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Hi Lites



Friday LIVE at The Grove

Doc and Donna return to the stage in The Grove on Friday, Feb. 5, at 3:45 p.m. See page 7.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Donate your cans and/or dollars for Daystar Hope on Sunday, Feb. 7. See page 6.



Sunday in The Grove

Entertainment in The Grove is back! Come out to hear Dave and Daphne on Sunday, Feb. 7 and Stan Prinston on Sunday, Feb. 14. See page 2.



TR Book Browsers

Virtual Book Browsers meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. See page 6 for details.



Golden Anniversaries

Were you married in 1971? Let *The TR Times* honor you on Feb. 19. See page 6 for details.

Reminders



AGM Ballots

You may return your AGM ballot as soon as you receive it. You do not need to wait. See page 3.



Firefighters Needed

We are seeking volunteers to join us as firefighters! For more information, see page 5.

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TR volunteering, then and now

by Margaret Emmetts

Everyone at TR knows that the park advocates volunteering. It is the reason that we are able to live here with all the perks we so enjoy while keeping costs low. If you are new to TR you may not realize what volunteering has done for the park. Read on to learn some of our history.

Then



JACOB BUSCH

The whole concept of developing what was then to be an Airstream park boggles the mind. Can you imagine a group of people lending money to buy land and develop a park based on one man's dream? Yet that is precisely what happened.

In the late 1960s Jake Busch, our founding father, realized that there were few Airstream parks in Florida at which Wally Byam Airstream Club, WBCCI, members could stay. So, beginning in 1969 Busch and Ed Noes initiated a property search. At an Airstream rally in 1972 Busch shared his dream with Airstream people attending the rally. Funds to support the venture were proposed to be raised from eligible Airstream owners by issuing stock at \$500 per share. The down payment was \$100 and participants would receive their stock when TR became a corporation. Unbelievably 156 shares were purchased for a corporation that had not yet been formed and land that had not been purchased.

As inconceivable as this may seem, the land was purchased, the corporation formed and the rest is history.

The acreage purchased was a farm that was swampy in some areas. Did you know that the Hobby House was the original farm house and is the oldest building on the property? One of the farm outbuildings was to become the Snack Shack. But how does this connect to volunteering?

By 1972 sites were being laid out, but the park was still a muddy mess which resulted in some campers quickly departing. Nevertheless, a few volunteers stayed the course and set to work. Gradually the contractor's bulldozer graded sites and roads while volunteer crews worked with hand rakes, shovels and hoes to refine the rough grading. Water and sewer lines were laid using the park's two pieces of equipment, a tractor and an old pickup truck. Men would start work at 8 a.m. and work until 4:30 p.m. Women kept the men fed.



Volunteers install sewer and electric lines.



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Now

Although TR's volunteerism now does not involve the all day, all week manual labor of its founding fathers, volunteering is still alive and well today and we hope it will continue.

Sweat equity is still provided by the Garden Club that helps keep our park beautiful by the addition of colorful plants. Volunteers also maintain the garden by Lake Margaret.

The Golf Association's mission is to beautify our course and they hold fundraisers for this purpose. Volunteers go out on the course every Tuesday morning to fill divots and seed needed areas while other volunteers weed, trim and rake.

Volunteer Fire Fighters and First Responders who are fully trained are at our beck and call 24/7 365 days a year. All these members are certified in first aid and CPR. Volunteers train one morning a week year round to maintain their skills.

Before the pandemic struck we had about 113 different activities available to residents each week. All of these were led by volunteers and unlike some parks, most were available to residents at no cost.

Again, under non-pandemic conditions, the 80 to 90 volunteers at *The TR Times* keep residents up-to-date on the goings on at TR. Currently we are working with a skeleton staff of about 30 individuals.

Two Blood Drives are held in the park each year to supplement local blood supplies. Our donors are dedicated volunteers.



Quilt-a-Rama volunteers at work.

Quilt-a-Rama gathers a number of volunteers to participate in a marathon day of quilting. About 50 lap quilts are produced during that day to be donated to organizations such as the Hernando Pasco Hospice.



This is a bountiful Toys for Tots collection.

Volunteers lead fundraising drives for organizations such as the Cancer Society and Alzheimer's Association. Just before Christmas the park holds a toy collection to benefit the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

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Click here! In the Friday, Feb. 19 issue of *The TR Times* look for new active hyperlinks on some of our pages. Do you want to see the website of an advertiser or restaurant? **Click here!** Do you want to know more about an item of interest on the travel page? **Click here!** Another great benefit of a digital *TR Times*!



**Important
notice about
The Grove
events**

by Ken & Sandy Langell
Sunday Entertainment
Coordinators
Callie Zak, TR President
Ray Hill, Park Manager

As residents return to TR and the attendance at The Grove events increases, we must be even more vigilant about safety. These are the procedures we expect everyone to follow. Unless this can be done, expect to see cancellations of gatherings at The Grove.

1. All golf cart and automobile traffic will enter from Snack Shack Road or the road from the Cabana Section and be met by greeters as they enter the stage area. The greeters will admit you one at a time and parkers will direct you to a parking spot. Please follow their directions.

2.If you choose to bring folding chairs, be sure you set them up six feet away from benches or golf carts.

3. Masks are required. Do not remove them unless you are seated; if you get up, put them back on.

4. Do not sit on a bench or in chairs with anyone other than an immediate household member.

This is not the time to socialize. Wave at your friends and keep distant.

This is not the scenario any of us would choose, but it is the only way we will be able to continue having programs at The Grove. If you are not able to comply with these directions, do not attend events until all restrictions have been lifted.

We appreciate your cooperation as we try to bring entertainment safely back to TR.

by Ken Langell

We are knocking on wood, throwing salt over our shoulder and making sure the creek ain't rising - Sunday in The Grove will be back in business on Sunday, Feb. 7. We were so disappointed last month when we had to cancel two excellent shows. The good news is we have been able to reschedule a few things, and Dave and Daphne will be here this Sunday, Feb. 7. On St. Valentine's Day, Feb.14, we bring you the cool crooner Stan Prinston – a member of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's Flamingos. Stan's television appearance on *The View* with the Flamingos can be seen on YouTube.

Pre-show announcements are at the stage at 3:45 p.m. followed by the program at 4 p.m.



Here are the details of our next two acts:

Appearing on Feb. 7, Nashville entertainers Dave and Daphne have been a favorite act at TR since the first time they graced our stage. They have also performed at many Airstream rallies around the country and we are happy to welcome them back.

Dave Salyers has toured the world with Barbara Mandrell, performed for presidents at the White House and appeared on countless TV shows. Roy Clark proclaimed Dave as one of the



DAVE AND DAPHNE

most fabulous guitarists on the planet and I quote, "I can't believe this guy; If I could get my hands on him, I'd kill him!!!"

Barbara Mandrell simply states, "Dave Salyer is the best guitarist I've ever had." Dave credits his uncles - (Bluegrass legends and Grand Ole Opry members) Jim and Jesse McReynolds and the Virginia Boys for his love of music, musical ability and talents.

Daphne Anderson has toured with some of the greatest Southern Gospel music groups of all time--The Bill Gaither Group, The Florida Boys, The Cathedrals, Rex Nelon, The Hinsons, and many others. The Southern Gospel Music Association voted her their Female Vocalist of the Year. Shortly after graduating from Georgia Southwestern University, she moved to Nashville, Tenn. to

pursue a career in music. Daphne is best described as a cross between Shania Twain and Patsy Cline! Audiences absolutely fall in love with Daphne, and she has won the hearts of everyone who has seen her perform at TR.

Coming on Feb. 14, Stan Prinston is one of those entertainers who makes you say "Wow!" New York City born and raised, he started his musical career as a choir boy in Catholic school. Like so many other aspiring singers, high school opened up the world as he and his friends sang close harmony in the hallways and stairways looking for that echo.



STAN PRINSTON

After high school Stan enlisted in the army. During his tour of duty he formed a singing group called The Fararri's. They entertained the troops with R&B and Pop hits of the day at the NCO clubs. Upon leaving the service Stan was called to be the front man with a New Jersey based group called The Motifs. Stan would open up for Bruce Springsteen's group called The Castilles as well

as the Young Rascals at the Choo Chu Club and for Jackie Wilson at The Chatter Box in Seaside Heights. Springsteen's group and The Motifs were sharing the limelight in the Garden State's most popular venues for years: Asbury Park Convention Hall, Mrs. J's, and Stone Pony to name a few.

Stan has spent many years honing his craft on cruise lines, well-known supper clubs and casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. In 2012 he was invited to join the iconic Flamingos and still performs with them. Billboard Magazine calls the Flamingos one of the best and most influential vocal groups in pop history.

Along with his classic, cool style as a vocalist, he has dabbled in the motion picture industry playing extras in such movies as *Presumed Innocent* with Harrison Ford, *A Shock to the System* with Michael Caine and the part of a police detective in the Michael Estefan movie *Only the Strong*.

In Stan's words, "Tony Bennett sang a great song called *The Best Is Yet To Come*. Well, the best has come for me. It's an honor and an extreme privilege to be traveling with Terry Johnson and The Flamingos performing to audiences that appreciate meaningful music. Never in my wildest dreams did I think this day would come."



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Briefings from the Board

by Callie Zak, President/CEO

This season is a struggle for everyone as we navigate the ever-changing climate of the virus. If you get a vaccine appointment, you feel as if you won the lottery. We are continuing to contact the Pasco County Emergency Management but encourage you to attempt to get a vaccine as soon as you can wherever you can. We will keep trying to get them to do on-site vaccines.



CALLIE ZAK

Recently you received your AGM packet. We need you to vote for the candidates as well as the addition of the new Article of Incorporation. This Article matches the Bylaw already in place so we are recommending this Article to meet the Florida Statute. Everyone needs to vote to meet quorum. We are asking you to submit your vote either by in-park mail, email or regular mail as soon as possible to minimize contact on March 9.

As you know we have had COVID in the office. The office is closed, but is being run remotely for the safety of the employees as well as the residents. The virus is impacting other businesses and services. Many are lean-staffed like us. One is our trash service. They are scheduled to pick up Tuesday and Friday, however, when they have employees call in sick, it plays havoc with their schedules. Our request is that if the dumpsters are full that you hold your trash at your unit until they can empty the bins rather than pile it in front of them.

There seems to be a misconception of the sign that states one person in the Post Office at a time. The Post Office is the entire

building section from the time you enter either the West side or the North side doors. This is where you drop mail in the boxes or retrieve mail from your Post Office box. One person is allowed in the area where you pick up your mail and only one person is allowed in the customer service area where you buy your stamps or mail your packages. The large concave mirror gives a full view of someone at their Post Office box. There are signs outside of both the North and West side doors as well as one on the entry door for customer service. Please be courteous and patient.

Having pets at Travelers Rest is a privilege. If you aren't clear on the rules of owning a pet, please read E0000 through E2030 sections of the Travelers Rest Resort Policies. Three of the most observed violations are extended leashes, washing pet items in the laundry room and pet waste disposal.

There are 10 lots available for lease.

Please stay the course and fight this virus by being safe to protect yourself and others.

Policy changes approved

by Linda Smith, 2nd Vice President

On Jan. 19, 2021, the Board approved the following policy changes.

Original C2030
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, OIL CHANGE: Minor vehicle maintenance should be conducted at your own lot or lubrication and oil changes may only be done on vehicles up to one ton load capacity and may only be accomplished at the "LUBE STATION" under the current rules of operation during the established hours. An annual fee is charged for use of the Lube Station per the fee schedule. Servicing other than this is not permitted on TR property. (Refer to printed rules available at Maintenance.) (Revised 1-23-18)

Revised C2030
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, OIL CHANGE: Minor vehicle maintenance should be conducted at your own lot. ~~or~~ Lubrication and oil changes may only be done on vehicles up to one ton load capacity ~~and may only be accomplished at the "LUBE STATION."~~ under the ~~Current rules of operation, during the established hours. An annual fee is charged for use of the Lube Station per the fee schedule.~~ **Hours and rules for use will be provided upon payment of annual fee at the TR Office.** Servicing other than this is not permitted on TR property. ~~(Refer to printed rules available at Maintenance.)~~ (Revised 1-19-21)

Original C0610 -deleted policy (see N2005)
~~POLICY CHANGE NOTIFICATION: All changes to policies will be published in The TR Times either in their entirety or summarized. They may be included in the "Briefings from the Board" article or as a separate article. The entire policy section will be posted on the Board of Directors' Bulletin Board located in the Post Office Lobby. The revised Policy Book is also posted on the TR website under the Residents Only section. (Revised 12-18-18)~~

Original N2005 – deleted as written
~~BOARD POLICY MOTIONS: A Policy Motion must be in written form before it can be voted upon by the Board of Directors. Approved policies must be posted in the policy book at the Office as soon as possible.~~

Revised N2005 (rename policy)
POLICY CHANGES:
* A Policy Motion must be in written form before it can be voted upon by the BOD.
* Approved policy changes:
* Should be published in *The TR Times* in either their entirety or summarized.
* The entire policy section should be posted on the BOD board located outside of the Post Office.
* Should be revised on the TR server for posting to website.
* Distribute to BOD member newly revised page.
* Posted in the policy book at Office.
(Revised 1-23-18) (Revised 1/19/21)

Original AA2325
CORPORATE SECRETARY (Section 5): The Corporate Secretary is elected by the new Board of Directors at their first meeting held immediately following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Corporate Secretary shall have custody of and maintain all of the Corporate records except the financial records, shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Stockholders or the Board of Directors*, record the minutes of the Board's meetings held in Executive Session and the minutes of Travelers Rest Activity Corporation, prepare and send out all notices of meetings, receive and present to the Board all correspondence directed to the Board and prepare letters of reply, forward to the Corporate Attorney correspondence on issues that may have legal implications, deliver to the Board the Attorney's reply to inquiries, maintain the Archives and keep up to date the Minutes Book of all Board Meetings (the official Archive record), maintain the Corporate Policy Manual, sign legal documents (i.e. Stock Certificates, Banking related documents) when appropriate, write a bi-weekly, or whenever the Board directs, article for *The TR Times*, and perform other duties assigned by the Board through the President. *Note: See policy N2010 for exceptions. (Revised 11-23-04)

Revised AA2325
AA2325 CORPORATE SECRETARY (section 5) The Corporate Secretary is elected by the new Board of Directors at their first meeting held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders. (See policy N2010 for exceptions)
The Corporate Secretary Duties:
* Have custody of and maintain all the Corporate records, except financial records.
* Shall record the minutes of all meetings.
•Stockholders (AGM)
•Board of Directors
•Executive Board Meetings
* Prepare and send out all notices of meetings.
* Receive and present to the Board all correspondence directed to the Board and prepare letters of reply.
* Maintain the Corporate Policy Manual.
* Maintain the Archives and keep up to date the Board Meeting Minutes Book. (official archive record)
* Sign legal documents (i.e. Stock Certificates, Banking related documents) when appropriate.
* Write article for *The TR Times*. (unless otherwise assigned)
* Perform other duties assigned by the Board through the President.
* Notify, in writing, park manager of any items assigned to him during a Board meeting.
(Revised 11-23-04) (Revised 1/19/21)



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Change, change, change!

It has been said that the only thing that is constant is change. That is surely true at TR this season.

We are constantly challenged to revise our schedules to meet new parameters. We have had to severely limit our social interactions. At TR, we were accustomed to some 113 activities available to us each week. No longer having these available has probably proved to be a hardship to many. But we have to recognize that the Board’s canceling of activities is designed to keep us all healthy.

No longer do we meet and greet to enjoy our ice cream prior to the Sunday night program. Nor do we “Dine Around.” However, psychologists recognize that people need social interaction to maintain good mental health.

So, what do we do now?
The golf course is still open for those who play. It is a good spot to be able to enjoy a sport while still maintaining social distancing.

If you have a computer you may FaceTime with friends and family. Or, how about going for a nice walk? The garden by Lake Margaret is a great spot to take a stroll while enjoying the scenery. If gardening is your thing, you might join the folks who keep that area looking great.

Fortunately the Library is still open, so you might curl up with a good book. I know it is a really old-fashioned activity, but you might actually write a few letters to friends and family.

Florida has a number of public parks that are still open for visitors.
The key to coping with the changes to which we have had to adapt is to keep busy. Knowing the type of creative people who reside at TR that should not be difficult. *mre*

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The Servant’s Plow

The fullness of blessings

by Anthony B. Shipe

“From the fullness of his grace we have all received.” (John 1:16)

These words tell us there is a fullness in Christ. There is a fullness of His necessary Deity. “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.” (Col. 2:9) There is a fullness of His perfect manhood for it was through Him “bodily” that the Deity was revealed. There is a fullness of the atoning effectiveness of His blood, for “the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7) There is a fullness of justifying in His life, for “there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 8:1) There is a fullness of the divine extensive scope of His prayers, for “he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.” (Heb. 7:25) There is a fullness of victory in His death, for “by his death he destroyed him who holds the power of death - that is the devil.” (Heb. 2:14) There is a fullness of the effectiveness of His resurrection from the dead, for “he has given us new birth into a living hope.” (1 Peter 1:3) There is a fullness of triumph in His ascension, for “when he ascended on high he led captivity captive and gave gifts to men.” (Eph. 4:8)

There is fullness of blessings of every sort and shape—a fullness of grace to pardon, of grace to regenerate, of grace to sanctify, of grace to preserve and of grace to perfect. Also there is a fullness at all times—a fullness of comfort in times of affliction and a fullness of guidance in times of prosperity. There is a fullness of every divine attribute—including a fullness of wisdom, of power and of love. There is a fullness beyond our capacity to even comprehend, much less to fully explore. “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.” (Col. 1:19) What a fullness this must be and

Enjoy sunny days!



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ANTHONY SHIPE

to think that we all receive! Indeed, what fullness there must be when the stream is always flowing, yet the well continues to spring up as free, as rich and as full as ever.

Get all your needs supplied. Ask largely and you will receive largely for this fullness is inexhaustible and is stored where all needy souls may reach it.

Yes there is a fullness in Christ and, as Spurgeon says, “This fullness is inexhaustible.” In fact one of the most beautiful aspects of the divine fullness of each of His attributes is that His fullness overflows into the lives of His children yet is never diminished.

My own human strength can only take me to a certain point before I grow weary and ultimately become exhausted. However His strength through the power of the Holy Spirit is always available to me as I walk in obedience to Him.

Dear Father, may these words of Jesus be evident in my life today and may others come to the fullness only He can provide. “Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14) “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him.” (John 7:37-38) AMEN. Be blessed!

Do you hear the bell?



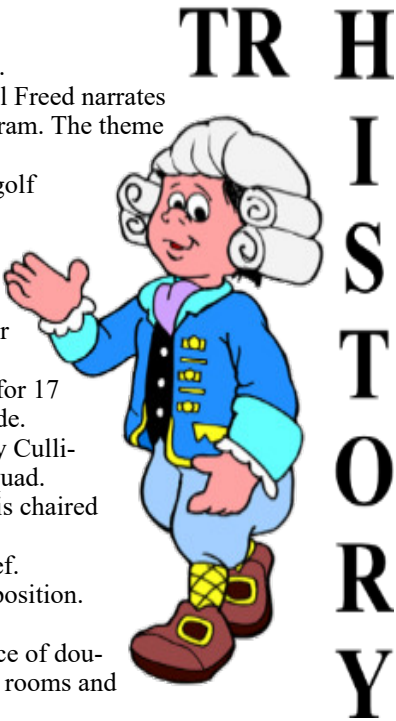
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Frank Hunsaker rings the church bell on Sunday mornings.

Looking Back

by Mary Kosbab

- 30 years ago
- Orland Jean is manager of TR.
 - Adele Ekeland writes and Paul Freed narrates a Homecoming Hi-jinks program. The theme is the Gay Nineties.
 - Ellen McMillan gives ladies' golf lessons.
 - Forty-two people meet for bowling.
- 20 years ago
- Matty Cullinane is honored for originating and operating the Travelers Rest Rescue Squad for 17 years with a Fire-Rescue parade.
 - Doug Pederson replaces Matty Cullinane as head of the Rescue Squad.
 - The Wall Street Journal Club is chaired by Bill Davis.
 - Paul Feller retires as Fire Chief.
 - Dick Gutridge takes over the position.
- 10 years ago
- New policies include allowance of double roofs, free standing screen rooms and ANSI code peaked roofs.
 - Florence Boisvert and Carol Meyers lead the water aerobics.
 - The Post Mistress is Pam Avis, assisted by Rachel Pettengill.
 - Ted Smith initiates a plastic recycling program with help from Margaret Natof, Joe Colao and Margaret Gills.



The Siren



by Jean Cobb
RN and First Responder

We have all known folks who have experienced a stroke with a rapid onset of muscle weakness or paralysis, facial drooping, garbled speech or loss of consciousness. Sometimes the person recovers completely, other times the stroke has permanent or even fatal consequences. The difference in outcomes depends on the type, location and severity of the injury to brain tissue and how quickly the person receives medical treatment.

A stroke, sometimes referred to as a cerebrovascular accident (CVA) or brain attack, is the loss of brain function due to an interruption in blood supply to a portion of the brain caused by a blockage or hemorrhage (bleeding). Some strokes, referred to as a transient ischemic attack (TIA) have symptoms that totally disappear within 24 hours. However, TIA patients are at a significantly higher risk of having a more severe stroke in the future.

Approximately 80% of strokes are a result of clots or blockages and 20% are from a ruptured vessel that bleeds into the brain. Major risk factors for a CVA or TIA include atrial fibrillation, high blood pressure, diabetes, elevated cholesterol, advanced age and of course tobacco use.

As a result of the stroke an area of the brain is damaged and cannot function normally. Typical deficits can include weakness and/or paralysis on one side of the body, inability to speak and/or understand spoken words, or a loss of a portion of the field of vision. A stroke can also begin while someone is sleeping and may not be apparent until an attempt is made to wake the person.

A stroke is a **medical emergency** and can cause permanent brain damage or death. Minutes are critical.

Appropriate treatment within 3 to 5 hours may be able to restore functions that have been lost by the lack of blood supply, so do not wait! Use the acronym **FAST** to check someone for evidence of a stroke:

F = Face drooping. Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven. Ask them to stick out their tongue. Does the tongue pull or deviate to one side, or is it in the middle (as it should be)?

A = Arm weakness. Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms and then to close their eyes. Does one arm drift downward?

S = Speech difficulty. Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

T = Time to call 911 and be prepared to tell Responders when the symptoms were first noticed. If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911

Having a STROKE? Act FAST!

and get the person to the hospital immediately.

(Source: www.strokeassociation.org)

Immediate intervention when a stroke occurs can make the difference between temporary or permanent disability, even life or death. While it is normal for a person to minimize or ignore initial symptoms of a stroke, delay in treatment can make a huge difference in outcomes. When you realize someone is experiencing symptoms, insist that they seek medical care immediately. Dial 911 rather than choosing to drive someone to the hospital because their condition may deteriorate further on the way. An ambulance will provide the quickest and safest transport to the hospital, is best equipped to handle the stroke and will deliver the patient directly to the treatment area in the Emergency Room.

A note about aspirin: While an adult-strength aspirin is recommended during a heart attack, at the present time it is **not recommended** during a stroke. Taking aspirin isn't advised during a stroke because not all strokes are caused by

blood clots. Most strokes are caused by clots but some are caused by ruptured blood vessels. Taking aspirin could potentially make these bleeding strokes more severe. In addition, aspirin may interfere with other drugs that are commonly used to dissolve clots in the Emergency Room.

Recognize the symptoms of a stroke and call 911 immediately.

REMINDER: Don't let your guard down....COVID-19 is still prevalent in Florida and there are likely active cases in TR. Wear your mask, keep your distance, wash your hands to protect yourself and others. Folks who are symptomatic can still be infected and contagious! Don't let anyone in your bubble who is not as careful as you are and think twice before you go to public places where others are not masked or are not wearing their masks correctly. Finally, CDC recommends that we continue to wear masks even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, so don't put it away yet. The life you save may be your own or that of someone you love!

Have fun and stay safe!

Are there cyborgs among us?

by Margaret Emmetts

The term cyborg was first coined by DC Comics in 1980 to describe a character that was part robot and part human. Although many of us may not be familiar with DC Comics, the term cyborg generally brings to mind a character from a science fiction movie. In most cases the creature we visualize is not necessarily on the side of good.

However, a cyborg is defined as a being with both organic and biomechatronic body parts. Biomechatronic refers to the interdisciplinary science which focuses on the interactivity of biological organs, including the brain, with electronic and/or mechanical devices. In other words, mechanical and electrical devices which help the body operate.

Does that give you pause and reason to rethink your answer to my original question: Are there cyborgs among us?

Using the definition of a cyborg, if a person has an artificial limb, a pacemaker or defibrillator, that individual is indeed a cyborg. Biomechatronic devices may also include, but are not limited to, cochlear implants in the ear which help a person to hear or insulin pumps used by people with diabetes. The list of these devices is long and scientists are adding to it at a surprising rate as technology advances.

So, not only are there cyborgs among us, but you might be one yourself. I know that I am.



Firefighters needed



by Larry Polzin, Fire Chief

My name is Larry Polzin and I am the Pasco County Fire Station 33 Fire Chief. Station 33 is located here at TR and is manned by people who saw the need and stepped up to take the required training. At this time we have only two certified firefighters present in the park. We have three greatly needed and appreciated volunteers going through training now.

Our crew is aging and we want to keep this station active and in our park. In order to do this we need volunteers who are willing to commit their time and energy to this important service. This is not just a good ole boys get together. We train hard and we meet every week to be prepared if needed. Reasonably good health and a commitment to serve is required. If you are looking for a volunteer activity please call me, Chief Larry Polzin at 810-247-2361 or drop by lot 0429.



Photo by Pam Watkins

Todd Harris, TMH Technology, and his assistant update the security camera over the Fire Station.

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Were you married in 1971?



by Pam Watkins
If you were married in 1971, we want to help you celebrate your Golden Anniversary.
Typically, the TR Friday Night Dance Committee and *The TR Times* sponsor a Golden Anniversary Dance in February of each year to honor all couples who will be married 50 years. Unfortunately this is a very different year, but we are not going to let this prevent us from extending our best wishes to you.
This year we will interview all 2021 Golden Anniversary couples and publish their stories along with photos in *The TR Times* on Friday, Feb. 19. But wait - there's more!

Following the publication, you will receive a tabloid-size print of the Golden Anniversary page as well as a couple of surprises.
If you want your TR friends and neighbors to congratulate you this year - and really, why not, we need all the smiles we can get this season - just drop us a line via email at thetrimes@gmail.com or to Box 2817 via the in-park mail before Wednesday, Feb. 10. Please include your names, wedding date, your lot number and phone number in your note. We will schedule your interview and photo op and look forward to publishing your story in *The TR Times*.
Congratulations!

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Hannah



Photo by Alan Kenney

by Alan Kenney
Donna Kerrick and John Hannah exchanged vows on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 4 p.m. in our beautiful TR Garden. Ray Hill gave away the bride who stood with Mary Beth Coldren. The groom stood with his son J.D. Hannah. The ceremony was officiated by our TR Reverends Rose Williams and Anthony Shipe with TR coworkers, family and friends in attendance. The newlyweds symbolically combined their individual sands of life into one vessel as the ceremony closed.
Donna plans to retire at the end of March. The couple hopes to travel for several months each year, but TR will remain their home base.

Announcing the Souper Bowl of Caring 2021



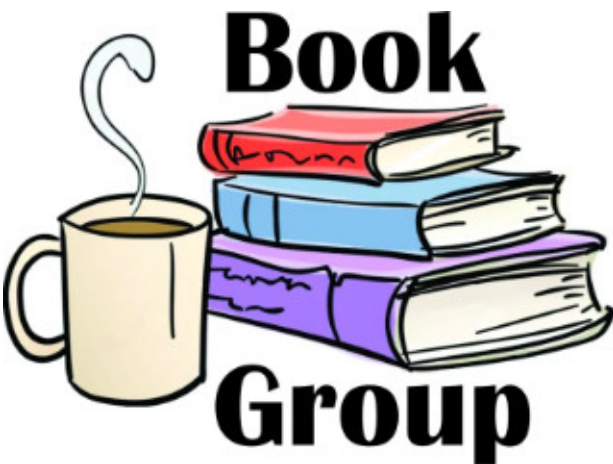
by Richard Hunt

In 1990, a simple prayer: *Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat*, was delivered to a small youth group in Columbia.
This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Youth groups could collect dollars in soup pots and

canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation directly to a local charity of their choice.
The first year they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities. Since then Souper Bowl of Caring has become a national, grassroots, youth-led movement where ordinary young people are doing extraordinary work. Over \$150 million in dollars and food

has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.
Having been a part of congregations that participated in this movement, not long after we moved to TR, I suggested this as a special offering opportunity. Since it is a "Youth Group" movement, we called upon the "Travelers Rest Youth Group" (all of us) to collect cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday for Daystar Hope pantry in Dade City. We voted for our favored football team by placing cans, or dollars, in team-labeled boxes. It is now an annual giving opportunity.
On Sunday, Feb. 7, the Travelers Rest Youth Group (all of us) will again be donating cans and/or dollars for Daystar Hope. Team-designated collection boxes will be available at both Sunday Worship and Entertainment. As we have been in the past, let us all be caring and generous.

TR Book Browsers



by Nan Feeney Lance

The second virtual meeting of TR Book Browsers was held via Zoom on Jan. 27 from many living rooms across Canada and the U.S. We discussed *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, along with the author's biography, past books, and book reviews. It was great to see each other, and we look forward to the next meeting of TR Book Browsers on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. to discuss *The Guest Book* by Sara Blake.
Anyone wishing to join our discussions, please email nanfeeney@gmail.com and you will be added to our Zoom invite list. Thanks and happy reading!

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The golf course was to be situated in an area of the property that was swampland. The story of its transformation is fascinating.



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Mirror Lake. The lake is about 18 feet at its deepest point and provided the dirt necessary to make the golf course dry land.



A lake is born.

Over time Busch Hall and other buildings were constructed. But keep in mind that all the manual labor provided to get the park started was on a volunteer basis. None of these original founding fathers were paid for their work. This was volunteerism with a capital V.

Over the years the park morphed from an Airstream-only park to what we have today.



The very first Airstream trailers are moved onto the lots.

Our Church Association supports Daystar Hope Pantry and Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center charities in Dade City. The park management donated a trailer to be used to collect clothing and household articles for these charities.



Many hands helping out on the December drive.

During the past year TR Church efforts resulted in the following:
Souper Bowl Sunday raised \$162 in cash and collected 442 cans of soup.

A collection for Habitat for Humanity during church services resulted in a donation of \$2674. The park residents also form crews that produce the sweat equity to build new homes for Habitat clients in Dade City.

Three food drives were held. The first in March produced a trailer filled with food plus \$500 in cash. The November drive also filled the trailer with food plus \$1,135 in cash. The December drive provided 86 boxes of food, 2 of miscellaneous items and 1 filled with treats plus \$4,000 in cash to support local families in need. It should be noted that 86 individuals each volunteered to fill one of the 86 food boxes. Each person was given a list of what was to be included in each box. It was estimated that it would cost about \$45 to fill each box.

The Church gathers gift cards in December every year. These are used to allow parents to purchase Christmas gifts for children in abused households. This last year's collection resulted in a whopping \$8,835.

All year Marilyn and Darold Long and their crew bring our residents' donations of used clothing, bedding, towels, cosmetics, toys and cleaning products to the Dade City centers.

The Church's 18" Outreach Program has also provided another \$6,439 in cash donations. If you are not familiar with the term 18" Outreach, it is derived from the fact that it is about 18" from one's head to one's heart.

By my calculations TR residents have provided almost \$24,000 in cash this past year to help the less fortunate in Dade City. In fact, if it were not for TR, some of these charities would have to close their doors during the summer season when the snowbirds go home.

TR is truly a unique place. It is home to a generous and caring population who volunteer in many ways. Please keep up the good work!

Some more archival photos



TR's first sign installed Sept. 8, 1972.



The first surveyor's stake driven.



"OLE BLUE"

Did you know that TR once owned a bus, pictured to the left? It was affectionately known as "Ole Blue" and was used to transport groups of residents to shows and other events.



Photo by Larry Babbitt

by Larry Babbitt

Our TR Model Railroad group continues to make headway. As seen in this latest photo we are close to having a complete loop on the picnic table in the Golf View Pavilion. If our Canadian friends could be with us the loop might be completed now!

We continue to meet on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Golf View Pavilion. All are welcome. As always you can contact us at trtrains@dbcomserv.com or trainnut1942@gmail.com.

Friday afternoon LIVE



Photo submitted by Donna Probes

DOC AND DONNA PROBES

by Donna Probes

Making music is one of our favorite things to do. We are so grateful to have the green light to return to The Grove stage on Friday, Feb. 5. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at 3:45 p.m.

This week we've put together a lively mix that will include songs like *Summer Breeze*, *All of Me*, *Sweet Baby James*, *Leader of the Band* and *Born to be Wild* along with more Simon & Garfunkel, Beatles and others.

Don't forget, we're happy to take requests and are still working up a few that are not in our repertoire. We love learning new music. Send your requests to donnawilpro@gmail.com.

Don't forget to wear your mask (over your nose!) and try not to congregate close together for conversation. Let's all work together to keep everyone safe at this event so we can continue to gather LIVE on Fridays.



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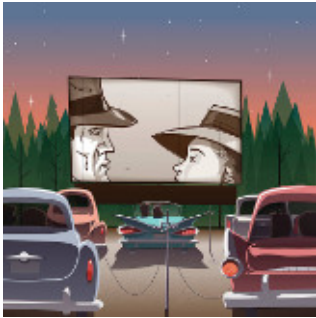
by Linda Spencer

Note: Event information may be out of date due to COVID-19. Confirm details with event organizers.

Dade City After Dark on Friday, Feb. 5, 6 to 9 p.m., will provide the opportunity for an evening of shopping, dining and other store activities at local establishments that will be open later for the occasion. For other activities and special events you can visit the Dade City Merchants Association Facebook page. (Approx. 8 miles)

Saturday Dade City will host the **Farm Fest and Quilt Show**, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road. A fun day is planned including Draft Horse Pulls at noon, Quilt Show, Syrup Making, entertainment, vendors and food. Admission is \$10 per person. For additional information visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org or the Pioneer Florida Museum at 352-567-0262. (Approx. 10 miles)

Saturdays, Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Dade City will welcome their fans to the **Motocross Practice** at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 SR 52. For additional information call 352-588-4697. (Approx. 12 miles)



Drive-in-Movies. Dade City has an old-fashioned drive-in which shows movies (old and new) and patrons wearing masks can buy popcorn, soda and twinkles at the snack bar. This is perfect for those who like to enjoy the group film-watching experience while also keeping a car-length distance apart. Load up the family and check out some of the classics under the stars. Info on the Internet at joylanddrivein.com.



Events:

The Virtual Bass, not not fish, the museum. Access all interactive educational resources The Bass Museum of Miami has to offer from your home via the museum’s virtual tour and video series. From virtual tours of select exhibits to thought-provoking artist interviews and discussions, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Info can be found at [@BassCreativityCenter](https://www.bass.org/educational-resources) on Instagram and the [bass.org/educational-resources](https://www.bass.org/educational-resources).

Fort Lauderdale Virtual Recreation Center. You will find free educational activities and resources for people of all ages here. Visit the Center often or follow the city’s social media channels for a variety of instructor-lead classes, at home activities and great ideas to keep you and your loved ones healthy, entertained and informed. For info go to fortlauderdale.gov/departments/parks-recreation.

The Miami Adrienne Arsht Center. You will be able to unleash your creative side and share with your family alongside local



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teaching artists. Watch as Miami actors perform monologues from your favorite plays and musicals. Sing along to Spotify playlists curated by staff members and artists from across Miami. “Living Room Live” gives front row access to intimate performances by Miami musicians. The “From Our Resident Companies” (ballet, opera and symphony) program will keep you entertained while staying safe at home. This ongoing event is reachable via arshtcenter.org/.

ARSHT-AT-HOME.

Concerts From Your Couch. Gobs of musical artists stream performances from their homes while they are practicing social distancing and that is great for us here at TR.

The **BB+T Center in Sunrise** has assembled a list of amazing full concerts from around the world that you can also watch from the safety of your home. The list includes Lady Gaga, John Legend, Beyoncé, Bruce Springsteen, Justin Timberlake, Elton John, Queen, The Dead and Company and Linkin Park. These can be viewed at thebbtcenter.com/concerts-from-your-couch.

Virtual Bluegrass Concerts. Every once in a while the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach has live entertainment and such was the case back in April when two top bluegrass bands were scheduled to perform. That was canceled but you can still see the two groups perform. The headline act was to be Grand Ole Opry members and multiple Grammy Award nominees Dailey & Vincent and the opening act was 2019 International Bluegrass Association Entertainers of the Year Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers. The folks at the Flagler have compiled a list of websites where you can watch both acts perform. Visit flaglERMuseum.us/virtual-tour.



John Lewis: Good Trouble. Using interviews and rare archival footage, this film chronicles the recently-deceased civil right icon’s 60 years of social activism and legislative action on voting rights, gun control, healthcare reform and immigration. Filmmaker Dawn Porter explores his childhood, his inspiring family and his fateful meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1957. In addition to interviews with Lewis and his family the movie features interviews with political leaders, congressional colleagues and other people who figured prominently in his life’s journey. Streaming is in support of Tower Theater in Miami via towerheatermiami.com/john-lewis-good-trouble-virtual-theater.

by Sharon Gilbert Zile and Dan Zile, Tour Directors

COVID times can make for some very interesting, and yet safe adventures. So while we are off on our own Winter in South Florida adventure, Pam and Bill Watkins have shared very special memories of their camping history and COVID-safe Fall Family adventure.

Bill and Pam Watkins have enjoyed camping and RV travel for more than 40 years. Part of their honeymoon was spent tent camping along the Beaufort, S.C. coast. As their three children came along, tent camping gave way to travel trailers. Their first camper was a 1978 18’ Scotty, and yes, it certainly promoted a close bond within their family of five. As their children grew, Bill and Pam purchased a Coachmen bunkhouse, moved up to a two-bedroom Coachmen travel trailer, and finally purchased a 37’ Coachmen fifth wheel. Over the years, family vacations always involved campfires and outdoor recreation. Once the children married and moved away, Bill and Pam sold their fifth wheel and became Airstreamers. Their 2015 retirement celebration was a three-month, 11,000-mile, 12-National Parks road trip. RV travel continues to be their preferred vacation style, and now their seven grandchildren are often sitting around the campfire, too.

Last summer Bill and Pam planned another RV vacation - a three-month volunteer experience with the National Parks. They had agreed to serve in the visitors center at the Moorscreek National Battlefield in North Carolina until COVID changed all that. The National Parks closed and their volunteer experience was canceled. However, they felt that COVID restrictions made RV travel more attractive than ever. RVs allowed them to be self-contained and was an ideal option to remain socially distant. Most of their travels remained close to home, but in the latter part of summer, their youngest son Ross and his wife, Tiffany suggested a short RV trip to Michigan together. “Let’s visit some of the places that you’ve enjoyed,” he said, “my kids can now experience a camping vacation just as we did.” As the children (Talan, age 10 and Aspen, age 8) would be enrolled in online learning due to COVID restrictions, it was decided they should go in mid- September. Talan and Aspen could complete their schoolwork on the road and vacationing would be safer when crowds were at a minimum.



Aspen studies while Talan participates in a Zoom call.

Their first stop was at quaint St. Lorenz Lutheran Campground in Frankenmuth, Mich. One can walk or bike into town from the campground. They did visit Bronners Christmas Store briefly to pick up some ornaments, but otherwise due to COVID, they avoided all other traditional, typical tourist activities. Instead they opted to visit the Silent Night Chapel, a replica of the Austrian

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Adventure with Bill and Pam Watkins



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

chapel where the Christmas carol, *Silent Night*, was first performed, enjoy a walk to the town’s beautiful Memorial Park, and experience a night-time drive to view the Christmas tableaux at Bronners that remain lit all year around.



SILENT NIGHT CHAPEL

Their next stop for a few days was Whispering Pines, a small, but wonderful family-owned campground in Mancelona, Mich. There were very few campers, so they enjoyed plenty of space and singular access to the park’s recreation hall, library and pickleball court. Using Mancelona as a hub, they visited beautiful Torch Lake, one of Michigan’s Chain of Lakes that is famous for its turquoise clear water; strolled through Clinch Park on the waterfront and played miniature golf in Traverse City; climbed Sleeping Bear Dune; and waded along the shores behind Old Mission Light-house on Old Mission Peninsula on Grand Traverse Bay.



Photos submitted by Bill and Pam Watkins
THE WATKINS AT OLD MISSION POINT

The next few days were spent in Mackinaw City at Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground, which overlooks the Straits of Mackinac and offers a gorgeous view of the Mackinac Bridge. One day was spent biking and picnicking on Mackinac Island - the children made it all the way around the



Tiffany looks under Arch Rock.

eight-mile island without complaint - and stopping at common points such as the famed Arch Rock, but also seeing seldom-visited sites such as the Grand Hotel Carriage House.

The highlight of their time in Mackinaw City was their evening at Headlands International Dark Sky Park. The Headlands became one of the first 10 dark sky parks in the world in 2011. A dark sky park is an area that is protected from artificial light sources and usually includes an observatory and educational astronomy opportunities. Basically, a dark sky park is for stargazing. The goal for the evening was to see the Northern Lights. As the evening temperature was expected to drop below 40 degrees, everyone bundled up in coats, hats and mittens. The park was an absolute delight. It was completely dark and quiet and lit only by small red lights along the pathways so nighttime vision was not impeded. Few people were at the park, so it was easy to select a good viewing spot away from others. They spread out several blankets on the ground within the park’s natural amphitheater and laid down to view the sky. The evening sky blossomed into a spectacular sunset, then as the sky darkened, the effect of looking up with the observatory behind them and Lake Huron before them was as if they were looking up into a black dome twinkling with thousands of miniature lights.

After identifying the Milky Way and a few planets and settling back to enjoy the inky blackness and melodic sound of the water lapping at the shore, Aspen finally asked, “So, when do they turn on the Northern Lights?” Although they did not have the opportunity to see them, they did experience the brightest shooting star with the longest tail blaze across the sky. All of the visitors let out a collective ohhh as it fizzled into quiet nothingness.



It was time to go home too soon. The family trip may have been short in days, but it was long in memories. “The time we spent mentoring Ross and Tiffany on RVing and revisiting places with the grandkids that we’ve already seen are moments to treasure. It was a very special week,” Pam shared.



Pam and Bill atop rise on Sleeping Bear Dune.



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Dot Brenn 2556 813-293-4205

BIBLE STUDY - LADIES AFTERNOON
Fridays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center - 5 to 6 weeks.
Rosita Williams 1072 516-808-5734
Carol Bowman 1535 717-495-9435

BICYCLING
Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 8:45 a.m. behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board for rides.
Susan Delaney 1733 231-215-0358

BIRDING
Tuesday walk starts at 8 a.m. Meet outside Post Office.
Norm Eden 0614 317-457-4904

BLOODRIVE AT TR
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.
Ken Neer 1071 419-366-0203

BOOK BROWSERS
Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.
Nan Lance 0421 518-813-7873

BOWLING
Fridays at 2 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes; Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go.
Lin Buczek 1928 920-470-7269

BRASS ENSEMBLE
Wednesdays 2:30 to 4 p.m. Activity Center. Need more brass players.
Bill Watkins 1110 740-361-4511
Steve Bowman 1535 717-486-9925

BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL
For information or help with a notice or ad, contact:
Betsy Behler 0665 302-730-8333
Jeri Miller 1125 352-588-5448

CHURCH ASSOCIATION
Sunday Activities: All events at The Grove
8:45 a.m. - Music Practice
9 a.m. - Bible Study
9:45 a.m. - Hymn Sing
10 a.m. - Worship service: Rev. Anthony Shipe
Choir Practice
Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Busch Hall. Join us.

CHURCH COMMITTEE
4th Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Citrus West.
John Freed 2520 651-464-5390

CLOGGERS OF TR
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Citrus East.
Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805
Donna Neer 1071 419-366-0471

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Activity Center
Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766
John Goodger 1331 352-467-1776
Cary Box 1119 615-337-4300

DULCIMER CLASS
Beginners, Mondays, 9 to 10:15 a.m., Citrus West.
Advanced, Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Citrus West.
Lois Showers 2513 570-939-2077
Robin Valunias 0611 708-829-0371

DULCIMER JAM
Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Citrus East.
Lois Allen 0604 207-240-4201

FIRE/RESCUE 33
Firemen: Tuesday, 8 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room
First Responders: Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room.
Business Meeting: 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Paul Rife Room.
Larry Polzin 0429 810-247-2361

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE AT THE GROVE
NEW! Fridays, setup 2:45 p.m., Music 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Donna Probes 1423 231-357-5713

GAMES NIGHT
Mondays, 7 p.m. in Snack Shack Shelter. Non-contact games.
Linda Smith 1415 517-662-9233
Joan Colao 0314 631-987-9488

GARDEN CLUB
Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.
Leslie Ewing 1308 812-701-5352

GENEALOGY
Fridays 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.
Judy Smith 0306 315-447-4939

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome.
Vicki Brooks 1435 615-390-4276

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP
Contact Office 352-588-2013

GOLF - LADIES’ LEAGUE
Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m., Starter Shack.
Pat Butler 1407 863-651-1164

GOLF LESSONS
Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m.
Lynn Meyers 0609 352-588-5256
Joan McLean 1429 613-474-2311
Gordon Mooers 0434 352-588-0709
John Wedell 6010 631-987-7551

GOLF - MEN’S LEAGUE
Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Starter Shack.
Bill Harkins 1823 518-365-6106
Lloyd Marsh 0107 352-807-8292

GOLF - SCRAMBLES
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings, Starter Shack.
Tom & Pat Butler 1407 863-651-1164
Dave/Dawn Pulleyyn 0113 276-243-9522

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Fund raiser only.
Vince Smith 0306 315-447-8536

JUBELLATION
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

KITCHEN USAGE
Please contact Jeri Miller for all kitchen needs.
Jeri Miller 1125 352- 588-5448

KNITTING AND MORE
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Snack Shack Pavilion.
Dot Picard 0905 207-232-4032
Jackie Gage 1439 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 0307 717-572-1044

LIBRARY
Southwest corner of Busch Hall. Place donations on bottom shelf of cart behind desk. Magazines to laundry
Library Committee- First Tuesdays, 2 p.m., In the Library..
Mary Kosbab 0119 352-588-0463

LIGHT ROOM IMAGING
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Citrus West.
Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766
Cary Box 1119 615-337-4300

LINE DANCING
Mondays and Thursdays 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.
Jean Zigrosser 0317 631-786-5097
Louise McRoberts 7003 317-258-4618

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

MAINTENANCE INFORMATION
Contact TR Office 352-588-2013

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS
Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Golf View Pavilion.
Pat Dellamuth 0610 319-330-2899

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB
Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing - Practice, Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, Mirror Lake.
Racing - Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at Mirror Lake.
Jay Matthews 2525 518-944-4277
Powerboat Racing - Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon, Mirror Lake.
Dean Peters 0909 813-317-3269

MODEL RAILROAD
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Activity Center.
Brian Krupicka 630-961-1243

ORCHESTRA/TRAVELAIRES
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Busch Hall. New members welcome.
Sue Troyer 0901 574-536-4771

PAINTING - OIL, ACRYLIC AND ART APPRECIATION
Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.
Pat Gallager 2529 352-424-1052

PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR
Drive thru dinner only.
Mary Hunter 2130 734-208-3458
Linda Smith 1415 517-662-9233

PET LOVERS CLUB
3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
Judy Leister 1533 419-894-6331
Kathy Shawver 1004 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

POM-POM DRILL TEAM
Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East.
Donna Neer 1071 419-366-0471

Bulletin Board

PRODUCE STAND

November and December: Mondays and Fridays, noon to 2 p.m.
January thru March: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays: noon to 2 p.m.

Oak View Shelter near Busch Hall.
Dade City location is in Walmart parking lot.

QUILTING

Thursdays 9 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.
Ethel Polsdofer 1117 734-347-1433
Bobbie Matkovich 2617 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, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.
Outdoor, Tuesdays, 8:30 to 11:45 a.m., Golf Course, #1 Hole. Fly electric only, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.
James Morrow 2539 636-584-5214
Charles Manos 1442 973-229-9157

RC MOTORSPORTS

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m., by Snack Shack.
Scott Tartanglia 0910 206-510-9845

RESIDENT RADIO FORUM

First Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m. On 1610 AM. Submit questions to forum@travelersrestresort.com. Include your name and lot number.

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 MACHINE EMBROIDERY

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 1072 516-808-5734

SHUFFLEBOARD

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition.
Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.
Richard Von Qualen 0401 815-735-4194

SNACK SHACK SHELTER USAGE

Requests to use after hours contact:
Jeri Miller 1125 352-588-5448

SPORTS CLUB

Charter Boat Fishing, Indoor Target, Outdoor Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.
Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Citrus West. All are welcome. Competitions and classes.
Ray LoPresti 1064 518-893-2427

STAINED GLASS

Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m., Activity Center.
Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m., Activity Center.
Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Activity Center.
Laura Apgar 2808 937-371-6844
Laverne Dennison 1623 440-477-4451
Instructor - Sherry Harbert 7005 319-404-1382

SUNDAY IN THE GROVE

Ice Cream Social - Sundays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., Ice cream sandwiches will be available for \$1 each.
Rosita Williams 1072 516-808-5734
Free entertainment as published in *The TR Times*.
Sundays, 4 p.m., in The Grove following Announcements.
Ken Langell 1128 317-408-6799

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG

Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m., Citrus East. Extra paddles available.
Lou Schuler 1116 513-379-4620

TALENT DISPLAY CASE

The works of talented TR residents are featured in the Post Office Display Case.
Contact Office 352-588-2013

TRAVELOGUE SHARING

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

UKULELE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m., Golf View Pavilion.
Donna Probes 1423 231-357-5713

WAIST WATCHERS

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

WALKING AEROBICS

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m., meet at Bocce Ball Courts, weather permitting,
Gloria Polzin 0429 810-252-0999

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:50 to 8:30 a.m., Bocce Ball Courts, weather permitting. Class size limited to 10..
Sheila Schencke 2112 425-590-7906

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 1334 352-588-4121

WOODCARVING

Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., Snack Shack Pavilion. Ladies, men, experienced and beginners are welcome. Carving blanks available.
Linda Murphy 1328 717-968-9306

YOGA

Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Tennis Courts.
Jean Renee DeTar 2708 316-518-8158

ZUMBA

Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Activity Center.
Bev Weissinger 1632 914-443-2820

Canceled Activities

BASKET WEAVING

Rachel Brooks 0133 603-534-4985

BINGO

Jane Carey 2504 352-467-3847

BOCCE BALL

LaVerne Dennison 1623 440-477-4451

BONFIRE (MONTHLY)

Phyllis Zitzer 2114 717-379-3054

BRIDGE CLUB (PARTY)

Linda Glover 0119 905-541-6399

BRIDGE CLUB - BEGINNERS LESSONS

Jim Weigand 2534 231-947-5649

BRIDGE CLUB - INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

Connie Bradley 0712 352-588-0373

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Terry Hosig 0407 860-416-2023

COFFEE SOCIAL

Jim Matkovich 1130 708-567-4686

COIN CLUB

No chairperson

DIGITAL TECH GROUP

Frank Meier 1307 586-918-4266

DINE-a-ROUND

Sandy Poast 2641 937-609-5143

DINING WITH FRIENDS

Dave /Mary Beth Baur 1129 207-650-6287

EUCHRE

Bob Phillips 2636 419-506-0128

EUCHRE/BID

Barb Nelson 1105 816-699-3835

FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS

Pat McCallum 1304 267-506-5049

FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SALE

Betty & Walt Gilson 2501 870-615-1668

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

Dot Brenn 2556 813-293-4205

GEOCACHING

Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766

HAND AND FOOT

Deborah May 1122 304-888-8207

HARMONAIRES

Don Sides 0206 336-407-0034

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Dick Miller 0550 352-206-3981

IPHONE CLASS

Susan Stahley 1106 518-598-6823

JOKER

Vicki Howard (Mon.) 0903 803-629-2506
Deborah May (Fri.) 1122 304-888-8207

KARAOKE

Glenn & Gabriella Young 0517 863-397-8249

LITURGICAL DANCE

Betty Teichert 0302 613-983-6089

MAH JONG CHINESE

Marcia Hatfield 0205 614-946-4411

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE PLAY

Bette Gorman 2703 608-547-5529

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Jim and Carol Henrikson 1207 810-990-9199

PAINTING - WATERCOLOR

Pat Miller 0555 352-206-3981

PICKLE BALL - MEN/ WOMEN

Dean Peters 0909 813-317-3269

PICKLE BALL/LADIES

Pam Watkins 1110 740-361-072

PINOCHLE

John Delaney 1733 907-351-5659

POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT

Gina DiPinto 0125 914-882-3255

POKER NIGHT

Jack Koch 2554 231-883-7506

POKER TEXAS HOLD’EM MEN AND WOMEN

Jack Davis 1636 352-206-6769

ROAD RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

No chairperson

SINGING MEN

Steve Gorden 2618 817-368-4993

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

John Goodger 1331 905-380-2185

SNACK SHACK

Jack Carey 2504 352-232-0290

TENNIS

No chairperson

TRAVELETTES WOMEN’S CHORUS

Mary Beth Coldren 0229 276-235-1505
Dir. - Bernadine Gutridge 2502 740-607-4575

TR TRAVEL

Sharon Gilbert Zile 2540 740-360-3819

VETERANS MEETING

Vince Smith 0306 315-447-8536

WIZARD

Vicki Howard 0903 803-629-2506

YOGA (CHAIR)

Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805

FOLLOW THESE 5 SAFETY STEPS
to keep us all healthy

1

STAY HOME IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL

Or if you tested positive for COVID-19or were exposed to someone with COVID-19in the last 14 days

2

STAY 6 FEETAWAY FROM PEOPLE

who don't live with you, both in and out of the water and avoid sharing items with other people

3

WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING

when not in the water*

* Don't place cloth face coverings on children under age 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, weak, or otherwise unable to remove the cover without help.

4

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol

5

COVER YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES

with a tissue or your elbow, throw the tissue in the trash, and wash your hands





Now, **let's swim!**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



by Jane Harrold

Originally published in 2007
Valentine's day is rapidly approaching. As usual, most women are thinking about a very special romantic occasion and most of the men are wondering what is so important about Feb. 14. Recently at *The TR Times* office, I was having a conversation about how marriage involves compromise. For instance, when Bill wants to build a model airplane on the kitchen counter, I should not need it for cooking purposes and therefore, we should eat out. This works for us.

One of the *Times* volunteers, Barbara Cameron, suggested that I write a *Jane's World* article as a Dear Abby advice column. She even provided questions for me to answer.

So here it is ... **Ask Jane – Ace problem solver.**

Dear Jane, I am upset. My husband dozes off when I talk about my crocheting and knitting. He pats the dog more than he does me. Do you think I should not have married him on June 14, 1951? **A. Snowbird**

Dear A. Snowbird, In June 1951 Mr. Snowbird was a great catch. He's gotten older and probably a little near-sighted.



Have you considered knitting a nice angora sweater for yourself? Put on the furry sweater, hide your husband's glasses and snuggle next to him on the couch. See what develops. I think you'll both be glad that you can knit. **Ace problem solver, Jane**

Dear Jane, My wife refuses to darn my socks. She knows how; her mother taught her. I don't think I should have to buy new socks for one little hole. How can I get her to darn? **Sam On (not over) the Hill**

Dear Sam On (not over) the Hill, Most women know how to darn and most men know how to get their wives to darn. I'm very surprised that you do not have this skill. Try this. For a week, every day when your wife sets out the garbage for you to look after, forget to do it. After three days she'll be darning. "Darn it, Sam Hill, I thought this was your job." P.S. As for the socks, I'd plan on putting them in the garbage. Buying new socks is a cheap price to pay for domestic harmony. **Darned good idea lady, Jane**

Dear Jane, Just because I lost the car keys and we couldn't go out to eat, my wife thinks I should not drive. She won't let me have her keys. Is this fair? P.S. If you are single and have a car, could I have your phone number? **Keyless Joe**
Dear Keyless Joe, Please show this column with your desperate letter to your wife. She'll

be so upset about your P.S. that she'll probably throw the car keys at you. P.S. If you suddenly find yourself without a dinner date, I may know someone. **1-800-BAD-IDEA, Jane**

Dear Jane, Right after we were married in 1970, I washed my hubby's favorite wool shirt in hot water by mistake. It got very small. He has hardly spoken to me since, but he is a good provider for me and the eight children. Do you know if that world record book has a record for holding a grudge? **Wondering in Wisconsin**

Dear Wondering in Wisconsin, I am not sure about the world record for holding a grudge, but I believe you are in a unique category. I am curious about the eight children. How did that happen? Since your hubby is a good provider, I think you should keep him. I am sending you the name and phone number for A. Snowbird who loves to knit. Perhaps you could take lessons and make hubby a new wool shirt. **Itching to hear how this turns out, Jane**

Due to space limitations and other pressing newspaper commitments, I will not be available to write an advice column. For those male readers who need help with their Valentine's Day plans, I suggest you ask your wives. For any female readers who need advice about Valentine's Day ... I can't believe I wrote that.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Garden News

Monarch butterflies

by Leslie Ewing

A garden is more than a collection of trees, shrubs and plants. Animals that live in the garden or travel through it add to the enjoyment. However, when club members find their carefully-tended plants have been eaten by deer or rabbits, the enjoyment is not so much.

A welcome visitor in the garden is the monarch butterfly. The TR Garden has two official Monarch Waystations that are marked with signs. The waystations provide milkweed plants for monarchs to lay eggs and then caterpillars eat the milkweed. The milkweed is in a mixed planting with flowering plants that the monarchs can eat as they travel south. It is possible that a few monarchs will winter at TR.



Photos by Phyllis Zitzer

MONARCH CATERPILLARS ON MILKWEED

The Jan. 27, 2021 issue of *The Revelator*, an online environmental magazine, contained an article describing how these butterflies are getting close to extinction.

The butterflies are counted as they migrate south for the winter dividing them into an eastern migration and a western migration. The western population has dropped by 97% when compared with the migrations in the 1980s. The numbers migrating in the east have dropped by 80% just in the past 15 years.

At the end of 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decided that monarch butterflies qualify as an endangered species. It could take a few years to make this an official designation.

Club member Phyllis Zitzer made a presentation to the Garden Club last season about the plight of the monarchs. Phyllis designed garden areas to meet the qualifications for Monarch Waystations.

Phyllis is now a Florida Master Gardener. In order to

achieve this, she took an 11-week course this summer, which had to be online due to the Coronavirus. The course covered not just environmental plants and trees, but also garden vegetables, soil testing and Florida-Friendly Landscaping, among other topics.

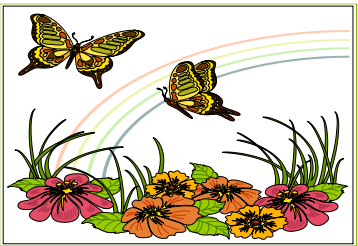
Becoming a Florida Master Gardener is a major accomplishment. Congratulations, Phyllis! In this her first year, she is required to volunteer for 75 hours. She is performing her volunteer work in Hernando County. In the coming years, in order for her to stay active, she will be required to volunteer and take continuing education courses to stay up to date.

In other garden news, the club needs someone to volunteer who knows how to use a pressure washer to wash down the boardwalk and railings. The club has a pressure washer. The pressure washing can be done at the volunteer's convenience. The lights on the boardwalk are scheduled to be removed at the club's next work session so they will not interfere with the washing.

The club could also use a few good men to help move benches around, as we would like to re-position them. Regular work sessions are Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers work in the garden at random times during the week, in order to space ourselves out more during this Coronavirus time. Face masks, garden gloves and sturdy shoes need to be worn.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY



Birding Activity

Seasonal birding is underway

by Norm Eden

"What's about?" as we move into our second winter month. Well, there continues to be a real shortage of many of our regular January visitors around the lakes. Apart from a single, lonely killdeer and an equally isolated Spotted Sandpiper, we are down to just two anhingas at the time of writing. There are occasional visits from herons and egrets and even the ibis numbers are low. So it may well be that, as birds never stop looking for food, the wild-fowl waders and fishing birds that we have seen in recent years have moved to another restaurant area as the food supply here for some species has become reduced. There is probably no single reason but these things are frequently cyclic and hopefully we can look forward to them coming back.



Photo by Norm Eden

SEVEN GOLD FINCHES

In the meantime the Tuesday 8 a.m. bird walk from the Post Office Veranda is getting good sightings at the feeding stations including a TR first (for January to March) as the group clearly identified an uncommon wood-



Photo by Peter Stahl, iBird
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

pecker, the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Sighting this bird, which winters in southern states and breeds in the northeast and across Canada, takes the total TR winter list to 115 species – impressive. Also other songbirds and perching birds are definitely here. Several Painted Buntings are being seen daily at different feeding stations and on more than two recent occasions three males were seen together at the Peg's Post feeder. This was a perfect opportunity for a great photograph if I hadn't forgotten the camera! The good news is that I'm not the only one seeing the buntings. Keep looking and, as always, it's best to stand or sit still and wait awhile as movement chases these birds into the secure undergrowth.

The other small birds previously mentioned to look out for included the Blue-grey Gnatcatchers. They will remain around but, although frequently in small flocks like many of the warblers, they never stop moving behind the leaves making them difficult for beginners to identify. The feeding

stations are being carefully monitored, and more species are steadily learning that there are new eat-in and carry-outs in the area with adequate adjacent scrub and squirrel-proof baffles.

Mostly identification of a bird is made when it sits still or stays on a feeder long enough for details to be clearly seen. Alternatively you may get repeated brief views as a warbler or gnatcatcher feeds in the high branches moving almost continuously amongst the leaves. Overall identification can be frustrating and enjoyable at the same time. It is certainly made easier and increasingly interesting as skills are developed in recognizing birdcalls and songs. When that is coupled with being familiar with the bird's size, shape and nature of flight birds can be identified without being seen or just with a very brief glimpse.

For me, with my well-known hearing loss, the birds I can hear only include the noisy ones such as cranes, crows, Belted Kingfisher, Pileated Woodpecker and the very loud but small Carolina Wren. Now, with increasing sightings at our nature trail feeding stations you can sit quietly, hopefully with your binoculars, and practice your identification skills while hearing the calls at the same time. TR's new feeding trail is a great place to practice your skills.



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14220 8th St. ~ Downtown Dade City



Library News

by Mary Kosbab

February might be the shortest month of the year but it is chock-full of beloved national holidays from National Chocolate Day on Feb. 1 to National Chocolate Soufflé Day on Feb. 28. These should make all the chocolate lovers happy.

There are many more notable holidays including Valentine’s Day on Feb. 14 and Presidents’ Day on Feb. 22. Lee Keller sends out special cards to all residents each year to celebrate her Uncle John’s favorite holiday, Ground Hog Day which falls on Feb. 2. Other lesser known holidays are National Inventor’s Day on Feb. 11, Love your Pet Day on Feb. 20 and Walking Your Dog Day on Feb. 22.



The TR Library has books that cover all of these subjects. Check the Biography section for books on the Presidents and inventors as well as many other notable people. There is a separate bookcase full of pet books adjacent to the “end of the alphabet” fiction section, including both fiction and non-fiction selections. For Valentine’s Day no list of romance authors would be complete without Jane Austen. For more current authors check out the Nora Roberts books,

Beverly Jenkins, Susan Phillips, Debbie Macomber and Nicholas Sparks. Some popular Christian fiction romance authors are Beverly Lewis, Wanda E. Brunstetter, Karen Kingsbury, Tracie Peterson and Janette Oaks. Finally Feb. 11 is Make a Friend Day which is certainly not hard here at TR. Feb. 17 is Random Act of Kindness Day which is an everyday occurrence at TR. On any day of the month, keep in mind that there are puzzles in the Library for you to borrow and enjoy. As always please contact us if you have any concerns or suggestions. We always welcome your input.

Pets on Parade



Photo by Judy Leister

TIMBER

Pet Lovers Club

Sniff, sniff, sniff



by Judy Leister

As Scoop and I go for walks around TR he might be happily prancing next to me one minute and then all of a sudden his nose drops to the ground and the sniffing begins. Whatever he smells is sure interesting to him. Sometimes it means he found the perfect potty spot and other times he just snuffles around for a while and then we happily continue our walk.

Some breeds of dogs seem to have a stronger sense of smell than others. Remember that our pets evolved from wolves who depended on their noses for survival and now most dogs today have inherited variations of that talent. For centuries humans have depended on dogs as their hunting partners and our history lessons in school taught us about dogs being used in warfare.

It’s estimated that a dog can detect smells 1,000 to 10,000 times stronger than a human and through a combination of nature and specialized training this has been developed in so many wonderful ways. We see in the news all the time how dogs help the authorities find narcotics, criminals, stashed cash, blood, explosives, bodies and missing people. They are not even thrown off by the smell of other stimulants.

This incredible sense of smell in dogs can even tell when the human body is not working properly. They are already being used to detect cancer and many other ailments. I was helping at an event once and was told to turn people away that tried to bring their dogs in with them. When I



Photo by Judy Leister

INCREDIBLE SENSE OF SMELL

approached a young lady with her cute sheltie her mother explained to me that the girl had severe epilepsy and the dog could sense an oncoming seizure, giving everyone time to prepare. Amazing! Of course the dog was granted admittance to that event. Some of you TR residents might remember a group called Sugar Dogs when they visited a Pet Lovers Club meeting to talk about diabetic detection. While the lady was making her presentation someone asked if the dog could visit those of us in the audience. She said that would be fine and gave her dog a signal that it was okay to mingle. All of a sudden that cute little poodle went into work mode and got very fidgety around someone in the audience. The speaker asked that lady if she happened to be diabetic and she said she was. She excused herself and stepped into the restroom. When she returned she said she had checked her blood and found it necessary to give herself a shot. Wow! That was something I will remember forever.

Many of us enjoy training our dogs to do fun things. Scent detection is gaining in popularity. There are even classes and competitions offered so you can see how we can even have fun with our sniffing four legged family members. Dogs have been used for security at many big events and in some airports for quite some time. Research is constantly developing new areas. Dogs are now being trained around the world to detect the COVID-19 virus and are amazingly accurate so don’t be surprised if you are approached by a dog the next time you are in an airport or getting on a ship for a cruise. While watching the news last night the screen lit up with excitement about the coming Super Bowl game right here in our area. Security and safety is of the utmost importance. The dogs will be on duty there sniffing for more than just all the illegal stuff. They will be there to help keep everyone healthy too.

WHO AM I? Just a reminder to all TR residents with dogs....It is so important that your dog have your phone number on its collar. If you are separated it will give whoever finds Fido a way to find YOU too.



Let’s play



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When Cindy and Brian decided they might want to get a puppy a local dog person in Connecticut recommended a breeder to them. After lots of research to make sure this breeder had healthy, happy puppies they went for a visit. Cindy vowed she was NOT going to pick up any of the puppies because she knew if she had a puppy in her arms, she would immediately want to take it home. Well that idea went out the window. They were taken into a room where the puppies were romping and walking around. None of the puppies paid much attention to the visitors.... except one little guy wandered over to investigate. His little nose poked Cindy’s leg. He poked again. Well, what’s a person to do when this cute little guy was just begging to be held? Cindy picked him up and that was it! He was coming home with them!



Timber loves any toy that he can chase, squeak, shake or hide, and look out when he sees his pickle ball being tossed across the room. Wow can he scamper. All that activity during the day calls for a comfy place to settle into at night. He rotates between his two favorite spots in bed, between Brian’s legs or on Cindy’s shoulder. During the day while everyone else is working on their computers Timber takes a break in his doggy teepee bed so he is well rested for the next round of pickle ball chasing. Timber is a well-educated pooch. In the summer months he attends weekly training classes and has graduated from Obedience 1 and 2 plus Agility 1, 2 and 3 and might get to put his nose to work in the future with some scent classes.

We all strive to make sure our pets eat a healthy, well rounded diet. Timber’s family takes that challenge seriously. They prepare him a wholesome meal each day made up of meat proteins and veggies. Yummy. Dried beef lung makes for great training treats too. Brian and Cindy are both First Responders here at TR. That means there are times when they must hurry off to emergencies. Don’t worry though, Timber has everything secure on the home front. He quickly dashes from window to window to keep a close eye on his kingdom. All is safe when Timber is on duty.



Sandy Nelson and Clint Taylor offer Julie a rose and their best wishes.



JULIE AND RICHARD HUNT



Chief Polzin leads off the parade.



Drive-by reflections from Richard and Julie Hunt



More than 50 vehicles lined up to drive past the Hunt's unit to bid them farewell.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 will be long remembered by us. We were overwhelmed by the wonderful send-off and well-wishes from our TR family. As you paraded in front of "The Blue House" we were reminded of how quickly you accepted us when we first arrived here for a visit some ten years ago. It did not take us long after snowbirding on Golf View to start looking for a more permanent residence. The years here have been among the happiest of our lives. Among our activities we have enjoyed participating in the Celebration Choir, the Travelettes, the Singing Men, Photography Club, Beading groups and as Worship Service and hymn-sing leaders. We've chaired the Talent Show, Thanksgiving Dinner, Summer Happy Hour, Travelogue Group, Fourth of July picnics and Book Group. Julie's joy was in serving as a First Responder. We plan to keep in touch through the Residents and Friends Facebook page even though we will be residing in Weldon Spring, Mo. Our email addresses and phone numbers will be the same. With aging and health issues we needed to be nearer to family. Two daughters, two sons-in-law and a son will be in the area, and we will be between a daughter and son in California and a daughter and family in Pennsylvania. We are fortunate to have 4 daughters, 2 sons, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grands. Let's not say "Good-Bye!" As former Airstreamers we say, "See you down the road!"



The parade of vehicles included everything from carts, to cars, to bicycles and motorcycles.



Julie is shown with Tom Lee at the site of a major fire in The Village several years ago.



As a First Responder, Julie serves up applesauce at a Pancake Breakfast.



Lots of cards expressed good wishes for the couple.



Richard waves goodbye as he and Julie watch the parade.



Richard presides over the Souper Bowl Sunday event at which residents could vote for their favorite football team based on where they placed their soup donation.



Richard appears during a trial scene in the Little Theatre's production of Trouble Over the Rainbow.



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Cal Bacon
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Pam Watkins
Sue Wendt



An effervescent Julie displays a sport outfit at one of the park's Fashion Shows.

Vistas

Finding the spirit of Valentine’s Day



PAUL FREED

by Paul Freed

Note: For several years Paul Freed, father of current TR resident John Freed, wrote a weekly column, *Vistas*, for *The TR Times*. The following article appeared on Feb. 14, 2003.

It’s a delight to have a special day to honor human love and affection. Valentine’s Day gives us a chance to refresh and express the special pleasure we have when there is a warmth and admiration between human lives.

It’s been said that our swift pace of living has crowded out some of the wonder of romance. It’s said we have lost the hesitancy, the sensitiveness and not a little of the awe that can come from courting, dating and young people waiting to live together until marriage.

A college newspaper recently reproduced an article it had first published in the year 1929. It was the description of a valentine moment in the more restrained,

less frantic days of more than two generations ago.

Under the title *The Art of Kissing*, the author counsels “Take the left hand of the lady in your right; let your hat go anyplace out of the way; throw your left hand over the shoulder of the lady and let it fall to about the middle of her back. Don’t be in a hurry. Draw her gently, lovingly, tenderly, but firmly to your heart. Her head will fall upon your shoulder.

“Gently, yet manfully, you press her to you. Stand firm. Be brave, but don’t hurry. Her lips are almost open; lean slightly forward, with your head, not your body; take good aim (this is important, many a good kiss has been spoiled by a bad aim). The lips meet, the eyes close, the heart opens, the soul rides the storms and weathers the blast.

“Heaven opens before you. The world shoots from under your feet as a meteor flies across the heavenly skies.”

“You have learned the art of kissing.”

And given a skillful expression of the spirit of Valentine’s Day.



by John Freed

In January 1981, Paul and Dorothy Freed arrived at TR in their Airstream. Travelers Rest had been recommended to them by Jim and Laura Edmondson, all members of the Charter Oak (Connecticut) chapter of WBCCI. As many have, they leased a lot in RV South for several years, moved to the Cabana Section for a year and then bought their Village house in 1985. During the summers, they would take their Airstream on the road traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada, stopping to visit their four children in various states. Their trips took them to Alaska twice, once to Mexico, and a caravan in New Zealand.

They were both very active in the park with Paul preceding Doug Pedersen as emcee of the Sunday night programs. Paul served on the TR Board and wrote the *Vistas* columns for *The TR Times*. Dorothy was an avid golfer, recording secretary for the TR Board, served as an editor for the paper and was a member of the choir.

Following Paul’s death in 2004 on his 88th birthday, Dorothy continued to live in her Village house for nine years. After 35 years in TR, she moved to Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland where she enjoys her independent and active life. She and her family are looking forward to a big family reunion in Maine in July as an early celebration of her 101st birthday.

Their oldest son John and his wife Karen had been visiting TR often over the years and got to know a number of residents, especially other members of the Charter Oak unit. Feeling the

TR Connections

John Freed

Photo by John Freed

Paul and Dorothy Freed enjoying an Alaska vista in 1985.

warmth and acceptance of the people in the park, they wanted to be part of the community. After semi-retiring in January 2009, John and Karen spent most of the season with Dorothy for five years and then, when Dorothy moved to Lakeland, they bought a Village house and became full-fledged residents of TR.

As Paul and Dorothy had done, John and Karen have been active at TR also. John served on the TR Board for four years and is the chairman of the Church Association this year. Karen led Bible studies for several years and both have been choir members. They enjoy being part of TR and look forward to many more years here.

Wildflowers and their legends

by Carol Lauer

Plants are essential to human life. On one level they provide food, can be a source of clothing, and definitely have been a source of medicine for humankind. But there is another level that has arisen from our love for wildflowers, and that is the legends we have woven in connection with them.

Black-eyed Susan came aboard, and eyed the burly men, saying “Tell me ye sailors, tell me true, if my Sweet William sails with you.” It’s no wonder this legend arose since these two attractive flowers have so much in common – they are both biennials blooming at the same time.

Forget-me-not – This dainty blue flower always catches my eye. Five small blue petals surround a yellow center forming a flower that is only ¼” wide and sits on two

Bouncing Bet is a pretty pink wildflower also known as Soapwort and Scour-weed. Over the years people discovered the scouring power of its leaves so it was named after a washer-woman in Europe. It was eventually brought to North America and was used as soap.

The Legend of Black-eyed Susan and Sweet William – “All in the downs the fleet was moored, banners waving in the wind, when

coiling stems that unfurl when the flower blossoms. Although you can grow forget-me-nots in your garden, they are naturally found along streams or rivers. How did they get their name? The story goes that long ago a knight was sitting on a riverbank with his true love and wanted to pick some of these charming flowers for her. As he did so, he lost his footing, fell into the fast-moving river, and tossed the bouquet back to his lady on the bank, pleading “Forget me not!”

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TR Sports

Ladies Golf League
results for Jan. 20



by Pat Butler

Thanks to all lady golfers who come out to play on Wednesday mornings. Great exercise, fabulous fellowship, once in a while a good shot... What more could we ask for?

Low Handicap 0-12	High Handicap +13
Low Gross	Low Gross
Hazel English.....36	Leslie Price.....45
Vicki Brooks.....37	Phyllis Simmers.....45
Shirley-Ann Appleby.....40	Barb Swartz.....46
Low Net	Low Net
Pat Gallagher.....32	Pat Butler.....34
Pat Daubenmier.....33	Jen Furman.....34
Laura Apgar.....42	Dee Branchaud.....35
Longest Drive:	Longest Drive:
Hazel English	Dee Branchaud
Fewest Putts:	Birdies:
Pat Gallagher.....14	Hazel English (2)
Closest to #3:	Leslie Price
Barb Swartz	Chip-Ins:
Closest to #5:	Laurie Gardner, Hazel English,
Pat Gallagher	Leslie Price



Ladies Golf League
results for Jan. 27

Low Handicap 0-12	High Handicap +13
Low Gross	Low Gross
Hazel English.....37	Phyllis Simmers.....42
Shirley-Ann Appleby.....39	Barb Swartz.....42
Vicki Brooks.....40	Betty Gilson.....43
Low Net	Low Net
Laura Apgar.....30	Jen Furman.....30
Sandy Nelson.....32	Laurie Gardner.....30
Pat Daubenmier.....33	Leslie Price.....31
Longest Drive:	Diane Doggett.....31
Shirley-Ann Appleby	Fewest Putts:
Birdies:	Phyllis Simmers.....14
Diane Doggett, Laura Apgar,	Closest to # 3:
Hazel English (2), Barb Swartz,	Betty Gilson
Betty Gilson, Jean Bjorgen	Chip-in:
	Barb Swartz

Saturday
Scramble

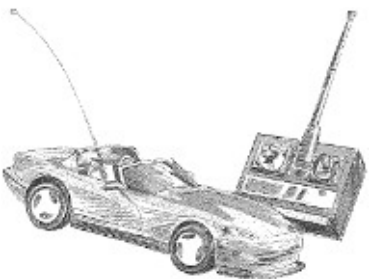


by Pat Butler

A hearty group of 35 golfers braved the mist and mugginess to come out and participate in the first scramble of the season held on Saturday, Jan. 23. Quota Golf was the game and the winners are listed below with their “quota scores”:

Women:	
Betty Gilson.....33	
Laurie Zentmyer.....33	
Dee Branchaud.....31	
Gina DiPinto.....30	
Hazel English.....30	
Men:	
Bill Apgar.....32	
John Wedell.....32	
Barry English.....32	
Walt Gilson.....30	
Wayne Branchaud.....30	
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Phil Risher.....30	

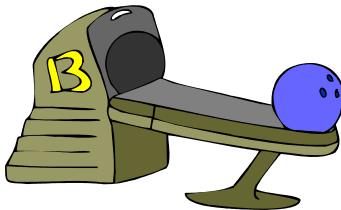
Hope to see everyone out for the next scramble to be held on Saturday, Feb. 13.



RC Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield	
Wednesday, Jan. 20	
1 Kevin Cahill.....30	
2 John Toombs.....29	
3 Gary Grenier.....27	
Saturday, Jan. 23	
1 Kevin Cahill.....30	
John Toombs.....30	
Riley Reymolds.....30	
Craig Kubinieci.....30	

Bowling Results



by Lin Buczek	
Friday, Jan. 22	
Men’s Scratch High Game	
Steve Niles.....248	
Mike Hardison.....196	
Don Markle.....161	
Men’s Scratch High Series	
Steve Niles.....606	
Mike Hardison.....508	
Don Markle.....449	
Men’s Handicap High Game	
Steve Niles.....269	
John Schell.....257	
Dave Couture.....238	
Men’s Handicap High Series	
John Schell.....677	
Steve Niles.....669	
Dave Couture.....643	
Men’s High Average	
Steve Niles.....203	
Women’s Scratch High Game	
Leslie Price.....187	
Lin Buczek.....180	
Carol Schell.....148	
Women’s Scratch High Series	
Leslie Price.....523	
Lin Buczek.....436	
Carol Schell.....398	
Women’s Handicap High Game	
Grace Couture.....270	
Lin Buczek.....262	
Carol Schell.....258	
Women’s Handicap High Series	
Carol Schell.....728	
Grace Couture.....726	
Leslie Price.....709	
Women’s High Average	
Leslie Price.....165	

by Lin Buczek	
Friday, Jan. 29	
Men’s Scratch High Game	
Bill Buczek.....212	
Steve Niles.....200	
Ken Neer.....196	
Men’s Scratch High Series	
Steve Niles.....586	
Bill Buczek.....553	
Ken Neer.....476	
Men’s Handicap High Game	
Bill Buczek.....274	
Ken Neer.....272	
Dave Couture.....256	
Men’s Handicap High Series	
Bill Buczek.....739	
John Schell.....718	
Dave Couture.....716	
Men’s High Average	
Steve Niles.....202	
Women’s Scratch High Game	
Pat Markle.....216	
Lin Buczek.....174	
Leslie Price.....157	
Women’s Scratch High Series	
Lin Buczek.....504	
Pat Markle.....460	
Leslie Price.....450	
Women’s Handicap High Game	
Pat Markle.....307	
Lin Buczek.....255	
Carol Schell.....255	
Grace Couture.....237	
Women’s Handicap High Series	
Lin Buczek.....747	
Pat Markle.....733	
Carol Schell.....732	
Women’s High Average	
Leslie Price.....162	



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Obituaries

ALBERT GUSTAFSON
Albert “Al” Gustafson of Holland, Mich. died on Jan. 15, 2021. He was born April 10, 1933 in Moline, Ill., the son of C. Albert and Alva Gustafson. He married Marilyn Severs on April 2, 1955 in Moline and they recently celebrated their 65th anniversary.

Al served in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from the School of Bank Administration at the University of Wisconsin. His work history includes employment at the Moline National Bank, bank examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department and Corporate Vice President of Auditing at the First Michigan Bank in Zeeland.

He was very active in his church, United Way, Lion’s Club and many other areas of service. In retirement Al and Marilyn volunteered for 10 years at Inspiracom/World Radio Network in McAllen, Tex. They actively promoted Academia Cristiana del Aire, a Spanish radio Bible correspondence school which reaches thousands of listeners including many prisoners.

Together they traveled extensively with Airstream RV caravans throughout the U.S. and Canada. They later spent their winters at TR on Lot 0530 where Al enjoyed singing and performing in the Little Theater.

Survivors include his wife, children Julia (Dr. David) Watt, Charles (Maria Droz) Gustafson and Erin (Glenn) Watt Fields, four grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, a sister and many cherished nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.



CAROL NORMA MEYERS
Carol Norma Meyers, 79, passed away Jan. 11, 2021 peacefully surrounded by loving family. Growing up in Sarnia, Ontario, she attended Central United Church and belonged to Explorers and GGIT. She attended Lochiel St. Public School, SCITS High School and graduated in 1962 from the Sarnia General Hospital School of Nursing. Her work history included Registered Nurse on the Children’s Ward at Sarnia General, General Nursing and Surgery at St. Joseph’s Hospital, IV Nurse at Victoria Hospital and nursing homes in Korr and Goderich.

Lynn and Carol spent many winters here in TR. She played her B flat horn in the Travelaires, loved to clog and performed at the TR Talent Show. For years Friday was her day to lead the water aerobics. She also enjoyed attending Bible Studies.

Carol and husband Lynn Meyers raised three children in Goderich. She became a member of the Salvation Army Church where she played brass instruments in their band as well as the Sarnia Community Concert Band. For several years she worked as a Teacher’s Aide for the Victoria School System. In addition working with young people in Sunday School and teaching beginning’s band gave her much joy.

She is survived by her husband Lynn, children Julia (Brad) of London, England and Leslie (Marvin) of Guelph, Ontario, five grandchildren and two sisters. She was predeceased by parents Clarence and Dorothy Fralick and son John Meyers.

BETH SMITH
Beth Smith, 64, of Gallatin, Tenn. passed away Dec. 10, 2020. She was born April 17, 1956 in Nashville, Tenn.

She was a nurse’s aide for the Macon County Tennessee County School System. At TR she and Ken resided on Lot 0433 and is remembered for her expert Christmas decorating of the office and her favorite pastime of riding her cart around TR visiting with people.

She was preceded in death by her father J. T. West and shortly after her death her mother, Jean Clementine Shrum West, succumbed following a prolonged illness.



Surviving are her husband of 22 years Kenneth Smith, children Steve Clifford (Sarah) West, Charles Alan Gressmire, Jeffrey Ken (Danielle) Smith, Trina Spivey and sisters Leah (David) Templeton, Rachel (Stan) Hall and Miriam (Tristan) Lobb, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

RALPH C. WILCOX
Ralph C. Wilcox, 79, of Hudson, Fla. died Dec. 31, 2020, sadly as a result of Covid. He and his wife, Mary, began their residency at TR on Golf View, visiting there for several years before claiming lot 0526 as their own.

Ralph’s cousin Mark Meister and his wife Judy, who presently reside on lot 1533, were the original ones who “discovered TR.” They convinced Ralph and Mary to come for a visit in their motor home and the rest is history.

He quickly found his favorite job in the Park, making the TR Garden beautiful. He worked tirelessly accomplishing this and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife Mary, three children, six grandchildren and a sister.



Warm and Creamy Bacon Dip

by Eleanor Buchser

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 C Sour Cream
- 3 oz. bacon bits
- 2 C shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 C chopped green onion

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a bowl, combine all ingredients.


Place mixture in a 1 qt. baking dish and cover.

Heat for 25-30 min. or until hot.

Serve with assorted vegetables, crackers, or chips.

Optional:

Mixture can also be placed in a hollowed out round sourdough loaf, wrapped in foil, and heated at 400 degrees for 30 min.



If you have a favorite recipe, why not submit it to *The TR Times* to share with our residents?



Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins

by Sylvia Cole

- 3-4 ripe bananas mashed well
- ¾ C white sugar
- ½ C soft butter
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 1 ½ C flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 Tblsp. milk
- 1 ½ C mixed semisweet and white chocolate chips

Cream in mixer bananas, butter, egg and sugar.

Mix flour, baking soda and salt then add to creamed mixture.

Add vanilla and milk then fold in chips.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.



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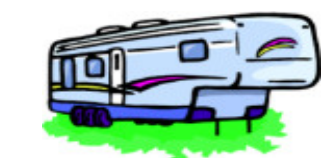



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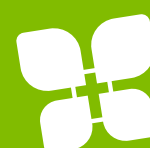
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