon help when you cannot.

When you are considering which device you are going to use, be sure to match your lifestyle with the device you choose. For example, if you travel frequently, or you often spend time outside or away from your home, you will want to consider a device that uses cell phone towers and is mobile. If falls are a big concern, a waterproof device that senses falls and can be worn in the shower or around the pool may be a good choice. If you choose a device that uses a transmitter box near your phone, it probably requires a standard phone 'land line' for it to work. Nearly

all systems allow you to specify who you want called if 911 is not required, and, of course all call centers can summon 911 or the police when you need emergency assistance.

I am most familiar with Great Call devices. Their newest *Lively Mobile* will have an integrated emergency button/transmitter with 2-way communication. It is about 1.5 x 2 inches, weighs a little over an ounce and can hang around your neck or clip on your pocket. It has a charging cradle for daily use, is waterproof and senses falls. Equipped with a GPS chip, it communicates through cell phone towers and is mobile. The call center is located in California and has operators on duty that can handle a wide variety of medical and other urgent calls. At present, the device costs about \$50 and has a monthly monitoring fee from \$29 to \$49 depending on services (basic 911 or expanded medical advice and falls detection) desired. The newest device should be available soon at Walmart, Sears, Best Buy, Amazon and by calling Great Call at 800-650-592 or www.GreatCall.com

Several residents in TR have shared that they have Philips Lifeline devices www.lifeline.philips.com. The device - a pendant or wristband - offered by Philips is waterproof, and can include falls detection with auto-alert, GPS location service, and monitoring inside the home using a land line, as well as on-the-go communication outside the home using cellphone towers. According to the website, the device and home station/charger currently costs about \$150 and monitoring fees range from \$55 to \$70/month depending on services (home based or on-the-go assistance) desired. For more information call 855-600-6127.

Other emergency alert devices reviewed recently by Consumer Affairs can be found at this website: www.consumeraffairs.com/medical-alert-systems/#.

Please, don't wait until you have a fall or some other disaster to seriously consider an alert device. The decision you make now could make the difference between life and death.

*See comparison tool on page 19.

by Ken Neer

On Monday, March 2 we have an opportunity at TR to conveniently give back to the Pasco/Hernando area by donating blood. The blood drive people have made a list of the "Top Ten Reasons To Donate Blood" which I modified slightly and have listed below.

10. You will weigh less when you leave (at least for a few days) as a pint of blood weighs about a pound.

9. Nobody can ask you to do anything strenuous such as heavy lifting (think spouse) as long as you have the bandage on. Wear it as long as you like, it is a great out-of-chores card. It might also be good for 1 or 2 handicap strokes in golf.

8. You will receive an insulated Oneblood water bottle, a \$10 e-gift card and thanks to Jack Carey and the Snack Shack, your name will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 4 free Snack Shack lunch tickets.

7. It is something most people can easily spare, yet often, there is not enough to fill the need. Remember, there is no substitute for human blood.

6. You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when someone close to you (think TR friends) may need it. Most people think they will never have a need for blood, but statistics show that one in every three people will receive a blood transfusion sometime in their life.

5. You will receive a wellness check (blood pressure, pulse rate, temperature, iron count and total cholesterol screening).

4. Donation of blood on a regular basis will help you get rid of excess iron (especially in the case of males).

3. Statistics have proven that the chances of a heart attack are cut by almost a third when a regular blood donation regimen is followed.

Why give blood?



2. You are giving the "Gift of Life." Your donation is separated into its components and subsequently can help up to three patients depending upon their specific need. Patients such as those with cancer, blood/clotting disorders, surgical, trauma, organ transplants and newborns are to name a few.

And the #1 reason; it is the right thing to do. You will walk a little taller feeling good about yourself, wearing your bandage as a badge of honor.

Questions frequently asked: Are Canadians eligible to give here in the United States? Absolutely. Are diabetics and those on various drugs for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart, anti-depressants or pain medications eligible? Most likely, yes. In fact, 98 percent of recent medications are acceptable.

If you have additional questions, talk to a representative on the bus. They should be able to answer your questions before going through the giving process.

Mark your calendar for Monday, March 2, and do

something good for yourself and more importantly, others. Walk-ins are welcome but time slot sign-ups are preferred in an effort to accommodate all in a timely fashion. Sign-up sheets are available in Busch Hall on the board closest to the southwest door next to the library. To avoid sign-up time confusion, I would encourage you to not sign-up online. We have had record breaking turnouts (46 last March) and at our request they are sending two buses for this drive to help alleviate any waiting time.

Help make this TR's largest blood drive by showing up to give and helping to break the 50-pint mark.



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Activity Affairs

by Jeri Miller
Activity Coordinator
Thought to begin our week – from 7 Rules of Life - #6 Stop thinking so much as it's alright not to know all the answers. #7 – smile - You don't own all the problems in the world.

And my thought – It's all going to work. It always does. This is because TR is known for working together so there isn't any problem that we can't solve.

Activity Update Form - Sometime in the next week, chairpersons should receive their Activity Update Form. This form is the backbone for the planning of next season's Activity Book. If you don't receive yours, please let me know.

Chairpersons, please take the time to fill out the form as best you can and return ASAP. There is room on the form to share any ideas that might help make next year even better. Don't know if that is possible, but we'll give it a try.

Don't forget that if you haven't received your Year-end Financial Form you should give me a call. This needs to be turned in to the office before you leave.

Activity year end –Some of our activities are searching for a new leader for next season. Please begin by polling your own activity for a willing person. In a perfect



JERI MILLER

world, the recruit could begin the learning curve while there is still help available. Good luck.

Yard and Patio Sales Update –this Friday, Feb. 21 is our “friends helping friends” day. Remember to line your pockets with lots of money. Why you say? Cuz – while touring TR you might find that special item that you have been looking for. Many of us have a shed full of treasures that we place in front of our sites and hope that they won't be going back in the shed at the end of the day. You never know what you are going to find.

Plan to purchase coffee and donuts from the Garden Club which is their money raiser for the gardens.

Golden Anniversary Dance – Do you have friends celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary? Friday, Feb. 28 is the night that we put on our dancing shoes and finer clothes to spend time celebrating this special evening with them. The Travelaires have been practicing special-music and they have just been getting better and better as the years go by. We are blessed.

The Dance committee is planning to make sure that this will be a night to remember. As always, bring your own beverage and treats to share.

Lookin' Back - Fashion Show – Hope you all had a chance to attend this event. Talk about just having fun, we did. Elaine Risher and crew did another outstanding job. Patsy Gordon was right on with the introductions. Elaine spent hours gathering the music and each one told a story. You could tell that our models put their heart and soul into this show. Now we ask, what about next year?

Final Thought – Remember, you are encouraged to join in the activities that interest you. Almost every activity is open to all. An offer to help is always appreciated. That's how we keep all our activities going. You have the most important role in the active life we enjoy here at Travelers Rest.

Golden Anniversary Celebration

Name	Lot
David and Mary Beth Baur	11-29
John and Mary Ellen Deegan	08-15
Gene and Linda Gough	11-14
Jim and Carol Henrikson	12-07
Bob and Carol Luther	13-06
David and Dawn Pulley	01-13

Six couples to celebrate 50 wonderful years

by Pam Watkins
We invite you to join us in celebrating love and marriage at the Golden Anniversary Dance next Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. This dance is an annual tradition at TR and is our opportunity to honor those couples who celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. The Travelaires and the Friday Night Dance Committee have planned a grand

evening for this most popular of dances.
Golden marriages are wonderful examples to all of us. Come share in their happiness or ask your sweetheart to the dance and make it a romantic event with some chocolates, flowers or a beverage of choice to bring to your table. Tickets are just \$2 at the door and light refreshments will be served during intermission.

Coffee Seminars

by Terry Hosig
Note: Coffee Seminars are held at 8 a.m. as part of the Coffee Social. Treats to accompany the coffee are free on Seminar mornings.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 Planning ahead - Marilyn Long will join us to present helpful information told to her by TR residents who have

experienced the death of their spouses. This collection of stories reveals, “I should have or should not have done situations.” Marilyn will emphasize the importance of planning ahead and talking with your spouse about important decisions when both are able to participate in that decision-making process.

She will also supply a list of important documents we all should complete.

On Thursday, Feb. 27 Therapy dogs and service dogs - Judy Leister will come and share the important information we need to understand the difference between a Therapy pet and a Service pet. Many of us have had dogs since childhood. As pets they easily became our best friends, babysitters and even protectors. Over the years specialized categories have been developed for dogs to provide helpful, and even life-saving services for humans. In some cases, training is involved; in others a natural instinct is utilized. The most common categories include Service, Therapy, Working and Emotional Support. Unfortunately, there is a fair amount of confusion about which each is and it has led to sometimes misleading or false labels. Come meet two TR dogs. One is Diane Dean's Kobe, a licensed Emotional Support Dog. The other is Mark and Judy Leister's Scoop, who is registered with Therapy Dogs International. Additionally, a representative from Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs in Williston, Fla. will also be here with a Service Dog. Come see the different roles each of these wonderful dogs provide.

Mardi Gras Dance rolls out the good times



These Mardi Gras masked ladies look like they are enjoying the festivities.

Photos by Pam Watkins



Linda and Gene Gough practice their waltz steps.



The Duquettes demonstrate the merengue dance.

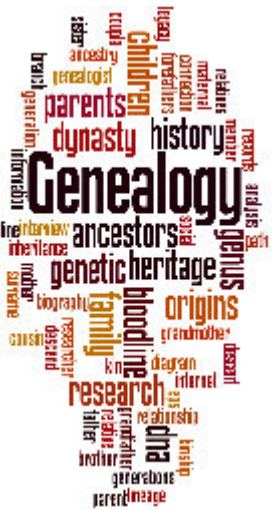
by Pamela Watkins
Nearly 80 people attended the Mardi Gras Dance last Friday, Feb. 14. A number of ladies chose to wear colorful skirts, sequins, masks and jester hats for the party. Many couples enjoyed several slow, romantic songs while also turning out for a few lively jazz and polka tunes on the dance floor. Jeff and Heidi Duquette entertained party goers with three dance routines including the saucy

merengue that they hope to teach during an upcoming Ballroom Dance class.
The next big-band dance is the annual Golden Anniversary Dance scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. This event honors those couples who celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 2020. You will not want to miss this most popular of TR dances.

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You will enjoy this genealogy program

by Bob Luther

On Friday, Feb. 28 at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East, Bob Luther and Dan Zile will make a presentation to the Genealogy Club entitled *Great Grandfathers at War*.

Bob and Dan will follow their respective great grandfathers along parallel lives preceding and

following an unusual intersection of their ancestral heritage. This presentation was made to the Pasco County Genealogy Society and was acclaimed the best and most interesting of the last several years.

All TR residents and friends are invited to attend. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this fascinating story.

Luncheons are planned

Music City Airstreamers to meet Feb. 22

by Linda Gough

On Saturday, Feb. 22 at 11:30 a.m., the Music City Airstream Club will hold their Snowbird Luncheon.

They will meet at Papa Joe's Restaurant near Brooksville and order off the menu. The address is 6244 Spring Lake Highway, Brooksville, Fla.

Please sign up on the Busch Hall Bulletin Board by



the Library entrance if you plan to attend or RSVP by calling Linda Gough at 615-400-3332.

Welcome all New Englanders

by Leslie Price

It's time for the annual pot luck luncheon.

Come join us for a good time with friends and food on Sunday, Feb. 23, 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Sign up on the sheet in Busch Hall no later than Saturday, Feb. 22.

Bring a dish to share, beverage and table service. See you all there.

Cuba and its cars is the theme of the next Travelogue

by Richard Hunt

Did you miss last year's TR group cruise around Cuba? If you went, do you want to relive some of that experience? Then you will want to be at the next Travelogue presentation.

Jim Matkovich will be sharing *Cuba and the Cars of Cuba*. Jim is a self-confessed car guy and was particularly interested in the number of cars of the 1950's still in use in Cuba.

Come and see his presentation, Monday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. in Citrus West.



Photo by Jim Matkovich

Does this bring back some memories?

Hobby and Art Show comes to Busch Hall

by Margaret Emmetts

The annual Hobby and Art Show will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

This is an excellent opportunity for any resident to showcase their hobbies or art projects. Although some displays, such as quilts or photography appear annually, there is usually at least one new display. In the past, new displays have led to a new activity being added to TR's weekly offerings.

Please complete the coupon below and get it to Nancy Rogers by the March 5 deadline so she can assign a table appropriate to your needs.

You may contact Rogers at the numbers indicated on the coupon for further details.

As always, The Travelettes will be selling their delicious root beer floats.

Mark your calendar. Hope to see you there!



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Need forwarding labels?

by Tom Pender

If you need forwarding labels for your summer mail, please fill out the form below and send to Tom Pender by March 9.

The first 100 requests will receive 30 free mail forwarding labels, courtesy of the *TR Times*.



Mail Forwarding Labels

The *The TR Times* will be offering 30 free mail forwarding labels to the first 100 requests from TR residents. Labels **MUST** be picked up at the Hobby Show on Saturday, March 14.

If you would like mail forwarding labels with your summer address, please complete the coupon below and send to Tom Pender at lot 03-09 by March 9.

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Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer



Baseball Season Hits Florida

This is just a sample of games scheduled in our area. If you follow a certain team and you can't find their schedule let me know and I'll forward it to you.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Yankees, Toronto Blue Jays, Minnesota Twins, Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals, Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies all play within driving distance. The mileage is indicated next to each city.

Friday, Feb. 21, 1:05 p.m. - **Detroit Tigers vs S.E. University**, Joker Marchant Field, Lakeland, 41.7 miles.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 1:05 p.m. - **New York Yankees vs Toronto Blue Jays**, Steinbrenner Field, Tampa, 45.8 miles

Saturday, Feb. 22, 1:05 p.m. - **Pittsburgh Pirates vs Minnesota Twins**, LECOM Field, Bradenton, 77 miles.

Monday, Feb. 24, 6:35 p.m. - **New York Yankees vs Pittsburgh Pirates**, Steinbrenner Field, Tampa, 45.8 miles.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1:07 p.m.- **Toronto Blue Jays vs Minnesota Twins**, TD Ballpark, Dunedin, 51.7 miles.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1:05 p.m.- **Atlanta Braves vs St. Louis Cardinals**, Cool Today Park, Venice, 104 miles.



LINDA SPENCER



Dade City Pasco County Fair
Monday, Feb. 17 noon to 7 p.m. through Sunday, Feb. 23. In addition to livestock shows, rides and fairway games of chance, there are daily music performances. There is a local talent show and professional rodeo. Please contact www.pascocounty-fair.com for additional information.

Location: 36722 State Rd. 52 – Pasco County Fair Grounds. Approximately 8.4 miles.



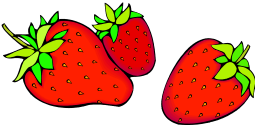
Hudson 2020 Sunset Crab & Shrimp Festival

Friday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 1. This event features two days and three nights of rocking live bands, beautiful

beachfront scenery and Florida's excellent seafood. There will be cornhole competitions, crab races, crab claw eating contest and much more. Tickets are available online through www.eventbrite.com for \$5 a day or \$8 for the weekend. Location: Sun West Park, 17362 Old Dixie Hwy, Hudson. Approximately 20 miles.



The Villages The Beach Boys
Sunday, Feb. 23 and Monday, Feb. 24. The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center will welcome The Beach Boys to their venue. The Beach Boys have birthed an astoundingly busy schedule of concerts, averaging 150 shows a year since their explosive debut over 50 years ago. Tickets are available from www.tickets.thevillages.com. Location: 1051 Main St., The Villages. Approximately 44 miles.



Plant City Florida Strawberry Festival
Thursday, Feb. 27 through Sunday, March 8. Entertainment for this year's festival includes:
Thursday, Feb. 27 - **Oak Ridge Boys, Rascal Flatts**
Friday, Feb. 28 - **Tommy James and the Shondells, Michael Ray**
Saturday, Feb. 29 - **Sammy Kershaw, 98 Degrees**
Sunday, March 1 - **Reba McEntire**
Monday, March 2 - **Neal McCoy, Patti LaBelle**
Tuesday, March 3 - **Sara Evans**
Wednesday, March 4- **Chubby Checker, Josh Turner**
Sunday, March 8- **Lynyrd Skynyrd** and many more.

For additional information please visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com. Tickets are available thru www.event.etix.com or call 813-752-9194. Location: 303 Berry Fest Place, Plant City. Approximately 29 miles.

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Travel tidbits

Plans for the 2020-2021 travel season

by Sharon Gilbert Zile, Tour Director

Registration has now begun for TR trips next season. Be sure to take a look at the Travel Bulletin Board in Busch Hall as new flyers are being added. Help yourself to the flyers for trips that interest you --- they're in the plastic box.

The first bus trip will be the Friday, Dec. 11 performance of **The Singing Christmas Trees**. The performance is a magnificent production involving over 200 voices, live orchestra, drama and dancing and features the Christmas Story. A very nice buffet dinner precedes the performance. Original each year, The Singing Christmas Tree performances at the Orlando Baptist Church have sold out each year for over three decades. Some walking is involved, and scooters, walkers and wheelchairs work well at this location. Cost is \$90 pp, driver tip NOT included.

The January day trip will be a boat cruise, but details are not yet fully established, so stay tuned!

The February bus trip will be a day at the **Kennedy Space Center** on Feb. 24. The trip will include round-trip bus transportation, admission to the Space Center, Shuttle Launch Experience, Kennedy Space Center Bus Tour including Apollo/Saturn V Center, IMAX Theater with 3D Films, the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame and



much more---see the flyer for greater detail! Much walking is involved so let us know when you register if you will be bringing a walker, scooter or wheelchair. Cost is \$109 pp, driver tip NOT included.

Also in February, the frequently requested trip to **Biloxi with New Orleans** will take place Feb. 7-12. This bus trip includes five nights at the Scarlett Pearl Casino Resort, the Hard Rock Casino, The Golden Nugget, Beau Rivage, Imperial Palace, food vouchers and lots of incentives. Two days in New Orleans will include a tour of Mardi Gras World with a mask-making class and lunch, the WWII Museum and an afternoon with a step-on guide for a tour of New Orleans. More details are included on the flyer. Cost is \$749 pp based on double occupancy, tips NOT included.

Watch for announcement and flyers regarding additional trips; our travel experiences are still under construction.

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Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.
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Tuesday walk starts at 8 a.m. Meet outside Post Office.
Norm Eden 06-14 317-457-4904

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Blood drives are held the 1st Monday in December and March next to the TR Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. unless announced otherwise.
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Nan Lance 04-21 518-813-7873

BOWLING

Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at PinChasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go.
Lin Buczek 04-32 920-470-7269

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesdays 2:30 to 4 p.m. Activity Center. Need more brass players.
Bill Watkins 11-10 740-361-4511
Steve Bowman 15-35 717-486-9925

BRIDGE CLUB (PARTY)

Bridge held in Citrus West, all start at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Duplicate. Partner required. Thursdays, Party Bridge. Partner required
Linda Glover 1-19 905-541-6399

BRIDGE CLUB - BEGINNERS LESSONS

Mondays at 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
Jim Weigand 2534 231-947-5649

BRIDGE CLUB - INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

Tuesdays 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center.
Connie Bradley 07-12 352-588-0373

BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL

For information or help with a notice or ad, contact:
Betsy Behler 06-65 302-730-8333
Jeri Miller 11-25 352-588-5448

CALLIGRAPHY

Mondays at 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Paul Rife Room
Richard Peebles 06-13 716-410-5386

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Sunday Activities: All events in Busch Hall
8:45 a.m. - Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study
10:10 a.m. - Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. - Worship service: Rev. Anthony Shipe
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice. Join us.
Bernie Gutridge 2502 740-453-5623
Saturday Contemporary Service (1st and 3rd) in Activity Center.
7:15 p.m. Praise and Worship Service:
Rev. Anthony Shipe 2707 239-233-0988
Wednesdays 4 to 5:30 p.m. Praise Team practice in Citrus East. Join us.
Marty Schencke 21-12 425-590-7905
Barb Swartz 01-21 740-225-1402

CHURCH COMMITTEE

3rd Fridays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Hobby House.
Dick Gutridge 2502 740-607-4575

CLOGGERS OF TR

Held in Citrus East. Lessons for **Beginners** Tuesdays 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and Saturdays 9 to 10 a.m. **Practice for everyone** Tuesdays 12:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.
Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805

CLOGGING CONNECTION

Beginner student lessons are Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 9:45 a.m. followed by continuing students at 10 to 11:30 a.m.. All classes in Citrus East. Loaner clogging shoes for interested beginners.
Donna Neer 10-71 419-366-0471

COFFEE & DONUTS/HAM RADIO

Jim/Jean Zigrosser 03-17 631-786-5097

COFFEE SEMINARS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Free coffee, tea and finger foods available. Speakers will present interesting and informative subjects.
Terry Hosig 04-07 860-416-2023
Arline Lawrence 04-17 352-588-1011

COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Free coffee and inexpensive treats available. Bring your mug.
Jim Matkovich 11-30 708-567-4686
Arline Lawrence 04-17 352-588-1011

COIN COLLECTORS/FUN & PROFIT

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. - Tansey's Cabana 11-09.
Alden Tansey 11-09 858-245-4843

CRAFTS

1st and 3rd Thursdays 7 to 9 p.m. in Hobby House
Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

CRIBBAGE

Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Activity Center.
Frank Hickam 2606 352-588-4308

DIGITAL CAMERA CLUB

Mondays, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Activity Center
Bill Bradford 13-29 352-588-3766
Doug Shields 2527 231-675-393

DIGITAL IMAGES AND COMPUTER

Mondays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Activity Center to work with photo images on your computer.
Bill Bradford 13-29 352-588-3766
John Goodger 13-31 352-467-1776

DIGITAL TECH GROUP

Meetings will resume if a chairperson can be found to lead this group. If interested please contact
Frank Meier 13-07 586-918-4266

DINING WITH FRIENDS

2nd Saturday 5 to 7 p.m. in Busch Hall, Table Set-up at 3 p.m.
Dave /Mary Beth Baur 11-29 207-650-6287

DOMINOES

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Linda Gough 11-14 615-400-3332
Linda Murphy 13-28 717-968-9306

DRAWING

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Citrus West.
John Hice 02-08 513-207-1977

DULCIMER DUMIDDIES

Practice: Mondays 9 to 10:15 a.m. (Beginners) in Citrus West and 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon (Advanced)
Class: Thursdays 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Citrus East.
Lois Showers 2513 570-939-2077
Robin Valunias 06-11 708-829-3071
(Jam) Sandy/ Ken Langell 11-28 317-408-6798

EUCHRE

Fridays from 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West.
Bob Phillips 2636 419-506-0128
Jan Werner 2634 443-421-2857

EUCHRE/BID

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Barb Nelson 11-05 816-699-3835

FIRE RING

Call Jeri Miller to reserve the Fire Ring located down by Vanishing Lake.
Jeri Miller 11-25 352-588-5448

FIRE/RESCUE 33

Firemen: Tuesday 8 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room;
First Responders 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activity Center.
Business Meeting: 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Paul Rife Room.
Larry Polzin 04-29 810-247-2361

FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS

Saturdays at 6:45 p.m. in Citrus West. No partner needed for this easy, fun card game.
Pat McCallum 13-04 267-506-5049

FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SALE

First Saturday of each month in Busch Hall. Tables free, one per family, sign-up sheets in Busch Hall. Table setup crew needed 7:30 a.m.; Sellers setup 8 a.m.; Open to buyers 8:30 to 10 a.m.; Donuts and coffee. Note: Sellers admittance only at laundry entrance.
Betty & Walt Gilson 2501 870-615-1668

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Marie Lupien 2627 603-781-3681

GAMES NIGHT

Mondays 7 p.m. at Snack Shack Shelter.
Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233
Joan Colao 03-14 631-987-9844

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Lake Margaret Gardens. Gardening and good fellowship. Gardening knowledge not a necessity, only a desire to participate.
Richard Fischer 11-27 502-445-0600

GENEALOGY

Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Come learn about your family tree.
Judy Smith 03-06 315-447-4939

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Busch Hall near locator board. Come join this modern day treasure hunt with your handheld GPS or smartphone. Beginners are always welcome. Brief meeting followed by outing and lunch.
Bill Bradford 13-29 352-588-3766

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome.
Laura Apgar 2808 937-371-6844

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Contact TR Office
GOLF - LADIES' LEAGUE
Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. Members pay one-time fee of \$7. Daily fee of \$12 for guests.
Pat Anderson 13-31 905-735-9327
Pat Butler 14-07 863-651-1164

GOLF LESSONS

Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m. \$5 fee. Fees go to course beautification
Lynn Meyers 06-09 352-588-5156
Joan McLean 14-29 613-474-2311
Gord Mooers 04-34 352-467-9629
John Wedell 60-10 631-987-7551

GOLF - MEN'S LEAGUE

Thursdays at the Starter Shack at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. depending on handicap. Cost to join is \$8. Information on board next to the Starter Shack.
Bill Harkins 18-23 518-365-6106
Lloyd Marsh 01-07 352-807-8292

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

Golf for fun on Saturday mornings. Fee is \$3. Sign up clipboard is outside Starter Shack on Tuesday mornings prior to scramble.
Tom & Pat Butler 14-07 863-651-1164
Dave/Dawn Pulley 01-13 705-821-2164

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Wednesdays, helpers leave park at 8 a.m. Call for info.
Vince Smith 03-06 315-447-8536

HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m., in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game.
Deborah May 11-22 304-888-8207

HARMONAIRES

Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Thursdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Activity Center.
Don Sides 02-06 336-407-0034

HOBBY HOUSE

Open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Billiards Gene Miller 11-25 352-588-5488

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Handicap pitch. Thursdays at 4 p.m. Just for fun pitch.
Dick Miller 05-50 352-206-3981

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., ice cream and frozen yogurt served in Busch Hall. Bring spoon, bowl and 75 cents per slice of ice cream.
Rosita Williams 10-72 516-808-5734

IPHONE CLASS
Tuesdays 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. in Activity Center
Alden Tansey 11-09 858-245-4843
Susan Stahley 11-06 518-598-6823

JOKER
Mondays - 6 to 8:30 p.m. - Citrus West
Fridays - 6 to 8:30 p.m. Activity Center. Bring game boards. We teach beginners.
Vicky Howard (Mon.) 09-03 803-629-2506
Deborah May (Fri.) 11-22 304-888-8207

JUBELLATION
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Jean Cobb 13-02 256-508-8661

KARAOKE
Wednesdays (non-concert nights) 7 - 10 p.m. Busch Hall
Glenn & Gabriella Young 05-17 863-397-8249

KITCHEN USAGE
Please contact Jeri Miller for all kitchen needs.
Jeri Miller 11-25 352- 588-5448

KNITTING AND MORE
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West.
Dot Picard 09-05 207-232-4032
Jackie Gage 14-39 410-212-4738

LADIES’ TONE & TIGHTEN
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.
Betty Clark 3-07 717-572-1044

LIBRARY
Southwest corner of Busch Hall. Place donations on bottom shelf of cart behind desk. Magazines to laundry.
Mary Kosbab 01-19 352-588-0463

LINE DANCING
Mondays and Thursdays 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.
Jean Zigrosser 3-17 631-786-5097
Louise McRoberts 70-03 317-258-4618

LINE DANCING (P.M.) (1ST AND 3RD)
Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Activity Center.
Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

LITURGICAL DANCE
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Activity Center
Betty Teichert 03-02 613-983-6089

LOCATOR BOARD
Kit/Dick Wheatley 2619 802-238-6044

MAH JONG CHINESE
Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m., Paul Rife Room.
Marcia Hatfield 02-05 614-946-4411

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE PLAY
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Monday.
Bette Gorman 05-32 608-547-5529

MAINTENANCE INFORMATION
Contact Office 352-588-2013

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Citrus West
Pat Dellamuth 06-10 319-330-2899

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB
Radio Controlled Racing
Sailboat Racing - every Wednesday and Saturday at 9 a.m. Practice - Tuesdays at 9 a.m.
Gary Steeves 10-09 513-441-7889
Powerboat Racing - every Monday and Friday at 9 .m.,
Jerry McRoberts 70-03 317-412-5932
Residents/guests welcome. “Experience the Challenge”

MOTORSPORTS/REMOTE CONTROL
Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the track at the Snack Snack. Practice a half-hour before.
Mike Cuddy 2605 352-206-812

MOVIES
Tuesdays; Short at 6:45 p.m.; movie at 7:15 p.m. in Citrus East. Bring your chair if you like. Check Hi-Lites on page 1.
Jim and Carol Henrikson 12-07 810-990-9199

ORCHESTRA/TRAVELAIRES
Orchestra practice Tuesdays at 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.
Sue Troyer 09-01 574-536-4771

PAINTING - OIL, ACRYLIC AND ART APPRECIATION
Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Citrus West. Call for information.
Nancy Rogers 2614 352-588-4557

PAINTING - WATERCOLOR
Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. All levels welcome with beginner lessons available. Bring a table cover, water containers, 140# good paper, paints, brushes and anything you think you may need.
Pat Miller 05-55 352-206-3981

PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR
Mary Hunter 2130 734-208-3458
Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

PET LOVERS CLUB
Program and meeting 3rd Monday, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
Judy Leister 15-33 419-894-6331
Kathy Shawver 10-04 419-610-7335

PHOTOGRAPHER FOR ACTIVITIES
Make your request for pictures to be taken for The TR Times 48 hours in advance.
Jane Carey 2504 352-467-3847

PICKLE BALL - MEN/ WOMEN
Tennis courts: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 to 11 a.m.
Ladies: Mondays and Thursdays 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Dean Peters 09-09 813-317-3269

PINOCHLE
Thursdays, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Busch Hall
John Delaney 17-33 907-351-5659

POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT
Mondays, 7 p.m. Hobby House
Gina DiPinto 01-25 914-882-3255
POKER NIGHT

Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Hobby House
Jack Koch 2554 231-883-7506

POKER TEXAS HOLD’EM MEN AND WOMEN
Wednesdays and Saturdays 6:30 to 9 p.m. Hobby House Porch
Jack Davis 16-36 352-206-6769

POM-POM DRILL TEAM
Tuesdays 3 to 4 p.m. in Citrus East.
Donna Neer 10-71 419-366-0471

PRODUCE STAND
Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Oak View Shelter near Busch Hall.
Dade City location is near Smitty’s Smokehouse.

QUILTING
Thursdays at 9 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.
Diana Dean 15-32 518-281-1646
Bobbie Matkovich 11-30 708-567-4686

RC AIRPLANE FLYING
Parlor, Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Fly indoor rated, a radio-controlled model airplanes, helicopter or drone. **Outdoor**, Tuesday, 9 to 12 noon, HOLE #9 Golf Course. Fly electric only, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.
James Morrow 2539 636-584-5214
Charles Manos 05-57 973-229-9157

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

ROAD RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB
Tuesdays, Breakfast Run, 8 a.m., Busch Hall, (20 to 40 miles). Thursdays, Tour Run, 10:30 a.m., Busch Hall (75 to 100 miles). First Monday meet at 7 - 9:30 p.m. Paul Rife Room.

RUG HOOKING
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Hobby House Porch. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful.
Tawnya Rowden 2534 231-271-3325

SEW SPECIAL AND QUILTING
Mondays at 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas.
3rd Mondays - Show and Tell.
Rosita Williams 10-72 516-808-5734

SHUFFLEBOARD
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Richard Von Qualen 04-01 815-735-4194

SINGING MEN
Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Activity Center. All men are invited to sing along.
Steve Gorden 2618 817-368-4993

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY
Tuesdays, Beginners 2 to 3 p.m.
Class 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Citrus West
John Goodger 13-31 905-380-2185
Bill Bradford 13-29 352-588-3766

SNACK SHACK
Monday thru Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join us for daily lunch, starting January 2020.
Jack Carey 2504 352-232-0290

SNACK SHACK SHELTER USAGE
Requests to use after hours contact:
Jeri Miller 11-25 352-588-5448

SPECIAL CONCERT SERIES - BUSCH HALL
Wednesday evening performances as published. Doors open at 6:30. Admission is \$10 at the door or by season reserved seating ticket.
Doug Pedersen 10-03 352-588-3534

SPORTS CLUB
Charter Boat Fishing, Indoor Target, Outdoor Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.
Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Citrus West. All are welcome. Competitions and classes.
Ray LoPresti 10-64 518-893-2427

STAINED GLASS
Thursday and Friday 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Activity Center.

Laura Apgar 2808 937-371-6844
Laverne Dennison 16-23 440-477-4451
Instructor - Sherry Harbert 70-05 319-404-1382

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM - BUSCH HALL -
Free entertainment. Performances as published in The TR Times. Ice cream is available from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. for 75 cents per slice; bring your own spoon/bowl. Announcements and the program follow immediately.
Ken Langell 11-28 317-408-6799

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG
Join us Mondays and Thursdays in Citrus East from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. Extra paddles available.

Lou Schuler 11-16 513-379-4620

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

TENNIS -- OPEN PLAY AND LESSONS
Group open play Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, beginning at 9 a.m. Lessons at 8:30 a.m.
Alden Tansey 11-09 858-245-4843
Betty Teichert 03-02 267-808-6412

TRAVEL CLUB
Check The TR Times and bulletin board for current trips.
Sharon Gilbert 2540 740-360-3819

TRAVELETTES WOMEN’S CHORUS
Rehearsals on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.
Mary Beth Coldren 02-29 276-235-1505
Dir. - Bernadine Gutridge 2502 740-607-4575

TRAVELOGUE SHARING
2nd and 4th Mondays in Citrus West, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Richard Hunt 2519 314-412-5810

UKULELE
Thursdays 10 a.m. Beginners lessons in Hobby House
Thursdays 11 a.m. Strumming Circle for those who know some chords in Hobby House
Donna Probes 14-23 231-357-5713

VETERANS MEETING
First Monday at 10 to 11 a.m. Hobby House. All Veterans welcome.
Vince Smith 03-06 315-447-8536

WAIST WATCHERS
Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Hobby House.
Jackie Thackery 2807 812-371-7243

WALKING AEROBICS
Monday thru Friday at 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East.
Gloria Polzin 04-29 810-252-0999

WATER AQUATICS
Monday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

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www.travelersrestresort.com
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WEIGHTS & STRETCHING
Mondays and Wednesdays 7:50 to 8:30 a.m. in Citrus East
Sheila Schencke 21-12 425-590-7906

WIZARD
Tuesdays 6 p.m. in Busch Hall .
Vicki Howard 09-03 803-629-2506

WOOD SHOP
Mondays thru Fridays, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Volunteers needed for small projects in the park.
Larry Kurkowski 13-34 352-588-4121

WOODCARVING
Wednesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. Ladies, men, experienced and beginners are welcome. Carving blanks available.
Linda Murphy 13-28 717-968-9306

YOGA
Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Activity Center.
Jean Renee DeTar 2708 316-518-8158

YOGA (CHAIR)
Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Includes seated and standing yoga, weight-bearing exercises and relaxation.
Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805

ZUMBA
Tuesdays (2nd & 4th), 7 to 9 p.m., Activity Center
Thursdays 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in Activity Center.
Bev Weissinger 16-32 914-443-2820



Ready for something new

by Linda Quinn

I am sometimes asked to assist one of my readers with a computer problem, and often the cause of the problem is simply an older, out-of-date computer that no longer works efficiently. The computer might actually be in need of repair; however, it may simply not be worth fixing it. As computers age, they tend to slow down and become less reliable, take longer to boot up and everyday operations seem slow.

At the heart of every computer is a Central Processing Unit (CPU), which remains the same regardless what hardware and software upgrades are made. Each generation of CPU is faster and designed to work more efficiently –and as the CPU evolves, the other components that make up the computer evolve as well. It is easy to say, “My computer does what I want it to do, and I have no need to replace it.” But working with an older, out-of-date computer will actually make you less productive.

Both Apple and Microsoft, the producers of the operating system software that run our computers, are constantly issuing updates. Every September Apple releases a completely new version of the Macintosh Operating System (MacOS), and while Microsoft does not issue new versions of Windows every year, both Apple and Microsoft automatically download incremental updates as they become available. Most users are unaware of the updates, until they get a message that the most recent update is incompatible!

I am presently dealing with just such a dilemma. I use a Mac, and my current machine is a mid-2012 MacBook Pro laptop. It still works reasonably well,

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LINDA QUINN

although I know the CPU struggles with processing my photos. When Apple issues a new version of MacOS, they publish a list of compatible computers, and last September my computer was the oldest MacBook Pro on that list. Since I use software that is also updated regularly, it is a given that I need a computer running the latest OS. My decision is made – it is time for me to buy a new computer. Now I must decide what it is going to be.

The first decision for anyone is Mac or Windows. Since almost all files are compatible with both operating systems, making a switch from one to the other is not the ordeal it was in the past. What usually makes a difference is your comfort level. If you are thinking of changing operating systems, are you willing to learn to use something new and different? Another consideration is the software you use. Some software, such as graphics programs from Adobe, work with Macs and Windows machines, but MacOS has the edge in ease of use. On the other hand, many financial programs run much more efficiently on Windows machines. I have used Macs for more than 30 years, and I have no plans to change platforms.

The next question is whether to buy a desktop or laptop computer. In the early years, laptops were less powerful than desktop computers, but that is not the norm. Now the obvious advantage of a laptop is portability, and until this year I would not have considered anything but a MacBook Pro laptop. Having a home in Travelers Rest and New York, I needed to be able to take my computer back and forth in the spring and fall. As we

are in the process of selling our home in New York, I am now seriously considering a desktop computer.

Because many desktop computers are just that, computers, you also need to purchase an external monitor, which obviously raises the price considerably. However, there is an alternative, a one-piece unit that includes both the screen and processing unit. Apple was the first to offer such a computer, the iMac which was first released in 1998. Over the years it has evolved into a sleek machine, with an exceptionally large, high resolution screen. In recent years HP, Dell and Lenovo have introduced similar one-piece designs running on Windows platform.

As I write this, I am torn between purchasing a new MacBook Pro or an iMac. The advantages of a laptop are that I can take it anywhere, it is actually more powerful than the iMac unless I order modifications, and I still like the idea of having my computer with me when we travel. The disadvantages are the screen size is much smaller, and the price is considerably higher. I am still vacillating, and since I am not going to make the purchase for at least a month, I have time to consider my options. What I plan to do, and I recommend anyone considering a new computer, is to spend some time at a computer display in a Best Buy, Apple, or Microsoft store and take the computers for a test drive. Compare your options by carefully looking at the computer specs. If you are considering a Mac, visit an Apple store, even if you plan to buy it elsewhere, as the stores have all models on display. If you know you want a Windows-based machine, it would be worth talking to someone who will configure a machine to your specifications. When Eddie needed a new PC a few years ago, we visited Computers Etc. in Dade City and they configured an Acer laptop to meet his specific needs.

If I make a decision before the last issue of the *TR Times* this season, I'll write all about it in a future *OnMouseClick* column.

Garden News

Garden do's and don'ts

by Leslie Ewing

The Garden Club asks TR residents and guests to please stay on the boardwalk through the garden. Residents can walk the boardwalk past the Bird Watching Hut to get to the lower lawn beside Lake Margaret. Also, the lower lawn can be accessed by following the gravel path past the garden sheds. The upper lawn alongside Snack Shack Road is also available for strolling.

Please do not walk through the plantings. New plants can be harmed by crushing the soil around them. Also, gardeners have found some holes in the garden; we really don't want to call out our First Responders because someone has turned an ankle.

Please do stop by the Bird Watching Hut. We just cleaned it. Plants have been cleared away to present a better view of Lake Margaret, the birds that visit the lake and maybe even a glimpse of our resident alligator.

Do visit the fish pond by the swinging seat. The goldfish are back. Soon we will have more goldfish in the small pond by the gazebo.

The TR Garden is certified as a Monarch Waystation. The first official sign has been posted by the west entrance to the boardwalk. This is the entrance closer to the Snack Shack. The plants in this part of the garden are what



Photo by Leslie Ewing

Monarch butterflies need for food and for a place for larvae to hatch. The Garden Club's Master Gardener Phyllis Zitzer plans to have a live display of Monarch butterflies for the Garden Walk. TR resident Marge Cantu will be in the garden for the Walk with her own display of Monarchs. The Garden Walk is Sunday, March 1, 2 to 4 p.m. The display will, of course, depend upon the cooperation of the butterflies. The Club has observed several Monarchs in the garden. We think some of them are wintering here. At the Club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, Phyllis released a newly hatched Monarch into the garden.

More details about the Garden Walk will be in next week's column. Everyone at TR is invited to join us for the Garden Walk.

Who am I ?

by Carol Lauer

I am a member of the insect family. I have six legs -- the back four are for walking and jumping and the front two are for grasping prey. My favorite time of year is late summer when I stalk the earth in search of meals, earning me the title of “hunter of the meadows.”

I have stereo vision and am the only insect that can swivel its head. I might add it is a stunning triangular head at that! My ear in the middle of my abdomen, *yes, abdomen*, is where I pick up sounds and vibrations indicating dinner-time. These enable me to zero in on meals. My preference is

arthropods, salamanders and even an occasional hummingbird.

Being a male, I try to make the most of my life, enjoying flying as well as jumping. My female counterpart is content with just jumping, but she still has the edge. Her pheromones, think perfume, entice me to no end, and so our brood of offspring multiplies. The “catch” to this seemingly charmed life is that she sees fit to eat me to feed our offspring!

P.S. My life span is only one year!

Who am I?

Answer – a praying mantis

Birding Activity



Special best-bird this week

by Norm Eden

With our overall winter sighting records now in the eighth season we have built up a creditable total list of 111 species seen for the first time at TR. As first-time birds do not turn up very often, it was special last week when Patti Norton found a bird, new for TR, and one she would be very unlikely to see at all in Ontario. There was a gorgeous adult Green Heron by Vanishing Lake and it stayed long enough for really good viewing. The Green Heron is actually listed in your guide book or app as ‘common’ year-round in Florida which indicates that where the habitat is right for a particular bird you can reasonably expect you may see it. The habitat at TR is right, but for us, having not seen one in the winter season, it was special. If you have a guide book for a local area or reserve, you will note that many birds are listed as ‘uncommon’ or may be uncommon during one of the seasons. The official explanation of ‘uncommon’ is that a bird is likely to be present but not certain to be seen due to low numbers, behavior, habitat or

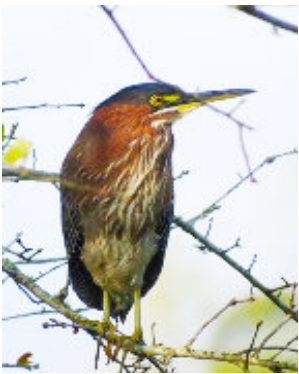


Photo by Norm Eden
GREEN HERON

distribution. Even less likely birds may be shown as ‘occasional’ and only likely to be seen a very few times, or not at all, in any one year as such birds are frequently migrating and just passing through your area. The lowest likelihood of seeing a species is ‘rare’ and advice from the professionals (not me) is that when you think you have a rarity – you probably don't and it's most likely due to confusing plumage – or wishful thinking. So, it's always very desirable to make a written description and try for photographs. The only official ‘rarity’ we have had in recent years was a Dark-eyed Junco that stayed with Harold and Janet Baal for

about a week – it was photographed and the local Audubon Society was advised.

Overall the latest bird-walk on Tuesday, Feb. 11, started with an unusually confident armadillo foraging very close to us. Then we had some 20 sightings together with an indication that some fish life remains in Lakes Vanishing and Margaret. Very likely the overall food sources may well be lower than in recent past years and that indicates it is probable that we are at a low point in a food cycle. It's reasonable to expect there will be an upturn in the presence of more waders and wildfowl – but when? A single Spotted Sandpiper and an equally lonely Killdeer were on the increasing mud as were the three normal heron species, plus White Ibis, a few egrets and an Osprey. That's eight species on the mud – we are not complaining as, overall, we got our total list to just over 20.

We can confirm the Sandhill Cranes are still incubating and hopefully, we will have the family feeding on the far side of Vanishing Lake by early March.

Good birding.

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Library News

by Mary Kosbab

The library staff asks that you help with these issues:

1. *Please help* us by putting comments on the slips inside the books you read. These comments need be only a word or two such as *great book* or *I did not enjoy* or *good mystery*. These comments will help us decide which books to weed out when the shelves become full. If these slips are not used we are going to stop putting them in the books. We need your input to make it worth our time and expense.
2. *Please help* us by taking out only two or three books and two DVDs at a time. We feel we are quite accessible for all to stop in to return and find some more items. This gives others a chance to use these items.
3. *Please help* us by not taking "Recommended Books" home for the summer. We lose many of



these and they are the books that people want to read most. Maybe you could make a list of our recommended books that you are interested in and take that home with you to use at your local library.

4. *Please help* us if you have any old Travelers Rest Activity Books from 2014-2015 to the present day. We could use them to add to our collection in the library. Jan Werner gave us her collection of earlier books and they have come in very handy when people are trying to remember past residents' names and locations.

5. *Please help* us by writing down the names of authors you particularly like on the list that is on the library desk. We will try to

keep the books of authors who are especially popular. Some are so prolific it is difficult as we are limited by space but we will give them special consideration.

We very much appreciate all your donations and we would also very much appreciate your help with the above requests.

Please browse our yard sale table which will be located outside the library on Saturday, Feb. 22. We do not price our offerings. We leave a jar on the table and appreciate any donation. We ask that you do not return yard sale DVDs or CDs to our library. They are either duplicates or discarded due to space restriction and we do not wish to keep on our shelves.

As always, if you have any suggestions or comments please contact me or any library volunteer. We always welcome your input.

New books at the Library

by Patti Meadows

The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah

Alaska, 1974. Ernt Allbright came home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes the impulsive decision to move his wife and daughter north where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Cora will do anything for the man she loves, even if it means following him into the unknown. Thirteen-year-old Leni, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, has little choice but to go along, daring to hope this new land promises her family a better future. *****

The Paris Seamstress by Natasha Lester

1940: As the Germans advance upon Paris, young seamstress Estella Bissette is forced to flee everything she's ever known. She's bound for New York City with her signature gold dress, a few francs, and a dream: to make her mark on the world of fashion. *****

All reviews and ratings are taken from the Internet

Pet Lovers Club



BAILEY

by Tia Paquette

We love our energetic pets but that boundless energy also results in injuries.

The top injuries are:

Swallowing Foreign Objects: Some dogs will eat anything, rocks, socks, underwear, corn cobs, ... almost anything you can think of. This can cause obstruction in the digestive tract, choking and broken teeth. If he is choking carefully try to dislodge it with your fingers, try the Heimlich maneuver or CPR. These maneuvers will be demonstrated

on our Pet Parade day by our First Responder Joe Colao.

Knee Ligament Tears: Dogs have a cranial cruciate ligament that helps stabilize the knee similar to our ACL. If this ligament gets torn or injured it can cause pain and eventually lameness.

Causes can be: Overweight or obesity putting extra strain on the joint. Weekend warriors exerting the joint without conditioning. The senior dog ligament tears show up in older dogs.

Dogs with knee problems may show signs of difficulty rising, getting into the car, less interested in active sports or showing less interest in walking.

If you suspect your dog has a cruciate ligament injury take him to the veterinarian for proper diagnosis. These injuries are not always severe and may be treated nonsurgically.

Bite Wounds: These are the most common injuries. Make sure you are cautious at dog parks. Many dogs have not been acclimated to dog parks and find an enclosed area with numerous unfamiliar dogs very stressful. If your dog is bitten, apply pressure to the wound to stop bleeding. Take him to the veterinarian as the bite may get infected or is deeper than it looks.

Fractured Teeth: Dogs can fracture their teeth by chewing bones, nylabones, sticks, or any other hard object. Signs of

fractured and painful teeth are not eating, blood from the mouth, chewing on one side, drooling or flinching. The veterinarian can assess the severity and treat the injury.

Lacerations: Dogs get lacerations that can be minor or severe. If it is minor and superficial, apply pressure, wash the cut and apply a topical antibiotic. More severe wounds may need your veterinarian to assess and treat.

Tips to help your injured animal:

- Stay calm, dogs pick up your emotions so stay cool and collected and think it through.
- Be careful, even the friendliest dogs can act aggressive, bite or act differently when scared or injured, be cautious.
- Ask for help, another set of hands can be of assistance. If the dog is unfamiliar call the local shelter or animal control agency.
- Seek medical attention, err on the side of caution. The veterinarian can assess and treat. Injuries are not always what they seem.

Activities

Thursday, Feb. 27, Coffee Hour, the difference between a service dog and a therapy dog.
Saturday, March 7, Flea Market, lots of great items.
Monday, March 16, Pet Parade, lunch and CPR demo for your dog...watch next TR Times for details.



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Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Nine year old Bruiser has two homes and boy are they different. In the warmer months he and his human family, Carol and Steve Bowman live on the side of a Pennsylvania mountain surrounded by trees and next to state game lands. The deer and other wildlife heavily populate that area and regularly roam right through their property. Bruiser happily observes out the window from his perch on the back of the couch but if you ask him what he prefers he'll say he wants to be closer to nature and sit with Carol outside on the porch. He does all this without even the tiniest little woof.

Winter sets in and it's time to head south to warmer temperatures. That brings Bruiser and his family to TR. No more woods or deer. Instead there are all these people and golf carts going by. He's learning but every once in a while a few little woofs just have to announce that someone is passing by.

Carol is the pastor of a local church near their Pennsylvania home. One of the church members runs a pet rescue group and the church office administrator adopted a female dog from that group. At the time no one realized the little girl dog was going to have puppies – six of them! Carol and Steve already had Gabe, a chocolate lab, but just couldn't pass up the chance at one of those adorable puppies. Gabe was a gentle soul and quickly became a role model for this active little Bruiser puppy showing him the ropes of family life

The mother of the puppies was a long-haired Dachshund and the



Photo by Judy Leister

BRUISER

father a Lhasa Apso but Bruiser takes on a terrier appearance with his warm weather haircut. Bruiser is very much a mama's boy. He won't go to bed until Carol goes to bed – but – when it comes to Dad it's a totally different story. Bruiser is the boss. It's Bruiser's chair and Bruiser's couch. It's Bruiser's choice. He has his very own way of communicating. A long stare means he wants that chair. A stare and a little yip means he wants to be fed. And most importantly, a stare and a yip accompanied by a dash to the door means potty break. He gets a "good boy" treat reward for letting them know he needs to go out to do his business but sometimes they think he's asking for more trips out than he really needs just to rake in all those yummy munchies.

Bruiser is a great traveler. He loves to ride shotgun and watch out the window as the world goes by. He's not really into romping with all the other dogs he meets during their travels but while in Pennsylvania he enjoys going with Carol on weekly trips to visit her daughter. They have two labs that are great playmates. Bruiser puts those short legs and long body of his into high gear and really runs with those labs. After all he's one of the Big Dogs too.



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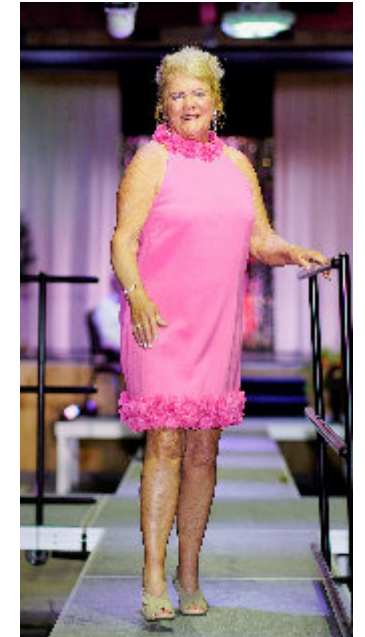
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Renee De Tar applies makeup to Vicki Brooks.



Show organizers are Diane Phillips, Patsy Gordon, Elaine Risher, Marlene Hughes and Sandy Poast. Marlene Hughes baked all the cookies for the refreshments.



The handsome escorts for the models are Bob Phillips, Gene Poast, Don Gordon, Phil Risher and his son Steve Risher.



Shala Wilson, Elaine Schwartz, Carol Luther, and Rose Marie Anderson select clothes from Dillard's Clothiers.



Some of the goodies served at the show.



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Sports



TRGA Feb. 13 General Meeting highlights

by George Paquette
Travelers Rest Golf Association, TRGA, holds a general meeting open to all members once a month, from November through March.

I have put together a brief summary of the highlights discussed at the Feb. 13 meeting.

Membership: John Scime reported that to date there were 243 paid members. This is an increase from the January report of 209 paid members.

Men’s League: There are currently approximately 80 members with two groups at 8 and 10 a.m. Thursday mornings.

Ladies League: Ladies’ League Chair Pat Anderson reported that there are currently 68 members. Their bake sale at the Feb. 1 Flea Market raised \$430. They currently have \$219 in petty cash.

Scrambles: There have been 313 participants this year in the Saturday scrambles. A total of \$939 has been collected from these events plus \$144 from the 50/50 draws. There were also 333 prize golf balls given out. The scrambles are a lot of fun and a great way to meet people. If you haven’t participated as yet, come on out and enjoy the morning, meet new people and help to contribute to the beautification of our golf course.

Starter Shack important notice: The Starter Shack chairpersons have announced that they will not be continu-

ing next year. New chairpersons are required. The Starter Shack management is well organized and should be an easy transition for a new chair. In my Feb. 7 report I posted a request for new chairpersons but to date, no one has come forward. It is really important to have these positions filled and it needs to be done before the end of March so that the current chairpersons can train and assist the incoming crew. If you have any interest in taking on this challenge, please come forward as soon as possible. No experience is needed. For more information please contact Bob and Carolyn Angus at lot 12-04 or by telephone at 352-588-4016.

Horticulture: Sylvia Savoie, Horticultural Committee Chair, reported that January and February are busy months. Nine new trees were planted. Six red cedars were planted between holes #7 and #8, two queen palms on #6 and a new pindo on #9. Those trees have to be watered daily and many thanks to Jacques Savoie who has volunteered to do so. For your information the palm trees on the golf course were counted and we have more than 40 throughout the golf course. The only hole with no palm tree is #4. White border rocks were added in front of the camellias garden on #6 and at the new garden at the Starter Shack. A clock and a beautiful sunflower decoration were placed on #1 fence. Decorations were added on the shed at the

Practice Range and two flower pots donated by John Schoonover were filled. Five donated ligustrums were planted on the back of #7 tee. Four dwarf date palms were donated just recently and will be planted next week adding even more palm trees to the course. Sylvia also noted the great job the men have done trimming our trees and hedges and helping with our projects. Many thanks to Sylvia and her team for the great work that we get to enjoy every day on the golf course.

Driving/Practice Range: Chairman John Schoonover requested the purchase of a blower for the Practice Range mats. He explained that sweeping the mats does not do a very good job and a blower would be much better and also simplify the task for the volunteers who cleans the mats daily. The cost is just over \$200. The executive committee will consider the request. As well, John asked if there had been any headway for the project to add cement around the driving range building. Schoonover then responded that the project is in the five year plan for the park.

These are the main highlights. Please remember you are always welcome and encouraged to attend our general meetings. The schedule for the meetings is in your Travelers Rest Information Directory and Activity Book for 2019-2020. It is your golf course to enjoy, so why not get involved and have fun while doing it.



Men’s Golf League results from Feb. 7

by Bill Harkins
Today was our 9th registered league day of the year. We had 56 players show up and played in two groups. It was a beautiful day to be on the course.

Low Handicap (0-8)	
Low Gross	
1 Ron Duplessis, Don Flaglor, Lloyd Marsh, Wayne Schacht	34
2 Gary Carter, Roy French, Ken Person, John Porter	35
3 John Dennison, Bill Harkins, Glenn Pratten	36
Low Net	
1 Jim Colborne	29
2 Bruce Pemberton, John Goodger, Ken Neer, Casey Fisher, Steve Delany	30
3 Steve Niles, Rich Beisel	31
Birdies:	
16-way tie	
Chip-ins:	
Wayne Schacht	1
Fewest Putts:	
Jim Colborne	11
Closest to #5:	
Jay Matthews	14’5”

High Handicap (9+)	
Low Gross	
1 Nick VanSwol	34
2 Ron Herman	38
3 Bruce Ellison, Charlie Gardner, Rob Mathews, Stan Motycka	39
Low Net	
1 Dave Carlig, Norm Eden	30
2 Roger LaPoon, Norbert Jansen, Ken Zoanetti	32
3 Jake Marissen, Sam Wykoff, Neil Jillson, Pierre Castorquay, Bill Apgar, Lawrence DeRaaf, Dick Myles	34
Birdies:	
Rob Matthews	2
Chip-ins:	
Rob Mathews, Ron Herman, Bruce Ellison	1
Fewest Putts:	
Nick VanSwol	12
Closest to #3:	
Charlie Gardner	11’6”



Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek	
Friday, Feb. 7	
Men’s Scratch High Game	
Steve Niles	216
Don Markle	203
Mike Hardison	199
Men’s Scratch High Series	
Steve Niles	604
Mike Hardison	564
Don Markle	561
Men’s Handicap High Game	
Don Brady	296
Don Markle	271
John Schell	266
Men’s Handicap High Series	
John Schell	780
Don Markle	765
Don Brady	763
Men’s High Average	
Steve Niles	206
Women’s Scratch High Game	
Debi Niles	169
Leslie Price	165
Pat Markle	144
Women’s Scratch High Series	
Leslie Price	477
Debi Niles	461
Rae Marek	391
Women’s Handicap High Game	
Grace Couture, Pat Politsky	261
Donna Neer	245
Debi Niles	244
Women’s Handicap High Series	
Pat Politsky	743
Grace Couture	733
Carol Schell	708
Women’s High Average	
Lin Buczek, Leslie Price	158

by Lin Buczek	
Friday, Feb. 14	
Men’s Scratch High Game	
Steve Niles	204
Bill Buczek	203
John Schell	195
Men’s Scratch High Series	
Steve Niles	589
Bill Buczek	530
Ken Neer	528
Men’s Handicap High Game	
John Schell	308
Dave Couture	252
Ken Neer	250
Men’s Handicap High Series	
John Schell	811
Dave Couture	737
Tim Base	710
Men’s High Average	
Steve Niles	205
Women’s Scratch High Game	
Leslie Price	200
Debi Niles	177
Rae Marek	160
Women’s Scratch High Series	
Leslie Price	516
Debi Niles	469
Lin Buczek	457
Women’s Handicap High Game	
Grace Couture	272
Carol Schell	270
Leslie Price	267
Women’s Handicap High Series	
Carol Schell	795
Grace Couture	738
Tammy Howe	729
Women’s High Average	
Leslie Price	159

Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise

Sailboats
Wednesday, Feb. 12

DragonFlite 95 Class
1 Barry Sellick
2 Jay Matthews
3 Bill Wise

Soling Class
1 Barry Sellick
2 Jay Matthews
3 Chuck Lemke

Saturday, Feb. 15
DragonFlite 95 Class

1 Jay Matthews
2 Barry Sellick
3 Gary Steeves

Soling Class
1 Barry Sellick
2 Chuck Lemke
3 Jay Matthews

Power Boats
Monday, Feb. 10

Power Vee
1 Bruce Anderson
2 Frank Namink
3 Ed Rauch

Stealthwake
1 Gary Steeves
2 Ed Rauch
3 Charlie Gardner

Friday, Feb. 14
Power Vee

1 Jerry McRoberts
2 Frank Namink
3 Don Meddles

Stealthwake
1 Gary Steeves, Charlie Gardner
2 Mike King, Paul Harberts
3 Jerry McRoberts



Cribbage

by Frank Hickam

Monday, Feb. 17	
1- Ken Lewis	605
2 - Bob Luther	576
3 - Therese LeGro	571

Table Tennis

by Lou Schuler

Monday, Feb. 10	
Charlie Mason	9
Sam Wycoff, Carey Box	8
Mike Craig, Barry Sellick	6
Tuesday, Feb. 18	
Ron Hicks	8
Charlie Mason	7
Lou Schuler	6

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Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield
Wednesday, Feb. 12

1 Ed Fosnight	30
2 Gary Baker	27
3 Mike King	26

Saturday, Feb. 15

1 Dick Bowman	30
2 Craig Kubinieć	29
3 Kevin Cahill	27

Dominoes

by Linda Gough
Thursday, Feb. 13

Table 1	
Diane Krupicka	133
Table 2	
Patricia Wells	165

On the ball

by Pat Anderson

The past week of ladies golf yielded the most chip-ins ever. We had nine chip-ins, six birdies and Laura Apgar got a hole-in-one on #3.



Photo by Bill Apgar

Laura Apgar celebrates her recent hole-in-one.

Pat Butler is still signing up participants for the Tournament. She will have the sign-up forms available every Wednesday at Ladies Golf. In order to win any of the trophies, you must have a handicap, be a paid up member of the Ladies Golf League and have played at least four games this year. The handicaps posted for Feb. 15 will be used to determine which flight you and your teammates are in during the tournament.

This year we are again going to be gathering donations for the Sunrise Center. Please bring your donations to our luncheon. They need hair care products, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, towels, underwear, slippers, deodorant, socks, hand soap and even 2020 calendars.

Important upcoming dates:
Feb. 26 - Nominating Committee must post the proposed slate of new Ladies Golf executive to be confirmed at our last brown bag meeting.



PAT ANDERSON

March 4 and 5 – Ladies Golf Tournament. Rain dates on March 11 and 12.
March 7 - Bake Sale in Busch Hall. Bring your goodies at 7:30 a.m. Please wrap in \$1 amounts.
Have a great time on the course.

Ladies Golf League results for Feb. 12

by Pat Anderson

It was a great day for our lady golfers. Wow!! Congratulations to Laura Apgar for your hole-in-one on #3!

Low Handicap 0-12	High Handicap +13
Low Gross	Low Gross
1 Del Duplessis.....37	1 Laura Apgar41
2 Sylvia Cole38	2 Janet Beisel, Leslie Price, Mardelle St. John.....42
3 Trish Horney.....39	3 Nan Lance43
Low Net	Low Net
1 Sylvia Savoie.....30	1 Phyllis Simmers.....31
2 Pat Gallagher31	2 Cindy Bradley, Jen Furman, Pat McCallum, Arlene Wykoff32
3 Shirley-Ann Appleby, Vicki Brooks.....32	3 Nancy Scime33
Fewest Putts:	Fewest Putts:
Sylvia Cole11	Phyllis Simmers.....14
Closest to #5:	Closest to #3:
Trish Horney	Laura Apgar
Birdies:	Chip-Ins:
Trish Horney.....2	Laura Apgar, Judy Carter, Sylvia Cole, Mary Deweerd, Betty Gilson, Lorraine Gould, Nan Lance, Phyllis Simmers, Janet Stevens
Sylvia Cole, Pat Gallagher, Sylvia Savoie, Phyllis Simmers.....1	
Eagle:	
Laura Apgar	

Couples Scramble



Photo by Laura Apgar

Dan and Patti Norton along with partners Betty and Jim Colborne were the winners of the February couples scramble.

by Laura Apgar

Listed below are the scramble results for the Valentine best ball held on Feb. 15. A special thanks goes out to Sylvia Cole who made sweet treats for all who came out to play.

1st	
Jim Colborne and Betty Colborne, Dan Norton and Patti Norton ...31	Bruce and Sylvia Cole, Mark and Donna Stein.....34
2nd (4-way tie)	
Shirley-AnnAppleby, Gary Wintle, Clair and Martha Smith	3rd (3-way tie)
	Laura and Bill Apgar, Kelly and Ken Person
Linda Beausoleil, Pierre Castonguay, Jim Walsh, Gina DiPinto	Frank and Joanne Bovenberg, Bob and Carolyn Angus
Sandy Nelson, John Wedell Lucille and Rob Matthews	Bruce Ellison, Judy Carter, John and Mary DeWeerd35

Glow Ball golf night results

by Bill Buczek

We had the second Glow Ball event of the season on Thursday night, Feb. 13. We had a good turnout of twenty players on a warm, muggy evening. There were brownies, cookies, hot chocolate and fun was had by all. The winning team was Ken Neer, Wayne Schacht, Ron Lewis, and Bill Buczek with a score of 28.

Thank you to Lin Buczek, Frank Magalski, Don Markle, Diane Phillips, and Bob Phillips for your help with set up and take down.

The next Glow Ball golf event is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, weather permitting. Meet at the Duffers Deck at 6:15 p.m. with tee off as soon as we're set up and ready.

Wizard

by Vicki Howard

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Table 1

Game 1

Duncan McCallum, Sharon Cook210

Vicki Howard160

Barb Colson140

Game 2

Barb Colson200

Vicki Howard190

Pat McCallum170

Game 3

Vicki Howard250

Duncan McCallum200

Pat McCallum180

Table 2

Game 1

Elaine Schwartz220

Linda Murphy190

Callie Zak170

Game 2

Linda Murphy380

Callie Zak280

Elaine Schwartz260

Game 3

Callie Zak, Jackie Thackery190

Ima Smith, Elaine Schwartz ...180

Linda Murphy110

National Mah Jongg League

by Betty Gorman

Monday, Feb. 10

Diane Phillips150

Sue Guffy145

Kathy Ellison, Arlene Wykoff, Judi Artz100

Judy Pech, Lin Buczek, Jan Poor50

Pat Anderson, Pat McCallum ...25

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Kathy Ellison125

Arlene Wykoff75

Carol Snyder55

Bette Gorman50

Therese LeGro, Carolyn Angus25

Saturday, Feb. 15

Kathy Ellison245

Arlene Wykoff175

Judi Artz165

Pat McCallum125

Bette Gorman100

Pat Anderson75

Sue Guffy, Jan Poor, Janet Stevens25

Party Bridge

by Douglas Hatfield

Tuesday, Feb. 11

1 Ron Hicks, John Cyr3000

2 Tawnya Rowden, Jim Weigand2660

3 Barb Aubrey, Roger Jaynes2360

by Linda Glover

Thursday, Feb. 13

1 John Cyr, Ron Hicks.....4220

2 Doug Hatfield, Carolyn Angus2870

3 David and Jen Furman.....2770

500

by Pat McCallum

Saturday, Feb. 15

1 Terese LeGro1730

2 Chuck Mears1340

3 Bill Harrold990

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Monday, Feb. 10

Betty Brown, Margaret Melville4

Jackie Gage2

Barb Aubrey, Carol Snyder, Kathy Boccino, Nancy Moschler1

Friday, Feb. 14

Nancy Moschler, Carol Snyder, Kathy Bocchino2

Bingo

by Larry Polzin and Pat Long

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Jane Carey, Lucille Matthews Donna Stein, Sue Froud Edna Dietz, Michele Wilkins Bev Weissinger, Charles Doran, Debi Niles (2) Linda Perry, Pat Long Sue Staley, Jean Clarkson Scott E. Chase, Lenore Kennedy Louise McRoberts, Ron Lewis Mary Louise Robbins, Roger Dycus

Saturday, Feb. 15

Debbie Burke, Rachel Brooks Gary Dietz (2), Edna Dietz (3) Betsy Behler (2), Pat Markle Nancy Polito, Sue Staley Carol Schell, Dee Cowen Bob King, Donna Kusky Pat Long, Bill Kusky (2) Verna Sammons, Maxine Doran George Perry, Lenore Kennedy Jane Carey, Ron Ball Kay Blunda



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Recent Coffee Seminars

Tuesday Landscape Seminar

by Lynne Lapin

If you have anything green growing in your yard, either at TR, or in the far northern reaches of Canada, Jim Moll had acres of good information to offer you during his Tuesday, Feb. 11 Coffee Seminar. As program manager of Florida Friendly Landscaping, UF/IFAS Extension of Pasco County, he has seen the good, the bad and the ugly of growing plants in the Sunshine State. With humor and wit, he shared with a roomful of residents “Why Landscapes Fail,” and how to ensure that yours do not. Much of the talk applied whether you live in Florida or anywhere further north.

You do not need to make landscaping a full-time hobby to glean the knowledge to be successful in maintaining or beautifying your surroundings. However, you can save frustration by doing research before planting, or before accepting a professional landscape plan.

Most of us head straight to the big box store garden center; our eyes gravitating toward the most colorful thing we see. We assume that, because it is sold locally the cultivar will grow well here. Unfortunately, these shops sell the most common varieties of plants, but not necessarily those that can survive in Pasco’s iffy climate zone where we get zone 9 to zone 8 conditions.

One way to research which plants do best here is to visit in-county nurseries where they specialize in local cultivars. Once you do select your plants, Moll has several suggestions to best ensure their success. Here are some of the more basic pieces of advice.

Placement should be done with attention to the needs of the plant. This includes how much sun is needed, what the water and drainage needs are, and for long-term success always consider the plant’s maximum growth size to ensure there is no crowding. Crowded plants do not get the air they need, and can easily become diseased and an eyesore. He reminds us that when you are buying plants from a nursery, they are babies destined to become full grown.

Pay attention to the roots of plants you are adding. Most plants here are raised in containers. As the roots grow they curl into a ball since they have nowhere to expand. Moll says to ignore the

books that tell you not to disturb the root ball. When you release these plants, he advises that you “cut all four sides and the bottom of the root ball about one inch. Otherwise, roots continue to curl.” Cutting encourages the roots to reach out for healthy growth and stability.

Other tips for a successful planting include leaving the root base slightly above ground, and taking care not to mound mulch too close to the plant’s base, basically leaving a “doughnut hole” around the stem. Otherwise water held by the mulch will eventually rot the base. Soil generally should not be amended.

As for lawns, seek warm season grasses; but note that these will turn brown after a frost. Moll noted that it’s common for homeowners to react to browning grass by using pesticides or watering more. In reality, brown grass all looks the same no matter the cause. To determine if the problem is insect-related, look closely at the area where the green and brown grasses meet. That is where you will see any infestation and know to use a pesticide.

Pesticide use can be more of a problem than a solution if you don’t read labels. First, he warns, “read the entire label.” Sometimes brands change the active ingredient in a product even after you’ve had success with it. There also may be limitations on temperatures when they can be applied. Untimely application can kill your plants or lawn. He discourages the use of multi-purpose products such as weed and feed applications since they are “usually a bad compromise for something.” Instead he recommends spot treating as necessary.

Moll encourages TR residents to contact the Pasco Extension Office to request a soil test (this area generally is highly alkaline) for \$3 per sample brought into their Dade City office. You can learn more about its services and the many classes offered by logging on to <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/pasco/>. Upcoming classes listed there include succulents that can be grown in this area, propagation, lawn care, gardening to attract birds, growing mushrooms and good bug/bad bug. The office number is 352-518-0156. It is open at 36702 Hwy. 52 in Dade City from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Geocachers find Hidden Secret Places

by Barbara Colson

In the past two weeks, TR’s Geocachers have stumbled across some very amazing places. Have you been to the Nature Coast Botanical Garden at 1489 Parker Ave., Spring Hill, Fla.? It is a free



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garden with many wonderful plants and creations that provide any photographer a field day. There is a rain curtain done by an Eagle Scout, an Asian Garden, a poinsettia garden, a gazebo and, oh yes, a geocache. Check out their gallery online by going to *Nature Coast Botanical Garden* on a computer. There is a Subway restaurant not far from the gardens; pick up a sandwich and go have a picnic.



HISTORICAL MARKER AT THE PINE HILLS CEMETERY

This week the Travelers Rest Geocachers found themselves learning about the earlier Pine Hill inhabitants by using a Wherigo electronic guide of the *Ghosts of Pine Hill in Port Richey*. This burial ground was established in 1916 by ladies of the New Port Richey Civic Club on a 2.2 acre site donated by George R. Sims. The first internment was that of Clifford E. Freels in 1917. The final stop for the cache had us looking in trees near the American Legion Center. The past commodore invited us to have lunch in their establishment. We feasted on delicious turkey tetrazzini, turkey vegetable soup, quesadilla and fried shrimp. We finished our day enjoying the beautiful, peaceful Cotee River in New Port Richey.



Geocachers enjoy their time at the Cotee River Park. Left to right: Brian Krupicka, Cal Bacon, Barbara Colson, Larry Neyhart, Priscilla Rackliff and Jack Zanca.

If you want to know more about geocaching, which is like being on a scavenger hunt, and the verbal usages of this sport, we meet in Busch Hall on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are usually out until 3 or 3:30 p.m. This includes finding a place to eat lunch. Come join us.



Photos by Barbara Colson



CHICKEN STATUE IN THE GARDEN

Tri-state Celebration



This happy group gathered at the recent Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia luncheon.

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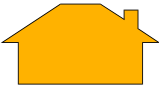


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2525 Jay Matthews
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or **706-490-3169**

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David Schafer
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2813 Micky Graham
863-701-5288

2007 Chevy Suburban HD 2500 series. 4 WD 6.0 L engine. Very well maintained. 129,000 miles. **\$13,900**. Can be seen at lot 09-07.
09-07 John Crone
419-651-2914

Deluxe cabana, lot 11-19, complete with full bathroom, washer/dryer, most furniture, Sharp TV 55",hurricane windows all around, covered porch at front, large patio with open space at rear. Barbecue, nicely landscaped. Large concrete pad suitable for 34' Airstream trailer. \$58,500 OBO.
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Golfview 50-03 Jane Crossland
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Emergency Alert Systems Comparison Criteria			
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2.	Does the monitoring function require a contract? Or is it a month-to-month service? If it requires a contract, are there cancellation fees?		
3.	Is there an installation or activation fee to begin the service?		
4.	How much is the monthly charge for the monitoring function?		
5.	Does the system have a 'money back' trial period in case it just does not work out?		
6.	Will the company replace the unit if it becomes damaged or non-functional at no charge? Or is there an insurance available?		
7.	Can you install the system yourself? Or must it be professionally installed?		
8.	What is the size, weight, shape of the emergency button? Can it be worn around the neck? on the belt? as a bracelet?		
9.	Does the emergency button device have a GPS locator chip in it?		
10.	What is the power source for the button (battery, plug in to charge, rests on a cradle to charge)?		
11.	What is required for the system to communicate with the call center? (landline, phone over internet, wireless over internet, wireless over cellphone towers)		
12.	Does the alert button itself have 2-way communication with the call center (or is it through a base station)?		
13.	Will the emergency button work in the yard or in the vicinity of the house? Will the button work in the car, in town, or on a trip?		
14.	Are the operators US based? Understandable? Trained? Able to respond to multiple types of request for assistance (lost, out of gas, can't find car, accident, police emergency, health issue, etc)?		
15.	What is the operator's procedure when the emergency button is pushed? Do the operators respond in using a customer-specific priority for assistance?		
16.	Is alert response available 24 hours/7 days/365 days per year?		
17.	Does the call center test the system periodically? How? How often?		
18.	Is the alert button waterproof so it can be used in the shower or the pool?		
19.	Does the alert button sense a fall and call for help even if you cannot?		
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Love,
Bonnie Hall

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I, and I'm sure other pool users, very much appreciate the attention given to keeping it such a wonderful asset in the park.
Mary Kosbab

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