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Hi Lites



Friday LIVE at The Grove

Join Doc and Donna for a Beach and Buffett show Feb. 19. The TR Cloggers join them on stage in The Grove on Friday, Feb. 26, at 3:45 p.m. [See page 2.](#)



Sunday in The Grove

Come out for Take the Hay Train Sunday, Feb. 21, and singer and songwriter Michael D'Amore on Sunday, Feb. 28. [See page 2.](#)



TR Book Browsers

Virtual Book Browsers meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. [See page 7](#) for details.



Golden Anniversaries

Six couples celebrate 50 years. [See pages 17 and 18.](#)



Give Blood

OneBlood Buses coming to TR March 1. [See page 5.](#)

Reminders



Firefighters Needed

We are seeking volunteers to join us as firefighters! For more information, [See page 5.](#)



AGM Ballots

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

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Why Floridians need to conserve water

by Margaret Emmetts

Many ages ago the Florida peninsula was under water. It was a time of higher sea levels and Florida was covered with salt water. As was to be expected, the sea above our land was filled with sea creatures, many of which had shells.



SEASHELLS

Seashells are composed of calcium carbonate, the minerals which make up limestone. As these sea creatures died off, their shells fell to the sea bottom where they piled up. As the seas receded, soil began to accumulate on these shells. Over the ages, as the pressure of the land increased, these shells were transformed into the sedimentary rock known as limestone.



SEDIMENTARY LIMESTONE

If you have had any chemistry training, you were probably taught that water is the universal solvent. That means that more substances dissolve in water than any other liquid. We use water to dissolve minerals every day. We put salt in our cooking water and sugar in tea or coffee, both of which are primarily water, and so on.

Unfortunately, limestone is also a substance that dissolves in water, especially water that has some acid in it. It is not difficult to get acidic water into the ground. Acid rain is produced by many

manufacturing operations. Sulfuric fumes in the air from paper production for instance will unite with rain to form a weak sulfuric acid, just one example of how simply acid rain may be formed.



ACID RAIN AND LIMESTONE

As this acidic rain permeates the ground, it encounters the limestone beneath Florida's soil. Over time the water dissolves the limestone forming caves. The formation of these caves is a mixed blessing. The caves become the aquifers which hold our groundwater, the freshwater supply from which our wells supply us with drinking water. As long as these caves remain relatively full of groundwater, they support the soil above them.



LAKE IN LIMESTONE CAVE

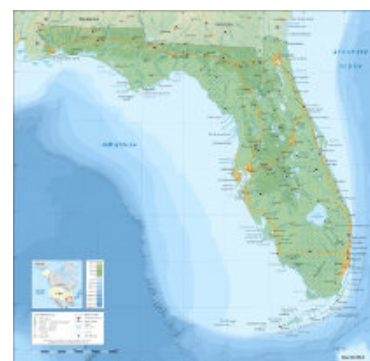
The problem arises when we begin to draw large amounts of water from the aquifers. As the volume of water in each aquifer decreases, so does the support for the soil above. When the aquifer fails to supply enough support, collapse occurs resulting in the sinkholes for which Florida is famous. These usually round sinkholes may eventually fill with rainwater and form "kettle lakes." If you have an opportunity to fly over Florida, the multitude of these small round lakes is clearly evident from the sky.

So, one result of the overuse of water is the creation of sinkholes. If you recall several years ago, we had a particularly cold winter. Local farmers traditionally spray their strawberry and tomato plants with water to protect them from freezing. I won't go into the chemical reason for this, suffice it to say it works. During the winter in question, huge amounts of water were drawn from the aquifers to protect the plants. It was estimated that the water table, the top level of groundwater, dropped about 60 feet that year. As a result numerous sinkholes developed, one even in the middle of a highway.



PINELLAS COUNTY SINKHOLE

Aside from the possibility of having structures collapse from being undermined, over use of water has a less evident result.



FLORIDA SURROUNDED BY WATER

Since Florida is a peninsula, it is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, both of which are saltwater. If our aquifers remain rather full, the hydrostatic pressure in them prevents the infiltration of sea water. However, should our freshwater aquifers be drained below a certain level, it would

allow seawater to infiltrate. Should this occur, our wells would no longer be able to supply us with potable drinking water.

It is true that water can undergo a desalination process, by which the salt is removed. However, this is an extremely expensive process.

If you were to vacation on the island of Bermuda, you would find that hotels and restaurants only provide a glass of water at your table if you request it. The reason is that much of their water has to undergo the expensive desalination process.

Homes in Bermuda have white limestone roofs. These are used to collect water into cisterns for the home's freshwater use. Islanders have learned to conserve water or pay the price.

In Florida we are undergoing a building boom. More and more houses are being built without regard to how these homes will be supplied with freshwater.



CONSERVE WATER


It is in everyone's interest to conserve water. We live on the "blue planet" so called because over 70% of its surface is covered with water. However, that water is mostly salt water. Only 2.5% of Earth's water is freshwater, the kind that is needed for life to survive. Most of this 2.5% is locked up in glacial ice or is in groundwater. A mere 1.2% of all freshwater is surface water, a sobering thought.

Please do your part to conserve this natural resource that is so necessary for life.

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We need your input!
Please take this TR Times one-question survey!

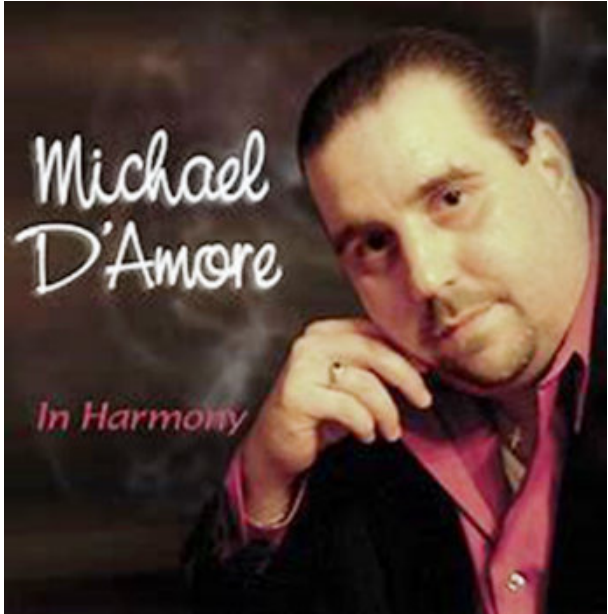
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by Ken Langell
Take the Hay Train will perform at Sunday in The Grove on Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. As you might guess from the band name (a play on Duke Ellington's *Take the "A" Train*), the Hay Train's main theme is crossing musical genres. Primarily jazz musicians, they enjoy exploring the musical roots of many different genres, from modern to pop, klezmer, country, minstrel tunes – even big band and classical influences find the way into their act. The band members are multi-instrumentalists. They play piano, bass, mandolin, guitar, violin, accordion, banjo and probably more. Who knows - bandleader Randy Morris used to perform at Disney on the PIANO BIKE – maybe???



TAKE THE HAY TRAIN



MICHAEL D'AMORE

Don't miss singer, songwriter and member of The Capris, Michael D'Amore, at Sunday in The Grove, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m. Michael is a professional entertainer based in the New York metropolitan area. Having performed in several genres, Michael eventually found himself drawn to the harmony of the Classic R&B and Doo-Wop sounds. He currently performs his one-man show showcasing the best of the 50s and 60s. He is also a member of The Capris and proud to sing lead on their hits *There's A Moon Out Tonight* and *Morse Code Of Love* for music fans around the world.

He has opened for and shared the stage with groups such as The Stylistics, Lou Christie, John Cafferty, The Loving Spoonful, The Grass Roots, Kenny Vance, the Planotones and many other groups he has admired over the years.



Friday Afternoon LIVE gets livelier



Photo by Pam Watkins

Barbara Swartz adds her talent to Donna and Doc's for another music-filled Friday Afternoon LIVE in The Grove.

by Donna Probes

We are thrilled to welcome some of the great talent at TR to the stage with us. Barb Swartz joined us last Friday for some beautiful love songs. She sang two Carpenters' songs: *We've Only Just Begun* and *Close to You*, along with Anne Murray's *Could I Have This Dance*.

On Friday, Feb. 26, the TR Cloggers will join us for a lively song entitled *Knee Deep*. Donna Neer and her troupe have worked up a very fun routine to this snappy beach song which has been done by Zak Brown and Jimmy Buffett. Speaking of Jimmy Buffett, we'll be doing a **Beach & Buffett** show on Friday, Feb. 19. By request, we will include some of Buffett's greatest hits like *Margaritaville*, *Cheeseburger in Paradise* and *Five O'Clock Somewhere*, plus many others. We will also add our favorite Beach Boys surfing songs and some calypso tunes.

Ken Langell will join us for a special St. Patrick's Day show on March 12. This fun program will take you to the Isle of Green with Irish pub and Celtic favorites.

We hope to add more collaborations to our lineup. Watch for announcements of which of our talented TR friends will be part of the musical fun.

Friday Afternoon LIVE is an ongoing TR activity held at The Grove Stage. Doc and I start at 3:35 p.m. with two sound-check numbers, which everyone is welcome to enjoy. The real show begins at 3:45 and runs until about 5:15 p.m.

Our last show before we head back home to Traverse City, Mich. will be April 9. A big thank you to everyone for joining us for these fun afternoons.

As always, e-mail any requests you have to us at donnawilpro@gmail.com. We will try our best to get to them.



Week of Feb. 21

- Glavich Produce - Monday, Feb. 22, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- The Family Farm - Tuesday, Feb. 23, 12 to 2 p.m.
- Rhoden Farm Fresh Eggs - Thursday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m to 12 p.m.
- Glavich Produce - Thursday, Feb. 25, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Glavich Produce - Friday, Feb. 26, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Week of Feb. 28

- Glavich Produce - Monday, March 1, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- The Family Farm - Tuesday, March 2, 12 to 2 p.m.
- Light My Fire Pizza - Tuesday, March 2, 4 to 8 p.m.
- Rhoden Farm Fresh Eggs - Thursday, March 4, 10 a.m to 12 p.m.
- Glavich Produce - Thursday, March 4, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Glavich Produce - Friday, March 5, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Griddle Gourmet - Saturday, March 6, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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Briefings from the Board

by Callie Zak,
President and CEO

The Annual General Meeting is less than four weeks away. To have a valid business meeting, we need to meet a required quorum. The new Proposed Resolution, which appears on this year’s ballot, will require a quorum to represent one-third of the number of shares of stock. Since there are currently 1,000 shares, a quorum will be 334 votes. The current quorum is 501 which is difficult to achieve.

The last two years we have barely made quorum. If a quorum does not exist, the Board stays intact unless someone resigns. If this happens Board members are appointed by the remaining Board. I encourage you to vote. You have many options this year to get your ballots in:

- 1 - You can take a picture of it and email to agm@travelersrestresort.com.
- 2 - You can fax it.
- 3 - You scan and email it.
- 4 - You can use the U.S. Postal service if you are out of the park or use park mail if you are here.

Be sure to vote for both the candidates and for the Proposed Article. There are proxy envelopes in the take-one bins on the wall of the north side of the Post Office Lobby should you need one.



Photo by Margaret Emmetts
TAKE-ONE BINS

The lowest stock price is \$3,700. We have filled four lease lots leaving us with only six available. If you’ve had the opportunity to cruise the park, you will notice many new park models. We have several more that are scheduled to be installed in the next several months. This is exciting news for the park as well as the new owners.



CALLIE ZAK

The new TR website is getting close to a beta version and that is the testing phase. *The TR Times* has volunteered to do an article to introduce the website when it gets further along. COVID has affected so many products and services, but we guarantee it is going to be worth the wait. It will be easier to navigate and will have options for printing forms that you need.

Earlier this season, I asked a Board Member to do a comparison of TR to other parks. I have submitted this to *The TR Times* to print and do an article when they can. I believe this will be an eye-opener for many. It is difficult to find elsewhere what TR offers even during a pandemic.

Spectrum has indicated they will be making us another offer to install a new system. Board members are elected to make these business decisions. However, since this is such a big expense, this Board decided to seek more input from the shareholders. For something of this magnitude and importance, the Board wants to know the pulse of the residents. We have a survey ready to go out as soon as we can update it with the new information.

Remember if you have questions for the Board, you can submit them to forum@travelersrestresort.com.

If you have questions regarding operation of the park, please call the office. There are multiple avenues for communication to get answers to your questions.

Board announces policy changes

by Linda Smith,
2nd Vice President

The following changes were approved at the Board meeting on Feb. 2, 2021.

Note: ~~Strikeouts in red~~ are shown for deletions and blue text is used for additions.

Original: C3010
~~SKATING: Roller Skates of any form, including inline and four-wheel, are permitted. Skateboards are prohibited. Skates are to be used only on the roads of TR and all rules, which apply to vehicles, apply to skaters. Skates are not to be used on any sidewalks, blacktop paths, the tennis courts, or in any building. (Revised 1-18-05)~~

Changed policy
C3010 : SKATES, SEGWAYS & HOVERBOARDS
Roller skates, segways and hoverboards are permitted but are to be used, at the users own risk on roads of TR and must follow all rules which apply to vehicles. Skateboards are prohibited. (Revised 1-18-05) (Revised 2-2-21)

Original: C3070
ATTIRE: Bathing attire is acceptable only at poolside. Shoes, shirts and cover-ups are to be worn at all times in public areas, including walking, bicycling and traveling in golf carts. ~~all areas when not at poolside. All public buildings are off limits to bathing attire except~~ Busch Hall rest rooms are the only public building bathing attire is allowed. Spike golf shoes are prohibited in all public buildings. (Revised 12-16-03)

Changed policy
C3070: ATTIRE: Bathing attire is acceptable only at poolside. Shoes, shirts and cover-ups are to be worn at all times in public areas, including walking, bicycling and traveling in golf carts. Busch Hall rest rooms are the only public building bathing attire is allowed. Spike golf shoes are prohibited in all public buildings. (Revised 12-16-03) (Revised 2-2-21)

Original E2025
PET CLEANUP: Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets at all times and in all places, even on their own sites and when using the pet exercise facility. Droppings must be put in plastic bags and placed in the dumpsters. (Revised 01-24-06)

Changed policy
E2025: PET CLEANUP: Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets at all times and in all places, even on their own

sites and when using the pet exercise facility. Droppings must be put in plastic bags and placed in the dumpsters.

Allowing pets to defecate/urinate on any other resident’s lot is strictly forbidden. Violators will be subject to a fine up to and including non-renewal of lease in accordance with enforcement of rules and regulations (policy N2060) Revised 01-24-06) (Revised 2-2-21)

E2015 Original Policy-deleted as written
~~PET WALKING PROHIBITED: It is the pet owners’ responsibility to become familiar with areas of the resort where pet walking is prohibited. Pets may not be walked in the following areas: the golf course, near common buildings, in any grove, forest or wooded area or walked on walkways leading to and/or around the Snack Shack, Vanishing Lake, Lake Margaret, Bocce Ball, Horseshoe or fire pit. Pets may not be walked on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Streets between 14th and 17th Avenues. In addition, on Travelers Rest Blvd. (aka 1st Street), use the public sidewalk adjacent to the golf course and not the resident side of the street.~~

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WALK ON ANY RESIDENT’S LOT OTHER THAN THEIR OWN AT ANY TIME. ALLOWING PETS TO DEFECATE/URINATE ON ANY OTHER RESIDENT’S LOT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AND VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE UP TO AND INCLUDING NON-RENEWAL OF LEASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. (SEE POLICY N2060) (Revised 03-28-06) (Revised 03/06/12) (Revised 12-11-12) (Revised 03/05/13)

E2020 Original Policy-deleted as written
~~PET WALKING AREAS: When taking your pet on public walkways, try to keep pets on the sidewalk, boulevard or roadway~~

~~preventing accidents on passing sites. The golf course and all public gathering areas are off limits to all pets.~~

~~Designated pet walking areas in the resort include:~~
~~• Cabana Section: open (north) area of the Cabana Section behind the 11th Avenue cabanas.~~
~~• Golf View: use posted areas along the perimeter, but keep pets away from the picnic shelter and off the golf course.~~
~~• RV South: walk behind the west side of 10th Street, next to the Schwend fence, and behind sites on the south side of 21st Avenue near the Johnston Road fence.~~
~~• Mobile Home Subdivision: keep on the public sidewalk, boulevard or street within the subdivision. (Revised 1/24/06)~~

Changed policy
E2015 PET WALKING:
Prohibited areas:
>Golf Course
>Any TR buildings or under building awnings.
>Any public gathering area.
>In any grove, forest or wooded area.
>Snack Shack Area.
>Vanishing Lake, Lake Margaret, bocce ball, or fire pit.
> 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Streets between 14th and 17th Streets.
> TR Blvd (1st Street) resident side.
>Any resident’s lot other than your own.

Approved walking areas:
>Cabana section: Open (north) area behind 11th Avenue Cabanas.
>Golf View: Posted Areas along the perimeter, away from pavilion and golf course.
>RV South: West side of 10th street, next fence and behind sites on south side of 21st Street near Johnston Road fence.
>Village: Use public sidewalk, boulevard or street within subdivision
>Public walkways: Keep pets on sidewalk, boulevard or roadway. (Revised 2-2-21)

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The Annual Stockholders Meeting is fast approaching

The Annual Stockholders Meeting, also known as the AGM, will take place on Tuesday, March 9, at 2 p.m. It is anticipated the meeting will take place in The Grove, but like all activities, just how the meeting will be held will depend on the status of COVID-19. The Board will make an appropriate announcement as the time approaches.

Each stockholder has received a packet containing the minutes of the prior meeting, financial statements and other pertinent information. The most important enclosure is the Ballot or Proxy Assignment sheet.

The Board urges you to return this Ballot as soon as possible. This is particularly important this year so that we have the necessary quorum to make the meeting legal. The reason this is so critical at this time is because many stockholders have not been able to physically return to the park due to COVID-19. We have many Canadian residents and the Canadian border being closed precludes their returning this year. Should we not meet legal quorum requirements the meeting cannot be held. Counting noses the day of the meeting is too late to take any action.

COVID-19 has made all our lives difficult this year and the TR Board is no exception. A valid meeting is important to elect new Directors to replace those whose terms expire.

Please return your Ballot ASAP and mark your calendars to reserve Tuesday afternoon, March 9. *mre*



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The Servant’s Plow

Thoughts for the Lenten Season

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe
How important are our dying words? A comparison between the last dying words when Christ was crucified with two criminals and what we might say or do in our last moments.

In a humorous sense:
A deacon is in the hospital and his pastor goes to visit him. The pastor notices all the medical equipment attached to the deacon. He kneels by the bed. The deacon motions to a pad and pen on the bedside cabinet. The pastor hands his friend the pad and pen and the deacon begins to write. Suddenly the deacon dies. At his funeral the pastor delivers the service. He says, “I was with him when he died and as a matter of fact I have his last thought in my coat pocket here.” The pastor pulls out the paper and reads, “Please get up. You’re kneeling on my oxygen hose.”

In a more sobering sense:
The last words of a dying person are normally never forgotten. A person’s closing comments are diverse, often revealing their pain and agony. Some enter eternity without saying anything, while others utter sentiments that disclose their values, priorities and innermost thoughts.

Consider Luke 23:26-43:
As we begin the season of Lent, let us think about both the final dying words and attitudes of the three men in our reading. It is interesting and certainly no coincidence how these three men were sharing the same fate together. In Mark 10:35-39, Jesus’ two disciples James and John asked Jesus for the places of honor next to Him in His kingdom. He told them they didn’t know what they were asking. Now that Jesus was preparing to inaugurate His kingdom through His death, the places on His right and left were taken by two other dying men - criminals. As the Bible points out this shows that Jesus’ death is for all people, regardless of their past. As Jesus explained to His disciples, a person who wants to be close to Him must be prepared to suffer and die. The way to the kingdom is through the uniqueness of the cross. Although mocked as the dying King of the Jews and most kingdoms end with the death of a king, His death was the start of His eternal kingdom.

Two common criminals with two different attitudes and levels of faith. One not only fully recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah but that he was a criminal deserving of punishment. The



ANTHONY SHIPE

other doubted and despised Jesus, hurling insults which included “if you are the Messiah, save Yourself and us.”
I ask the question, which criminal totally reflects our own persona? If we are totally honest I guess most of us have some traits from both. I know I do! Do we fully recognize and appreciate the sacrifice that Jesus made for us? Do we ever have doubts and fears? I wonder what our last words on earth would be? I like to think that all of us on our death beds would be praising God, but the reality is that so many people seem to lose their faith when the wheels come off? On the other hand when faced with the certainty of death some do accept the salvation offered through Jesus at the very last moment.
I believe the Bible is clear and Jesus taught that not everyone goes to Heaven. However, I also believe that everyone has the opportunity, yes even if it is the last thing they

say and do, to repent and accept Christ as their Savior and, like the repentant criminal, from that moment they will be with Christ.
I think as we start this period of Lent it is right not only to recognize Jesus as our Friend, Savior and Redeemer but also to recognize our faults and failures. The Lord hates sin. The Lord hates the mess of sin in our lives and He wants us to cooperate with Him to get it cleaned up for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. On the cross Jesus paid the price for the sins of the whole world but He was crucified between two thieves, one who mocked Him and one who asked Jesus for mercy. Let’s be a people who will leave no stone unturned, no cobweb unswept and no dust allowed to gather. Let’s once and for all dump any hurts from the past whether at home or in the fellowship. Let’s really start cruising together in unity with each other with Christ as the Captain.
The choice is ours - and it is a choice. Jesus gave us this challenge, “If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.” Let’s choose willingly to wear this cross and to bear the burden of sacrifice just as Christ Himself did. If we have truly recognized, repented and reconciled ourselves with Christ and with each other we are guaranteed our passage to Heaven. Amen.

Souper Bowl of Caring wins the game



Photo by Bill Watkins

Donations of soup pile up in the church cabana.

Generosity abounds at TR. In the latest fundraiser for local food pantries, we donated 472 cans of soup - 344 for the Bucs, 82 for the Chiefs and 46 to the I don’t care who wins category. More than \$860 was given for restocking pantry shelves, in addition to other food and miscellaneous sundry items left in the church cabana along with the soup. Thank you TR for your giving spirit.

The Siren



by Jean Cobb
RN and First Responder

Imagine you are playing pickle ball with several friends when you notice that one of your friends is sweating profusely and appears shaky and anxious. You ask if they are OK. They respond slowly, appear a bit confused, and say that they are feeling “pretty bad.” Remembering that they are diabetic, you realize that diabetic hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is likely the problem and know that your quick action is critical.

When they say they have glucose tablets in their golf cart, you retrieve them and give them three to chew. Within five minutes they are starting to feel better. You drive them home in their golf cart and help them prepare cheese and crackers as a snack. They check their blood sugar and it is 90 mg/dL. Disaster averted!

Left untreated, diabetic hypoglycemia quickly becomes a 911 medical emergency because it can lead to loss of consciousness, seizures and even death. Once the diabetic loses the ability to safely swallow, hypoglycemia becomes more difficult to treat, so early action is imperative.

The diabetic who takes insulin is at greatest risk for experiencing hypoglycemia, but it can happen with oral diabetic medications as well.

Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) occurs when there’s too much insulin and not enough sugar (glucose) in the blood. Common causes of diabetic hypoglycemia include taking too much insulin or other diabetes medications, skipping a meal or exercising harder than usual. Drinking alcoholic

Diabetic Hypoglycemia
(Low Blood Sugar)
Is a Medical Emergency

beverages on an empty stomach can also trigger episodes of diabetic hypoglycemia.

Hypoglycemia is defined as a blood sugar measurement below 70 mg/dL or (for our Canadian friends) 4 mmol/L. Early warning signs include: shakiness, headache, dizziness, sweating, extreme hunger, irritability or moodiness, confusion, anxiety or nervousness.

If the diabetic experiences symptoms of low blood sugar but cannot check their blood sugar level right away, treat them as though they have (low blood sugar) hypoglycemia.

Attend to early warning signs so low blood sugar can be treated promptly while the diabetic can cooperate to swallow glucose-containing food or drink. Early treatment is eating or drinking foods/liquids that will raise blood sugar level quickly: five or six pieces of hard candy; four ounces of fruit juice or regular (not diet) soda; one tablespoon of sugar, jelly, or honey; or three glucose tablets. [Do not attempt to give food or drink to anyone who cannot safely swallow as it may cause choking or aspiration into the lungs.] Blood sugar should rise and the diabetic should begin to feel better within 5-10 minutes. If they do not recover within 15 minutes, repeat the sugar-containing treatment.

When the diabetic does respond to the initial sugar and feels better, follow with a snack that contains more complex carbohydrates and protein, such as peanut butter and jelly sandwich or cheese and crackers, to prevent the blood sugar from dropping again once the initial sugar has been used by the body.

Dial 911 if the diabetic cannot safely swallow, does not respond to food/fluids that should raise blood sugar quickly or if they show signs and symptoms of severe hypoglycemia, including difficulty speaking or slurred speech, clumsiness or jerky movements, blurry or double vision, confusion, muscle weakness, convulsions, seizures or unconsciousness.

TR First Responders have glucose gel to treat hypoglycemia. As soon as the Pasco County Ambulance arrives, injectable or intravenous glucose can be administered to the patient who cannot safely swallow. So stay calm and stay where you are - help is on the way!

A final note - It is wise for the diabetic to wear a Medical Alert bracelet/necklace. It is also very important for them to tell family and friends what symptoms to look for and what to do in case they are not able to recognize and/or treat hypoglycemia themselves when it happens. Have fun - stay safe.

Fire Station Siren

911 Calls: A steady blast for one minute. Activated by Pasco County Fire/Rescue as a result of a 911 call.

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Severe Weather Warning: Three long blasts, a 15-second pause and three more long blasts. Sounded when directed by the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center.

Weekly Siren Test: Two warbling blasts. Used as a siren test on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

TR Blood Drive is
scheduled for March 1



by Ken Neer

On Monday, March 1, two OneBlood buses will be parked next to the TR Fire/Rescue Station to take blood donations.

The things you need to know:

1. Buses will be here from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2. You can sign up in the TR Post Office Lobby or [schedule an appointment online](#) through OneBlood. (I will try to coordinate online schedule with signup sheet in Lobby).
3. You must bring a picture I.D.
4. CDC-guideline protocols will be followed. Masks for staff and donors, social distancing of donors and bed areas will be sanitized between donors.
5. All donors will receive a wellness check, which includes total cholesterol and COVID-19 antibody tests (call-in). Also, each donor will receive two (2) Strawberry Festival tickets.

With fewer donors and staff members on each bus, sign-up appointments are encouraged. Walk-ins will be ‘fit-in’ as space allows (late morning/early afternoons are usually more open).

The need for blood is almost always high, as there is continuous need (accidents, newborns with complications, anemia, surgical and burn victim patients to name a few), and there is no substitute for human blood. Remember you are giving the ‘Gift of Life’ to 2 or 3 patients each time you donate. So please take a few moments out of your not-so-busy (this year) schedule and sign up.

If you have questions about donating blood or eligibility, you may visit [OneBlood's FAQ page](#).

Thank you for donating!

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 04-29.

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Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik
Activity Coordinator

Are you feeling a bit lost because we are not able to run several of our more than 150 activities here at TR? Our setting is attractive, the park is kept neat and clean and certainly the winter temperatures are SO much better, especially as I write this, than they are up north right now! But I have heard over and over that TR's greatest attraction is its numerous activities and its residents who volunteer their time and expertise to run them.

The friendships we make as we enjoy these activities keep us returning year after year. Many of us are missing our favorite activities that are on hold this season because of COVID-19. Buildings have been closed as a precaution for most of the season, and several chairpersons have been unable to join us this year. However, multiple residents have achieved a certain level of "pandemic patience." They express thankfulness just to be here and they are exploring new opportunities within the park.

Speaking personally, my wife Laura and I are grateful we have avoided the virus so far. We can enjoy walking in the warmth of a summer-like day every day and safely socializing with friends with whom we cross paths along the way.

Laura and I typically head down 10th Street, drop off our trash



GUY WEIK

and recyclables and then head over to Vanishing Lake. We pass a small bird-watching bench on the left and, if we are lucky, the colorful Painted Bunting might be feeding as we walk by. Word travels quickly, so expect some company here if the buntings are in town! Depending on the time of day, there might be a race going on at the RC Motorsports track. As we approach the lake, we nearly always catch a glimpse of egrets, Great Blue Herons and our resident Sandhill Cranes. Vanishing Lake and Lake Margaret are also frequented by anhingas drying their outstretched wings, ibises busily hunting for food, colorful spoonbills and stocky storks.

Next on our walk is a real treat – the TR Garden. Such a stretch of peace and tranquility I have not seen in any other RV resort and this garden is all unselfishly maintained by our Garden Club volunteers. I am always in awe of these men and women, who donate so

many hours every Thursday morning weeding, mulching, pruning, transplanting and watering, just to mention some of their weekly chores. On other days you may see several of the club members returning to the garden to complete tasks they were unable to finish during Thursday's prescribed time. As with all our volunteers, these residents are truly dedicated to their craft.

If you track your daily steps like we do, you can easily accumulate over 7,000 steps by walking through Golf View, around The Village, into the Cabana Section and eventually returning to your starting location. You can vary your routine by walking the Golf Course on Tuesday mornings. I might offer a word of caution if you walk in the late afternoon, your exercise might be interrupted by invitations to chat with friends, socially distanced, of course. In a more typical season, you may even be invited to join them for a cool beverage.

We are all looking forward to welcoming back friends next season and, God willing, returning to our usual activities at TR. In the meantime, enjoy the sun, warm weather and not having to bundle up or shovel snow when you go outside. If you have extra time on your hands, Garden Club members would be happy to direct you towards weeds to pull and plants to care for. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated!

Meet the new Activities Coordinator

by Margaret Emmetts

Our new Activities Coordinator is Guy Weik (rhymes with Mike) who replaces Jeri Miller who held the position for many years.

Weik is a retired educator who taught elementary school and later became a principal. Originally from Litchfield County, Conn. he began his career on the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Weik spent four years in Germany teaching elementary school for the military.

On his return to the U.S. he moved to the Washington, D.C. area where he met his wife Laura. Laura, hearing many tales of Guy's years in Germany, expressed a desire to see Germany firsthand. Serendipity stepped in and presented an opportunity to return to Germany to teach. Eventually the couple returned to the U.S. and settled back in Connecticut.

Ironically Weik ended up first teaching and then becoming the principal in the same school he attended as a child. It was also the school attended by his father and grandmother.

Weik retired from education in 2013. As a member of the Connecticut Airstream Unit he heard tales of TR. Like many before him, he and his wife came to check out the park. They started out on The Hill, moved to RV South and ended up at their current location in a park model on lot 10-37.



Photo by Bill Watkins

GUY WEIK

Weik volunteered at the park office. When Jeri Miller expressed her desire to retire, Ray Hill asked Weik if he would be interested in the position. He has been currently working with Jeri to make a smooth transition. Any correspondence or questions concerning TR Activities should now be given to Guy. You may reach him at 352-584-6377 or via email at activities@travelersrestresort.com. He plans to touch base with chairpersons of all activities to determine their needs.

While the fate of all activities remains in the hands of COVID-19, Weik hopes to be able to plan for a full slate of activities next season. He also hopes to introduce a means of electronically registering activities. We wish Guy all the best in his new position.

Golden Anniversary couples receive gifts from the TR Dance Committee and The TR Times

by Pam Watkins

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. It is a fun evening filled with entertainment and special memories of celebrating with TR friends and neighbors. In addition to the dance, *The TR Times* publishes a story and photograph of each couple being honored.

This year something a bit different was planned. Celebrating couples are still being honored with stories and photos in the paper, but in addition, each couple received a commemorative rose and a tabloid-size print of the page from *The TR Times*, as well as cupcakes from the TR Dance Committee. A sweet deal.



Photo by Bill Watkins

Ken and Judy Pech receive their gifts from Dot Brenn and Pam Watkins.

[Be sure to read the Golden Anniversary stories on pages 17 and 18 in this week's edition.](#)

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Why so many Snack Shack “employees”?



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Many cooks but they don’t spoil the broth.

by Jack Carey, Chairman

This question comes up often each season so I thought I would address it.

At the Snack Shack we do not prepare any food before you order it except the coleslaw, which is made early in the morning for that day. Each day we serve fresh coleslaw. None is carried over.

Here is what happens if you order a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, onions, pickle, a bag of chips and a Diet Pepsi.

The **Write-up** guy writes up your order, turns around and announces loudly “cheeseburger.” The **Cook** puts a burger on the grill and the **Bun** guy puts a bun in the toaster. (If a cold sandwich, salad or soup/chowder was ordered that would be announced so the kitchen crew could get the meat from the refrigerator, start making the sandwich or salad or dip the soup/chowder into a bowl.)

When the burger is done the cook will put a slice of cheese on the burger, place it on the bun and pass it to the **Condiments** guy. Here is where the lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles are added according to customer’s request. The cheeseburger is put on a tray, and chips, coleslaw or beans are added plus the Diet Pepsi. This person also checks the order to make sure it is complete and matches the ticket.

The tray is then passed to the **Pick-up** position guy who calls your number so you can pick your order up. In the meantime you have paid the **Cashier** position guy and were given a ticket with this number on it.

In the **Kitchen** there are two steady positions, the **Salad Maker** and the **Dish Washer**. In addition we have one or two men who get the meat for the cook, make cold sandwiches, weigh the

meat for sandwiches and salads, stack the cheese on a pan for the cook, put fresh thawed burgers on a pan for the cook, fill the small cups of coleslaw, slice tomatoes or onions, prepare the lettuce for the condiment position, cook the bacon for the BLTs on Saturday, fill the cups with soup or chowder and otherwise just help wherever needed.



The Snack Shack crew in action.

Photo by Jack Carey

That totals up to as many as 12 to 13 men volunteering to do this in the two hours we are open six days a week. They also work an hour before opening getting ready for the customers arrival at 11:30 a.m. Some of the things they do is shred the cabbage for the big bowl of coleslaw, clean and sanitize the tables and counters and get supplies from the storeroom, i.e. chips, cups, napkins, utensils, ketchup, mayo, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar, tea bags, salad dressing and the list goes on. Just a note: In the 2020 season the 60 days we were open for two hours a day we prepared and served 5,863 sandwiches and salads, which averages 49 an hour, almost one a minute.

After closing each worker has clean-up duties which include

properly storing all foods, cleaning grill (not an easy task), cleaning and sanitizing tables and counters, cleaning floor and mopping kitchen floor, trash taken to dumpster, etc. All of this takes about an hour.

Each day there is a **Crew Chief** moving around the area to help wherever he can. Getting change for the cashier, Gift Cards

for a customer, a new tray of coleslaw from kitchen refrigerator, another box of chips from the storeroom, getting ice cream for customers and resolving any issues that may arise.

The best part of all this is the men do their job **WELL** and have **FUN** doing it.

We look forward to seeing you for lunch next year. Let us serve you.

If any of you men would like to help us one day a week for about four hours, **please feel free to call me at (352) 232-0290**. We keep a list of substitutes and prospective workers. This is an excellent way to meet other residents, make new friends and have a lot of fun.



TR Book Browsers

by Nan Feeney Lance

Book Browsers met via Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 10 to review *The Guest Book* by Sarah Blake. It was good to see everyone despite the WiFi problems. We discussed the author’s bio, the characters, plot and theme of the book.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. We will discuss *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel.

For more information please contact Nan Feeney Lance at nanfeeney@gmail.com.

The TR Railroad comes to town



Railroad man Brian Krupicka looks forward to the TR Railroad demonstration next week...

by Larry Babbitt

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the TR Model Railroad group will have their TR Railroad project on display outside Busch Hall near the Library. You can see the various layout elements that we have created. Along the TR Railroad, you will see the park’s Bocce Ball Court, Fire Station and the Ham Radio Station each with a descriptive plaque as shown below.

We will be glad to answer questions you may have about the project, the club, or model railroad activities. Please follow all COVID protocols including masks and social distancing.

Feel free to contact Brian Krupicka or Larry Babbitt at trtrains@dbcomserv.com or trainnut1942@gmail.com.



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Mirror Lake Yacht Club building new fleet

by Dean Peters

You could become a valuable part of a program to encourage new racers to join this great sport or bring back *old* boaters for some more fun.

The Mirror Lake Yacht Power Boat Club is developing a Home Fleet of Power Vee racing boats that would be available to new or prospective boaters, allowing them to try out their skills without an initial layout of cash. This fleet would also be available to former racers who have perhaps gone onto other activities but yearn to return.

What is needed is your old Power Vee boats that are gathering dust in your shed, as well as any spare parts. The Club will refurbish these boats and add batteries. They will be available on a first come, first served basis. Donations are preferred, however, we would also consider purchasing a boat and



File photo by Bradley Teets

An example of a Power Vee boat in action.

accessories if it was in good running order.

If you can help or if you are interested in this Home Fleet, please contact Commodore Jerry McRoberts, on Golf View lot 70-04, 317-412-5932 or Program Chair Dean Peters, on lot 09-09 at 913-317-3269.

Power Boat Racing is every Monday and Friday at 9 a.m. Visitors are welcome! Follow the main path on the golf course, but be aware of the golfers playing on your right side.

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The TR Barn Quilt Trail beckons you

by Sheila Schencke

Another outdoor adventure is here, the TR Barn Quilt Trail! Twenty-six 2’ by 2’ boards have been painted and displayed at various locations around Travelers Rest. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to find all 26 while you are out walking or driving in your golf cart however without going on the private sites. Note that a couple of sites have more than one Barn Quilt.

The project started this summer with a class Kathy Lemke and Sheila Schencke paired up to launch. Kathy wrote detailed instructions for people to create a Barn Quilt on their own since we are not gathering indoors for classes these days. The Quilting Group met in The Grove Feb. 12, and many more people picked up directions to make their own display. We will have to do a periodic update of our Trail for our growing number of enthusiasts.

Barn Quilt Trails are popular throughout the U.S. but they are usually displayed on barns. They are 4’ by 4’ representations of quilt blocks, and you have to drive for miles to see them. Ours are scaled down to fit in our resort. The artists chose their favorite quilt blocks and colors.

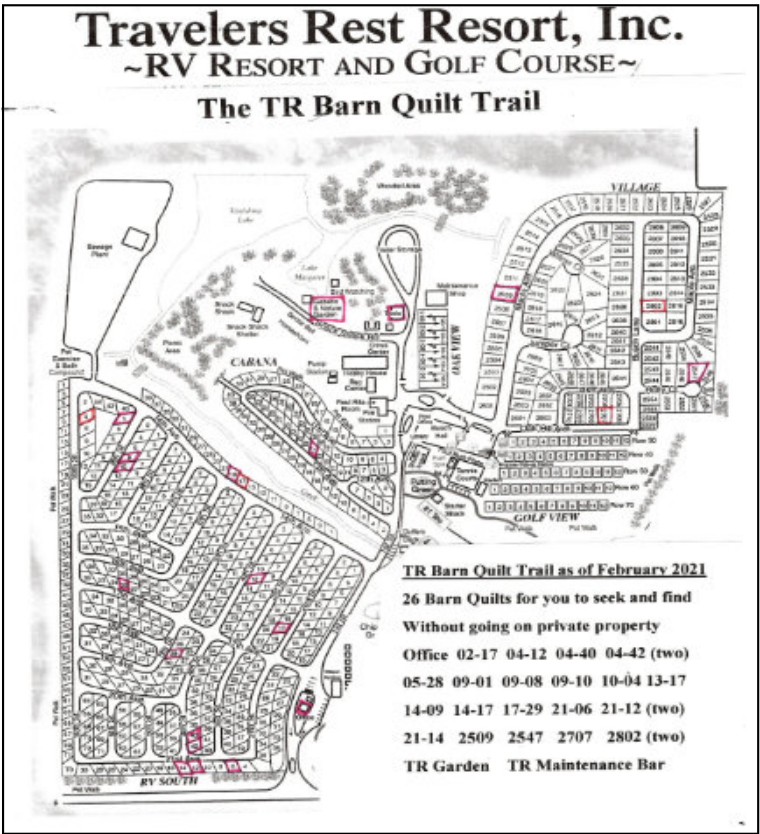
Our Quilt Trail begins at our Front Office with the Barn Quilt in the peak of the building facing

north. It ends with one in the Garden and one in the peak of the Maintenance Barn. These three were painted as gifts to those who work to keep our park the paradise it is. The others may be found at the following addresses.

- 2nd Street - Pat Politsky 02-17
- 4th Street - Laura Lilawski 04-12, Pam and Rich Catero 04-40, Kathy Lemke 04-42 (two)
- 5th Street - Pat King 05-28
- 9th Street – Sue Troyer 09-01, Connie Beachy 09-08, Bernice Babbitt 09-10
- 10th Street – Kathy and Lacy Shawver 10-04
- 13th Street – Carolyn Place 13-17
- 14th Street – Beannie Wise 14-09, Michelle Wilkins 14-17
- 17th Street – Carol Watson 17-29
- 21st Street – Gertie Wilbur 21-06, Sheila Schencke 21-12 (two), Phyllis Zitzer 21-14
- Maple Ave. – Ginny McPhee 2509, Elaine McCall 2547
- Oak Hill Ave. – Jodie Shipe 2707
- Busch Lane – Jean and Janet Robertson 2802 (two)
- TR Garden
- TR Maintenance Barn

See the map below to start your adventure. Have fun, and please remember to be respectful of other’s property by staying on the street while viewing these beautiful works of art.

Click on map for printable copy.



Mother Nature’s garden gifts

Reprinted from March, 2, 2018
by Carol Lauer

The garden area at TR is a great enhancement to our park. It provides a restful haven when we need a change of pace, offers many opportunities to view wildlife and is a virtual picture book of Florida’s varied plants. Several plants in particular are both colorful and unusual in their design.

Two of our finest gems are the **Bismarck palms** planted near the boardwalk. Found naturally only in Madagascar off the coast of Africa, they are named for the 1st Chancellor of the German Empire, Otto von Bismarck. These dramatic palms produce unusual silver blue leaves over 3 feet wide, divided into 20 or more stiff segments. The trees are dioecious, either male or female, with the females producing hanging clusters of small cream flowers on 3 foot long stems. The stately Bismarck palm is best grown in a sunny open area.

Bromeliads are a large family of plants that live all across the Americas from lowlands to mountains, from deserts to rain forests. The bromeliads that grow along the paths in TR’s garden have somewhat spiky foliage ranging in color from reds to oranges to greens. Their thick leaves form a rosette, resembling a cup, that catches rainwater.

With brightly colored foliage and a distinctive shape and size, they add much beauty to our park.

The name **Walking Iris** is an apt description for this plant that propagates in an unusual manner. It starts out as a nondescript plant with long slender green leaves. When it blossoms it is transformed into a stunning garden specimen. It’s three outer white or yellow flower petals spread out almost horizontally and are topped with three majestically colored purple inner petals. Both sets of petals have bold yellow and brown markings at their base. The blooms



Photo by Bill Watkins

BISMARCK PALM

last only a day but the show isn’t over yet. New plantlets form at the tips of the flower stalks, bend over and take root spreading throughout the garden.

Take a walk through TR’s lovely gardens and see if you can spot these beautiful plants. Along the way you will no doubt discover other attractive plants and flowers. Open your eyes and discover the beauty of nature.

Travel News

A South Florida adventure with Dan and Sharon



DAN AND SHARON ZILE by Sharon Gilbert Zile and Dan Zile, Tour Directors

A later-in-life marriage of two experienced travelers inspires a blending of the familiar and the new, while creating new memories. Such was the case with our very recent camping trip to south Florida. Dan needed to check-in with an elderly uncle in Marco Island and wanted to revisit Corps of Engineer campgrounds for the serenity of their remote locations. Sharon had never experienced the Everglades.

Dan’s had longtime friends who were unable to travel to Florida to use their much sought-after Bahia Honda State Park campground reservations. Would we like them to transfer their reservation to us? New to both of us, a two-week stay in a natural beach setting just 37 miles from Key West was an experience we could not refuse, and so the adventure was planned to provide a month-long merging of experiences.

The Ortona Lock COE campground near LaBelle gave views of deep-sea fishing boats traveling the Caloosahatchee River en route from the Fort Myers area to Lake Okeechobee, possibly continuing on the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean. On our daily walks on the rarely traveled road leading to the campground we saw many longhorn cows. From our campsite birders might have catalogued the tiny hummingbirds, blue herons, limpkins and other wading birds, but we simply enjoyed the nature of birds, alligators, butterflies and the search for the elusive baby otters. Our nighttime walks revealed an amazing night sky. It is quiet everywhere.

Our campsite at Collier-Seminole State Park was very tight for our 25-foot Airstream trailer and was the residence of a scourge

of mosquitos but sometimes location is everything. The nearby Naples/Marco Island area gave us time to help Uncle Gene as well as to walk through the Matanzas Pass Nature Preserve, take a driving tour of the area, walk on Naples Beach and make a masked visit to a beach shop.

Midway Campground, the halfway point between Naples and

he is called the *Ansel Adams of the Everglades*. Some of his photos command a price of \$20,000, however we didn’t make any purchases!

We also made a quick stop at the nation’s smallest U. S. Post Office at Ochopee, Fla. No bigger than a two-seater outhouse, this tiny post office provides mail service to parts of three counties.



Photos submitted by Sharon Gilbert Zile

Alligator safety is a focus at the Shark Valley Visitor Center in Everglades National Park.

Miami, was a perfect place to camp while exploring the Everglades. A stop at the Oasis Visitor Center in Big Cypress National Preserve was a great investment in time! A volunteer ranger explained that the park’s Loop Road Scenic Drive, a 27-mile quiet dirt and packed gravel byway off Tamiami Trail, would be a great way to see the scenery and wildlife of “Old Florida.” The secluded road gave us a view of the numerous ecosystems of the Everglades including LOTS of alligators of various

Our travels continued to the Shark Valley Visitor Center in Everglades National Park where our socially-distanced and narrated tram tour seemed more like a private tour with just six passengers. We learned about the continuously flowing waters of the Everglades and stopped for a spectacular view of the landscape from the park’s tower. As we exited the tower’s winding ramp to return to the tram, we heard not just one or two, but an entire congregation of hidden alligators roaring from every direction as they called to potential mates. Yikes!

On a day trip to Everglade City we masked up for a visit to the Museum of the Everglades. We learned that Everglade City was developed as a company town during the construction of the 284-mile Tamiami Trail, connecting Tampa and Miami by road. Much to our surprise, a floating steam-dredge manufactured in Sharon’s hometown, Marion, Ohio, had been one of two excavating machines used to prepare the Old Florida environment for the road that was completed in 1928 and today is known as US 41.

There was much more to see and learn in the Everglades National Park, but we were eager to travel on to Bahia Honda State Park and Key West. That my friends, will be the subject of our next *TR Times* travel article. Our south Florida adventure included a convergence of travel activities and experiences. The familiar, the new, Dan’s, Sharon’s, ours. Creating new memories. Together.



Sharon found a key to the smallest and unattended Post Office lying on a mailbox.

sizes, some lying nearly on the road while others swam in the swampy waters. At the nearby Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery, we took a short walk on a raised path through the cypress swamp. We then viewed Mr. Butcher’s black-and-white images of the swamps and understood why



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Many outdoor activities are still continuing with participants exercising recommended COVID-19 precautions.

Please contact the chairperson of an outdoor activity if you are uncertain the activity is still going on.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASS
Wednesdays, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. in Community Center.
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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
The TR 2-Meter net meets each morning at 8 a.m. on 146.43 MHz simplex all season.
Meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in K4TRR Club Room/Hobby House.
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AQUATICS - POOL - LIMITED TO TEN
Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
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Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Citrus East.
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BEADAHOLICS
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Citrus East.
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BEADAHOLICS, TOO
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House Porch.
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BIBLE STUDY - LADIES AFTERNOON
Fridays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center - 5 to 6 weeks.
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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.
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BOOK BROWSERS
Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.
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Fridays at 2 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes; Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go.
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Wednesdays 2:30 to 4 p.m. Activity Center. Need more brass players.
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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.
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CHURCH COMMITTEE
4th Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Citrus West.
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Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Citrus East.
Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805
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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
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Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766
John Goodger 1331 352-467-1776
Cary Box 1119 615-337-4300

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Beginners, Mondays, 9 to 10:15 a.m., Citrus West.
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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.
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE AT THE GROVE
NEW! Fridays, setup 2:45 p.m., Music 4 to 6:30 p.m.
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GAMES NIGHT
Mondays, 7 p.m. in Snack Shack Shelter. Non-contact games.
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Joan Colao 0314 631-987-9488

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

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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.
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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

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GOLF - SCRAMBLES
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Fund raiser only.
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JUBELLATION
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Jean Cobb 1302 256-508-8661

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
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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.
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Contact TR Office 352-588-2013

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS
Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Golf View Pavilion.
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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

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Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Busch Hall. New members welcome.
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Drive thru dinner only.
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3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.
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Bobbie Matkovich 2617 708-567-4686

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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

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

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Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Hobby House Porch. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful.
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3rd Mondays - Show and Tell.
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Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.
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Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m., Activity Center.
Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Activity Center.
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Free entertainment as published in *The TR Times*.
Sundays, 4 p.m., in The Grove following Announcements.
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Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Hobby House.
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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m., meet at Bocce Ball Courts, weather permitting,
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Mondays thru Fridays, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Volunteers needed for small projects in the park.
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Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Tennis Courts.
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POKER NIGHT

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POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM MEN AND WOMEN

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- 2

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- 3

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* 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!**

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by Jane Harrold

Early in November our daughter called to say that she and her two cats would be able to spend two weeks with us at Christmas. Thus began this tale I have entitled *The CATS are coming*. JoAnn and her 2 year-old cats Arlo and Mocha, affectionately called Mischief and Mayhem, would be arriving on Dec. 8 so Bill and I had work to do.

Preparations began a full month before the expected arrival of The Cats. Bill had a mental checklist and started with the obvious – finding the cat litter box and the scoop – check.

Look for litter and cat toys – check. Remove all precious breakables no matter how high they are located because The Cats are climbers and there is no limit to where they will go.

JoAnn has told us that Arlo and Mocha like jumping onto kitchen counters, sleeping on top of the refrigerator and taking up observation posts on top of her kitchen cupboards. The Cats are high-wire artists using a railing on her second floor as a balance beam to look down into the family room and somehow this dynamic duo has also learned to jump onto the top edge of an open door, balance on all four feet and ride the door as it swings. The Cats are athletic and energetic.



ARLO AND MOCHA IN CONVERSATION

JoAnn advised us that The Cats are very fond of chewing any and all available wooden edges so it might be a good idea to protect our open shelving unit which separates the living room from the

The CATS are coming

dining room. Bill a former Boy Scout, in accordance with his always be prepared and ready well in advance rules, began building a cat-proof shelf protector. Using huge cardboard pieces, he constructed a barrier complete with custom-designed and engineered brackets to keep the cardboard in place. Of course the sections of cardboard are labeled and there is a detailed diagram so that we can reuse this next Christmas. Soon the barrier was installed which resulted in most of the sunlight being blocked from the dining room but we are ready for The Cats when they come in three more weeks.

Meanwhile Jane who is not doing arts and crafts with cardboard manages to injure her foot. If this sounds like it has nothing to do with a cat story I suggest you wait patiently. The physiotherapist suggests soaking both feet a couple of times a day in very hot water. Jane who is a creative thinker decides that the only container in the house which is suitable for soaking both feet is.....the cat litter box. Luckily after ten days the treatment works and Jane puts the litter box back into storage since it is too soon to place it in the downstairs hallway for The Cats.

Fast forward to the day of the cats’ arrival. I am making cookies and JoAnn’s favourite dinner. Bill has done his last check of counters and dressers for food items, hearing aid batteries and rubber bands that The Cats may want to eat. The house is declared safe .

The Cats are coming from Ottawa about six hours away. JoAnn calls us from the car when they are about an hour from us so Bill will be ready to carry in the big cat carrier that Arlo and Mocha are sharing. This is the eureka moment when both Jane and Bill realize that, although they have put out a night light for the cats to find their way to their box, they have not put the box in the hallway or filled it with litter. Immediate action is needed. Unfortunately no action can be taken becausedrum roll.... the litter box is missing.

Now you know why I had to include the foot story. We know we had the box two weeks ago and it is certainly in the house but after

a frantic search it is nowhere to be found. Now immediate emergency action will be needed. The Cats will need the litter box (emergency) and we will need to purchase a new litter box and scoop (immediately).

I send Bill to the nearest pet store with instructions to bring back a litter box and scoop as quickly as possible and to ignore the price. Soon he returns with the cutest litter box decorated with cat graphics. We are going to make it. Bill puts the litter box on a small table while he is hanging up his coat, and I offer a wifely suggestion that when he is carrying it downstairs he could load it up with a couple of tools that are hanging around waiting to be put away and make just one trip.



Photos by Bill Harrold

MOCHA AND ARLO GUARDING THE FRIDGE

Somehow as he puts the tools into the litter box the weight shifts the box which falls to the floor and a drill punctures a large hole in the side. In less than five minutes we have gone from proud owners of a new, expensive litter box to desperate cat grandparents. The clock is ticking as we debate the next step and I try not to make any further wifely suggestions.

Bill decides to try a repair job with several large pieces of duct tape. The litter box is no longer cute but may be functional. We add cat litter and hope for the best.

When our daughter calls to say she is off the highway and less than five minutes away with two cats eager to use the litter box we assure her that we are ready. Bill and JoAnn take The Cats downstairs where JoAnn sees the repair job and I hear her telling her father that if there is anything The Cats like to chew more than wood it is duct tape The Cats have arrived!

Garden News

This week in the Garden



Photo by Pam Forsyth

Randy Melville and Mike Lilawski work on the irrigation system.

by Leslie Ewing

Club member Randy Melville last season took on a big project of vital importance to the garden, the improvement of the irrigation system. He found that the drip irrigation system was not working. During summer months when Garden Club activity is suspended due to members heading north, the irrigation system would fail.

Summer rain alone is not enough to sustain the garden. Due to heat, tube connections became detached. Whole sections of the garden did not get enough water.

Randy is now something of an expert on irrigating a Florida garden. Mike Lilawski is working with Randy and they expect to complete work on the irrigation system this season.



File photo

Another view of our lovely garden.

The garden has an eastern zone and a western zone for watering. In the eastern zone, Randy has placed five foot stakes in order to use a shrub spray. Garden visitors have noticed these stakes and wondered what they were. In the western zone, sprinklers have been installed so that now the entire garden will get enough water. The sprays and sprinklers use more durable connections than what was used previously.

Other work in the garden includes club members taking down the lights along the boardwalk. The entire boardwalk will be pressure washed during the next two weeks. We welcome two new volunteers, Carol Pondy and Pat King.

The Garden Club needs more volunteers, whether just for an hour or for the rest of the season. We pair a new volunteer with a club member to work on a project. Regular work sessions are scheduled for Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Club members work at random times during the rest of the week. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Pam Forsyth at 860-377-5299, or me, Leslie Ewing, at 812-701-5352.



Birding Activity

by Norm Eden

The continuing good news is that the new Birding and Nature Trail is working well in attracting a wide range of perching/songbird species to the feeders, although some of the stations are seeing more action than others. This is mostly because apart from liking the food, the birds are really choosy about the surrounding habitat and some of the positions do not appear to be “marketing their fast food benefits” to many species. Time will tell and the plan is off to a very good start.

Feedback from the humans is that the provision of adjacent bench seats at the feeding stations is appreciated and enables folks to sit quietly for some minutes which is guaranteed to encourage more birds to use the feeders.

A frequently mentioned small bird is the brilliantly colored male Painted Bunting. These buntings are migratory and those wintering in Florida are normally found south of Tampa.

We are on the “flexible fringe” area and certainly we are having a good year for viewing with multiple daily sightings of several birds at numerous locations. When they leave later in the spring they breed in South Carolina, Georgia and Texas.

A reminder: The female wears several shades of delicate green in a big contrast with the red, blue and green of the male. A binocular is most useful, however the male’s colors and the female’s overall green can be seen with normal vision. Remember to keep still for a while otherwise the flash of color will disappear into the undergrowth.

Anyone needing help in finding these birds, please contact Tom Butler or me, although we cannot guarantee a sighting.

I hope you are encouraged by my notes to identify new species, particularly those Florida/southern birds not seen back home in the north. Our cumulative TR winter list has now been extended to 117

species. A new bird was added to our list in recent days.



Photos by Norm Eden

ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK

A female Rose-breasted Grosbeak has been regularly, but very briefly, seen over the past several weeks. When its distinctive but unfamiliar markings ensured we did not know what it was, it led to daily searching to finally identify it. Eventually the feeders tempted it and we got diagnostic photographs of a migratory bird listed as “occasional” that only passes through Florida on the way to wintering in

Central America. Not seen in recent days, it has probably moved on but is definitely the current “Best Bird.”

What about the larger birds?

We tend to see the birds around Vanishing Lake, including the 4 lb. resident Osprey, as the large local birds. The largest of these are the Sandhill Cranes and Great Blue Herons at a maximum of 8 lbs. These are much lighter than the powerful 10 lb. Bald Eagles or the 15 lb. American White Pelican with its 110 in. wingspan. In fact the Pelican is certainly the largest bird you are likely to see at TR or anywhere else.

White Pelicans do not dive but are expert surface fishers, which they need to be because of their weight. They eat 3 to 4 lbs. of fish per day. We witnessed firsthand how this plays out when four years ago a flock of them descended on Vanishing Lake, stayed for several days and managed to eat up all the fish. It was an amazing sight as approximately 100 birds “herded”



WHITE PELICANS

the fish into a corner of the lake before enjoying the feast. Unfortunately food availability is the key and there can be no knowing when there might be enough fish for a repeat of this. Maybe someone has a 2016 photograph of the fish thrashing around and being gobbled up.

Happy Birding.



Library News

by Mary Kosbab

One of the sections of our library I like to highlight every year is the Classics Section. These books are located on the tall bookcase directly in front of the entrance.

Classics are books which have stood the test of time for meritorious writing and popularity. I recently came across a website which had an article titled *20 Quirks and Strange Habits of Famous Writers* written by Jack Milgram. I thought you might be interested in a few entries about some popular writers of classic novels.

Dan Brown, author of *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Lost Symbol* and *Angels and Demons* believes the best cure for writer's block is hanging upside down, saying this helps him relax and concentrate. He also puts an hourglass on his desk and sets aside his work each hour to do stretches, push-ups and sit ups.

Truman Capote never started or finished a piece of work on Friday. He also never stayed in a hotel room if the room numbers added up to 13.



Jane Austen was an author who cared so deeply about her characters that she would, if asked, tell particulars about the subsequent career of some of her people long after the book was published.

Alexandre Dumas used a particular shade of blue paper on which to write his fiction. For poetry he used yellow paper. Other articles were written on pink paper.

Ernest Hemingway wrote 500 words a day, mostly in the morning to avoid the midday heat.

Victor Hugo started to write *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in the fall of 1830 and wanted to finish it by February 1831. To do so he bought a bottle of ink and locked himself in a room. The first title of this famous book was *What Came Out of a Bottle of Ink*. He later changed it to its current title.

Franz Kafka usually started writing around 11 p.m. and continued until 6 a.m.

Over the summer I looked through a listing of classics, thinking I would purchase a couple for the library. I came across a highly rated book by James Clavell entitled *Shogun* which I bought. Much to my surprise when it arrived, I found it to be a 1299-page book - which I am now reading with determination. I am glad I bought it at a time I am confined to my house due to the COVID.

We have a bit of a mystery in the Library. There is a big hole on our shelves where the James Patterson books were. If anyone knows anything about them, please let us know. You can tell one of the Library volunteers or leave a note on the Library desk. We are hoping they are being read and enjoyed by someone and that they will be returned as Patterson is a favorite author of many in the park.

As always if you have any concerns or suggestions please leave a note on the Library desk or tell any Library volunteer. We always welcome your input.

Enjoy a classic-read today.

Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Alan Gilliland is a third generation TR resident. In 2019 he lost his border collie and a short time later his mother passed away. That was a very sad and lonely time. Alan was depressed and felt the need for something to fill the void. He was ready for another dog. With his fiancé in California caring for her elderly father his first thoughts were toward a small dog that could fly with him on trips to the west coast.

In January of 2020 Alan visited the Pasco County Animal Services hoping to find a new four-legged companion. As he walked back through the kennels of available dogs something caught his eye. Way in the back shadows of the kennel he could see a pair of bright blue eyes looking at him. He couldn't tell if those eyes belonged to a big dog or a little one but he was definitely intrigued. The volunteer got the dog out into the play area with several of the small dogs. As it turned out she wasn't such a tiny dog after all. She was a three-year-old, 49-pound pooch that happened to be more comfortable in the company of the little dogs. He went over to see her but she didn't want to have anything to do with him. Then he remembered he had a hat on and wondered if that bothered her so he took it off and guess what... she came right up to see him.

It didn't take long to make the decision to bring her home. She was healthy and already spayed. The only thing the shelter knew about her was she had been a hard to catch stray in the southern part of the county but now she was going home with Alan.

Those bright blue eyes that originally caught Alan's attention at the animal shelter were something he was curious about. What breeds were in her background? What made Peyton Mae who she was? So, at Christmas he had a DNA test run on her. Her slick black coat came from her Labrador Retriever ancestors. Those blue



Photo by Judy Leister

PEYTON MAE

headlight-like eyes came from her Husky forefathers and she has some healer thrown in there too.

Peyton loves to travel. At first she didn't like any windows in the car open but now her favorite position is riding with her head out the window and the wind blowing her ears. Of course we want our dogs to be comfortable. Alan now has a new van so his four-legged family member has plenty of room to get comfy, especially on long trips across the nation.

On a sunny day you will probably find Peyton sunbathing in her front yard. She and Alan live right across from Golf View so there is lots of foot and vehicle traffic passing by for Peyton to watch. When she's not relaxing, she likes to play with little dogs. She makes romping with her easy because she lays down to play at their level.

She's quite a talker too. When Alan tells her he loves her she tilts her head back and tells him she loves him too...in dog language of course. She even answers questions with her version of yelps and woofs.

Pet Lovers Club



Photo by Lisa Bowman

WILLOW

by Judy Leister

We love our dogs. They wag their tails and do lots of normal, everyday stuff... but then they also amaze us with surprisingly weird things too. No matter how weird they get we still love them but that doesn't stop us from wondering what the heck makes them do what they do.

Once in a while these strange actions do cause us to worry and call for a trip to the vet but most of the time, they are totally normal and stem from natural instincts. The list of strange behaviors is a long one. In fact, there are books written on this subject but we're going to touch on a few of the more curious canine behaviors.

Why does my dog lick me? That's easy. He wuvs you. Oh, sometimes it can be a bit excessive and maybe a lick on your face isn't the most desirable if it follows him licking one of his own body parts, but he is just trying to show affection. Sometimes that licking can be stres-related too but most of the time he's just trying to spread the love.

Why does my dog insist on sniffing other dogs' private parts? This is how they get to know each other through their unique, individual smells. Oops, it can get a bit too personal when your dog stiffens a human out. Oh, how embarrassing when you are standing in the front yard meeting your new neighbor and Fido wants to join in with the greetings.

Why does my dog insist on barking? Well, just like humans some canines are more vocal than others. It's their way of communicating. They might be announcing the arrival of someone or something, warning of danger, loneliness, excitement or just plain boredom.

Why does my dog tilt his head? If ear infections have been ruled out this adorable tilt usually shows your pooch is really intrigued by what you are saying or a sound he hears. He is probably repositioning his ears to hear even better.

Why does my dog kick up grass after pottying? Dogs have scent glands in the pads of their feet. Doing the "potty dance" is yet another way to mark their territory. I have learned to wait until after the potty dance to bend down and pick up a pile otherwise I get a face full of grass.

Why does my dog spin around before pottying or laying down? In the wild a dog has to check out their surroundings to make sure everything is safe.

Of course some of our pooches get carried away when nesting. Around and around, pawing the blankie, around some more and then finally ZZZZZZZ.

Why does my dog chase his tail? Once we know things like fleas or injuries are not the cause we can probably chalk it up to entertainment value. Our dogs love to be happy and to make us happy. If chasing their tail brings us joy, they will quickly capitalize on that.

Why does my dog scoot his butt across the floor? Generally this means their anal sac is not emptying naturally when they potty so a quick visit to the vet to have it expressed will fix that problem. If it continues Fido is probably just marking his territory with his scent.



Photo by Judy Leister

CHARLIE

The list of questionable dog behaviors is endless. Sometimes they are pretty odd but regardless of whether we are laughing or scratching our heads in disbelief our dogs bring unlimited joy to our lives. Give your dog some extra love today even if he is slurping off your makeup, flinging the pillows from the couch to the floor or even humping your leg. We love you Fido.



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Carey Box uses the trailer on his bike to pick up his dinner.



Tom Sutton, Judy and Warren Sherlock are ready to make deliveries in the fire truck.



Some of the Pulled Pork Dinner volunteers keep busy . . .



 while still more volunteers work in another section of the kitchen.

The TR Fire/Rescue fundraiser was a tasty success

by Gloria Polzin

We want to thank all who participated in this year’s fundraiser. Thank you, TR, for your support – we sold 347 dinners! Our new firetruck door-dash delivery went over well. We delivered more than 20 dinners to happy customers. The funds raised this year will go toward training costs and the purchase of supplies that the county does not provide.

Thanks to all who worked the many hours required to make this event successful. Thanks to our cook, Anthony Shipe and to Mary Hunter, Lise Minnick, Joan Colao, Marilyn Olan and Gina DiPinto of the TR Party Planners. Thanks to all who sold tickets, prepped, packaged and served the food, controlled traffic, delivered meals and cleaned up afterwards. It was great fun and we did not have too many mix-ups. We hope to see all of you next year!

We had some really neat door prizes this year. Following are our winners:

1. Winner Luella Wilson - a bountiful fruit basket full of goodies donated by Matt from Glavich Produce.
2. Winner Larry Wilson - a multi-duty watch that provides time, steps, etc.
3. Winner Kathy Fuller - a first aid kit with 229 pieces of many useful items.
4. Winner Sandy Johnjulio – a multi-pack of disposable face masks.
5. Winner Richard VonQualen – a multi-pack of disposable face masks.



Jim Doggett dishes it out.



Lots of golf carts line up for the Pulled Pork Dinner.



Judy and Mark Leister are served by Marilyn Olan.



Judy and Warren Sherlock load dinners into the fire truck for delivery.



Dick Wheatley and Gina DiPinto fill trays.



The volunteers on the serving line were a model of efficiency.

Photos by:
Bill Bradford and
Pam Watkins



Tom Sutton makes a delivery to Jack and Jane Carey.

Vistas

Earthbound no longer



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 Dec. 12, 2003.

It was just a century ago. A postmaster in a North Carolina town received a letter postmarked Dayton, Ohio.

The letter was part of a plan by two brothers. Winter was approaching. The time for making bicycles was nearly over. It was the work of making bicycles that the two brothers lived by. Yet what they lived for was a dream. That dream was to create a machine which would enable human beings to glide through the air. The brothers had heard of a scientist in Washington, D.C. His name was Samuel Langley. Samuel Langley was head of the Smithsonian Institution. Wilbur and Orville Wright took heart when they learned that that great scientist, too, was working with the same dream.

The letter from Dayton to Kitty Hawk, N.C. inquired about flying kites on the Carolina coast. A warm reply said: "At Kitty Hawk you will find a sandy beach that is 1 x 5 miles. In the center is a hill that is 85' high." On Oct. 3, 1900, the two Wright brothers brought an intriguing sight to the community of Kitty Hawk. Orville, along with one or two others, sped down that hill holding ropes fastened to a large kite. Lying in the kite's center was Wilbur Wright.

Weaving at first, under its weight, the box-like craft righted itself. Lifting smartly, it smoothed out at a height of eight feet. "Lemme down! Lemme down!" cried Wilbur. Orville and the others let out the ropes. The glider eased to the ground. Exhilarated the brothers knew their careful assemblage of wood and cloth could carry a man into the air. Now the achievement would be to replace the human runners tugging on ropes with some kind of mechanical power. Back in Washington, the scientist Samuel Langley worked and fretted for four years over finding a mechanic who could put together a motor large enough, yet light enough, to lift a man. The Wright brothers built their own. Over the next two years, in their bicycle shop in Dayton, the Wrights constructed a wind tunnel. Using algebra and calculus, they worked out the necessary curve of the wings. After careful calculations they carved two propellers. With the coming of December 1903, as it happened, both Samuel Langley and the Wright brothers were set to test their new creations. Neither the Wrights nor Samuel Langley saw

themselves as rivals. Both hoped simply to fulfill their dreams and add something to the world.

On the beach at Kitty Hawk, the Wrights assembled their spread of cloth-covered wings. It contained the motor they had built. In Washington, Langley prepared to send aloft what he called his aerodrome. Amid great excitement in the midst of a crowd of distinguished witnesses, a mechanic Charles Manley took his place at the controls. The product of several years of careful work, Langley's aerodrome took off. Hovering uncertainly in the air for a few minutes, the craft took a sudden plunge and crashed. Manley walked away, but the wreckage was complete. A second such experiment ended in a similar failure. Samuel Langley gave up pursuing his dream. At noon on Dec. 17, 1903 Wilber, spread-eagled between the wings, the Wrights flying machine lifted. "Those of us at the launch spot," writes one witness, "realized he was not going to come back to the ground right away. The machine left us far behind—200, 400, 600 feet, the noise of the engine fading, the wings on an even keel. He was flying!"

"It was a flight," Wilbur later recorded, "very modest compared with that of birds. But it was the first in the history of the world in which a machine, carrying a man, had raised itself by its own power and finally landed at a point the same height as that from which it started."

When expenses were totaled, Langley's experiment had required \$70,000. The Wrights had spent less than \$1,000!

TR Connections
Gene Gough



Photo submitted by Gene Gough

MILTON (BUD) AND RUTH GOUGH

by Gene Gough

Many of us were introduced to TR by our parents. I am one. Ruth and Milton (Bud) Gough, my parents, purchased an Airstream in 1980 and traveled the country participating in numbers of Unit, Region and International Rallies. They learned about TR and came several winters where they stayed on the Hill, now called Golf View.

They enjoyed the activities, worship and volunteer opportunities, but most of all the "down-to-earth" people. They participated in Choir, Quilters and the Harmonica players.

Eventually, my parents moved from the Hill, bought stock and made their second home in RV South on lot 14-01. They wintered at TR from 1988 until the late 1990s. The last couple of years I would pull their Airstream from Kentucky, set it up, spend a day or two, then fly back home. That experience contributed to another TR connection.

Now, my wife Linda and I live at lot 11-14 in the Cabanas and enjoy many of those same amenities with the wonderful people who still call TR home. We have a son who loves camping, so who knows whether the connection will continue to a third generation. Thanks to so many of you who continue the spirit of TR that make it such a wonderful destination.



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TR Sports

TRLGA Championship Registration



by Laurie Gardner

All lady golfers are reminded that sign-ups for the 2021 Tournament are under way. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 4.

Tee times will be scheduled for the morning on Wednesday and early afternoon on Thursday. Rain dates will be the following week on Wednesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 11.

Registration forms will be available every Wednesday at regular league play. Registration deadline will be end-of-day on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

All registration forms should be sent to Laurie Gardner, lot 14-05. For questions, please contact Laurie at 678-643-8006.

Ladies Golf League Results

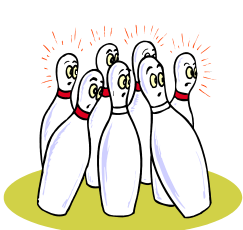
Wednesday, Feb. 3
by Pat Butler

It's not always great weather, but the company is always fabulous and the course is so beautiful that we can't stay away!

Thanks to all those who participated in our "Bakeless Bake Sale." All proceeds will be used for golf course beautification.

Wednesday, Feb. 3	
Low Handicap 0-12	
Low Gross	
Hazel English.....	38
Shirley-Ann Appleby	40
Vicki Brooks	43
Fewest Putts:	
Vicki Brooks	13
Closest to Pin #3:	
Hazel English	
Birdies:	
Shirley-Ann Appleby (2)	
Dee Branchaud	
High Handicap +13	
Low Gross	
Pat Butler	42
Dee Branchaud.....	44
Diane Doggett.....	44
Closest to Pin #3:	
Laurie Gardner	
Chip-In:	
Dee Branchaud	
Low Handicap/Longest Drive:	
Hazel English	
High Handicap/Longest Drive:	
Pat Butler	

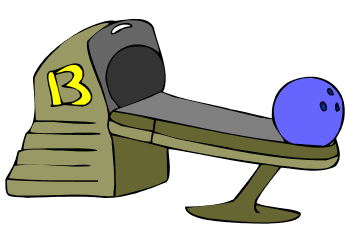
Wednesday, Feb. 10	
Low Handicap 0-12	
Low Gross	
Hazel English.....	39
Vicki Brooks	40
Pat Gallagher.....	40
Shirley-Ann Appleby	40
Closest to #5:	
Shirley-Ann Appleby	
Birdies:	
Hazel English	
Shirley-Ann Appleby	
Betty Gilson	
Laurie Zentmyer	
Vicki Brooks	
Barb Swartz	
Low Handicap/Longest Drive:	
Hazel English	
High Handicap +13	
Low Gross	
Laurie Gardner.....	43
Cathy Holley	43
Jen Furman.....	44
Phyllis Simmers	44
Mardelle St. John	44
Low Net	
Pat Daboll.....	29
Beannie Wise	30
Laurie Zentmyer.....	30
Laura Apgar	32
Closest to Pin #3	
Jen Furman	
Chip-In:	
Betty Gilson	
High Handicap/Longest Drive:	
Laurie Gardner	



Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek
Friday, Feb. 5

Men's Scratch High Game	
Steve Niles	225
Bill Buczek.....	213
Dave Couture	169
Men's Scratch High Series	
Bill Buczek.....	577
Steve Niles	572
Ken Neer	469
Men's Handicap High Game	
Bill Buczek.....	272
Dave Couture	266
Steve Niles	247
Men's Handicap High Series	
Bill Buczek.....	754
Dave Couture	741
Ken Neer	691
Men's High Average	
Steve Niles	201
Women's Scratch High Game	
Leslie Price.....	194
Deb Niles	159
Pat Markle.....	155
Women's Scratch High Series	
Leslie Price.....	521
Deb Niles	438
Pat Markle.....	436
Women's Handicap High Game	
Leslie Price.....	256
Deb Niles	246
Pat Markle.....	241
Women's Handicap High Series	
Leslie Price.....	707
Deb Niles	699
Pat Markle.....	694
Women's High Average	
Leslie Price.....	164



by Lin Buczek
Friday, Feb. 12

Men's Scratch High Game	
Steve Niles	220
Don Markle	214
Ken Neer	213
Men's Scratch High Series	
Steve Niles	577
Ken Neer	548
Don Markle	541
Men's Handicap High Game	
Ken Neer	287
Don Markle	284
Tim Base	258
Men's Handicap High Series	
Ken Neer	770
Don Markle	751
Tim Base	685
Men's High Average	
Steve Niles	200
Women's Scratch High Game	
Deb Niles	190
Lin Buczek	175
Pat Markle	162
Women's Scratch High Series	
Lin Buczek	471
Deb Niles	468
Pat Markle	436
Women's Handicap High Game	
Deb Niles	276
Lin Buczek	252
Carol Schell.....	249
Women's Handicap High Series	
Deb Niles	726
Lin Buczek	702
Pat Markle	691
Women's High Average	
Leslie Price.....	161

RC Motorsports



by Douglas Hatfield
Wednesday, Feb. 3

Scott Tartaglia	30
Howard Best.....	30
Mike Reynolds.....	29
Saturday, Feb. 6	
Dave Watson	28
Gary Grenier	26
Bob Troyer	26
Mike King.....	26
Wednesday, Feb. 10	
Russ Marlowe	30
Charlie Azbell	26
Steve Laymon	24

Model Railroaders build modules for new TR Railroad



Photo by Bill Watkins

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Photos by Bill Wise

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Six couples celebrate their 50th anniversaries

Bill and Bobbie Bradford



Bill and Bobbie Bradford were married Dec. 11, 1971 in the First United Methodist Church in Dearborn, Mich. Their honeymoon was spent cross-country skiing in Tahquamenon Falls in the upper peninsula of Michigan. One vivid memory of the trip is that it was so cold that one side of the bed in their cottage was frozen to the wall.

The marriage was a second for both parties and each had a son and daughter from their previous marriages. They laughingly reported that it was established early on that with four children in the family there was no need for more. They now have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The couple was introduced by Bill’s college roommate. At the time Bobbie was completing her master’s degree in Social Work at the University of Michigan, and Bill was just out of the Air Force and working at a photo lab in Canton, Ohio.

Bill has had a career as a professional photographer, originally with the military. Following his discharge he briefly worked in a photography studio but by chance heard of the need for a photography teacher at Romulus High School. He completed the requirements to teach and spent the remainder of his career teaching vocational photography.

Bobbie had been convinced by her mother to get a degree in home economics. After just one day student teaching, she returned to Michigan State to pursue her true interest in social work. She worked for two years with children in foster care. After completing her master’s degree she worked as a school social worker in the Monroe Intermediate School District her entire career.

As a second-generation TR family, the Bradfords now spend their winters in the unit that belonged to Bobbie’s parents.

The Bradfords share interests in scuba diving, travel, camping and photography among other things. They have even done horse camping, riding from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan.

When asked their advice for a successful marriage Bill replied “Say yes ma’am.” Bobbie on the other hand felt it was important to have common interests and to talk out any problems. Congratulations Bill and Bobbie!

Linda and Philip Spencer

Philip and Linda Spencer met when they were 12 years old. She was out bike riding with a friend when they ran into a couple of boys. A year later Linda told Phil that she liked him and told herself that he was going to be her husband one day.

They were married on June 26, 1971 in the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Cannonsburg, Pa. They were both 18 years old at the time. They honeymooned in Virginia Beach but since they were so young, took a sister and brother-in-law with them on the honeymoon.

The couple still resides in Cannonsburg where they raised two children, a boy and a girl. They have nine grandchildren, six boys and three girls.

Philip had a career as an IT Manager for CVS Pharmacy. Linda began as an executive assistant to the CEO of Crown Castle International. After her boss suggested a promotion, Linda took courses in architecture and ultimately designed 93 buildings for the corporation across the U.S. and reviewed proposals for all their buildings in South America.

Philip’s advice for a successful marriage is to “say yes a lot.” Linda recounts the advice given to her as a teenager, as follows: “As a young person you are like a tree with a solid trunk. As you age you grow and spread out. Let each other grow in the direction they choose. Eventually the tight branches will grow back together.” Congratulations Philip and Linda!

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Chris and Rhonda Bracknell

Chris and Rhonda Bracknell grew up together in the same community and attended the same church in their hometown of Franklinton, N.C. but it wasn’t until they were in high school that they became more than friends. At that time North Carolina still allowed drivers under the age of 18 to become student bus drivers. Chris was a student bus driver in his senior year and always saved the first seat for Rhonda who was a sophomore. Soon he asked her to the movies where they saw Elvis Presley in *Girl Happy*. “I still have the album,” Chris laughs. They dated, broke up twice and dated again throughout high school. After graduation Rhonda went on to college and Chris joined the U.S. Army. After he returned from Vietnam he proposed and the two of them went ring shopping. They stopped at Rhonda’s house excited to share with her mother the news that they were finally engaged. As they knocked at the door Chris appeared to be a bit nervous and Rhonda said, “Don’t worry, she won’t hit you.” But in the end she did, a small punch to the shoulder, saying she didn’t think he would ever propose.

Chris and Rhonda were married on June 19, 1971 at 2 p.m. in Franklinton Baptist Church in their hometown. They honeymooned at Atlantic Beach and Topsail Island, N.C. before returning to Texas where Chris was stationed and had six more months to serve. Chris said that it was like a six-month honeymoon as they were away from all that was familiar and had time to be truly alone.

Once Chris was discharged the couple moved to Raleigh, N.C. where he worked as a park ranger and later with the police department. Rhonda enjoyed a career in computer programming mostly within the medical community. Their family includes one daughter and a grandson who live in North Carolina.

Chris and Rhonda retired in 2003 and moved to Cripple Creek, Va. where they continued to thoroughly enjoy camping and volunteering. They have tent-camped over 550 nights together across 48 states, built a teardrop camper and used it everywhere east of the Mississippi and always during their travels they look for the Rails to Trails bikeways. When at home Chris continues his 38-year relationship with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. His group oversees about 65 miles of trails in southwest Virginia.

The couple enjoyed the Hawaiian Island cruise they took two years ago as part of an early golden anniversary celebration. If COVID restrictions ease they plan to continue their celebration on a Paddlewheel River Cruise on the mighty Mississippi this fall.

Chris and Rhonda had much to offer in advice for a successful marriage. Chris shared that it is all about compromise. Couples need to let go of the little things that are not worth arguing about. Rhonda shared that when she and Chris were married in 1971 young people were rebelling against the “obey clause” in the traditional wedding vows. She understands now the important point of it. “If you trust that your spouse has your best interests at heart, you can obey,” she says. “It’s all about trust.” Congratulations Chris and Rhonda!



John and Pat Daubenmier



Pat says that John does not recall how they met, but she remembers that it was at a dance in eighth grade. After their small-town Ohio school district consolidated, the district held a get-acquainted dance that both John and Pat attended. A friendship blossomed that carried them through their junior year when they attended the junior-senior prom together. All was well until their senior year when Pat learned that John had asked one of her friends to the prom.

Following high school graduation, they continued in their separate ways. Pat went to Findlay College to study elementary education and John moved to Otterbein College in Westerville to study engineering. The two colleges were 100 miles apart. Undeterred, Pat thought to herself that John was too good of a catch to let him go, and she began writing to him. The letters were answered and became a daily, yes daily, letter-writing campaign. "I would switch it up to keep it interesting" Pat says, "I mean what can one write about? A college student goes to school, eats, studies and goes to bed. So, I began writing my letters backwards." John was caught off guard at first, but he began to get the hang of reading them and now laughs at her four years of occasional backward letters.

The long-distance relationship continued to grow and on June 26, 1971, the couple were married at Alexandria Methodist Church in Pat's hometown of Alexandria, Ohio. They recall that it was a very warm day. "Actually, it was hot, hot, hot," Pat shares. How hot was it you ask? The church had no air-conditioning and when it came time to kiss the bride, they both looked at one another's perspiring faces and wondered about romance at such a time.

Following the reception and the traditional rice-throwing for good luck, the couple drove to Newark, Ohio to visit John's grandmother who could not attend the wedding. It was a joyful visit that allowed his grandmother to feel part of their special day.

Remember that hot, hot, hot day? The next morning when Pat and John returned to their car to continue their trip, they found leftover rice had littered the floor of their vehicle, and it was actually cooked!

The couple honeymooned in Michigan camping with a borrowed tent in various state parks and working their way to Mackinac Island. Pat wore a special shorts outfit for their time at the island but soon learned that temperatures on the water were very chilly. She froze all day while there. "She looked good, though," John said.

Pat and John do not have children although they did have a dog-child they dearly loved. Their lives have revolved around their careers and a few prominent interests. John enjoyed Pro Rally racing for 25 years and Pat often accompanied him to the events sometimes as part of his crew. At one point, John asked Pat to navigate for him. She did well until she directed him right when it should have been left and a crowd of spectators was forced to scatter. "That job did not last long!" Pat exclaimed. John added, "She didn't do a whole lot of navigating for me after that." Pat found other interests and soon joined the Sweet Adelines' chorus and quartet. In their free time, they both took up golf.

The Daubenmiers make their home in Dexter, Mich., during the summer and winter at TR. You will see them singing in the church choir on Sundays. They continue to enjoy camping and plan a trip to Gillette, Wyo., this summer if COVID-19 restrictions lift. As their time together shows, they believe that a successful marriage depends on common interests, but with some time apart. Pat shares that acceptance and support for what the other wants to do or needs to do is key. Congratulations, John and Pat!

Ken and Judy Pech

Ken and Judy Pech were married April 17, 1971 in the Zion United Church of Christ in Windsor Castle, Pa. The wedding was followed by a reception for about 350 people in the field house of the local school. The couple honeymooned in St. Croix.

After the wedding it was discovered that one of the photographer's cameras had malfunctioned. Unfortunately it was the one used to take all the photos of the bridal couple. As a result the Pechs had to reenact part of the event, Judy dressing once again in her wedding gown and Ken in his tux.

The couple met just after Ken returned from Japan. He was staying at a hotel and went to a local bar that featured dancing. He saw a cute blonde walk in, asked her to dance and the rest is history.

The Pechs, who currently live in Stow, Ohio, have three children, two daughters and one son, and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 18.

Ken had a career as a Mechanical Engineer working at a nuclear power generating plant. Judy, who is a RN, went back to nursing after her children were grown.

Due to COVID-19 and busy family schedules, the Pechs have no definite plans to celebrate their anniversary.

When asked to what they attributed their successful marriage they replied "love, patience, kindness and commitment." Congratulations, Ken and Judy!

Dick and Kit Wheatley



Dick and Kit Wheatley share that their courtship was an economical one beginning with their first date. The couple were attending high school together in Lockport, N.Y. when Dick asked Kit for a date. They ate at the local Reid's Hotdog Stand and then Dick took her to a car show in Buffalo. "Looking at cars and going to car shows have always been part of our lives," Kit jokes. Following graduation, Dick went to college in Ohio, while Kit stayed in New York to attend nursing school, and their long-distance romance remained on a tight budget. They shared many letters and Kit said that phone calls were just too expensive at that time. An economical outlook continued into their engagement as the coupled betrothed themselves to one another with new pairs of skis. All worked out though because they were eventually married at 9 a.m. on Feb. 20, 1971 at St. Patrick's Church in Lockport, N.Y. Following the early morning ceremony, the couple celebrated with their small group of wedding guests over brunch and left for a skiing honeymoon. Plans were to enjoy time in Lake Placid before traveling on to Stowe, Vt. Unfortunately, Kit was too ill for them to enjoy it (she caught the bug Dick had before the wedding) and the honeymoon was cut short.

Dick and Kit may not have enjoyed Vermont for their honeymoon, but a couple of years later they moved there and stayed for 45 years raising their two sons and daughter. It was a great place to raise a family. Their children, two of who live in Maine and one in Oslo, Norway, have blessed Dick and Kit with five grandchildren who are all avid skiers.

The Wheatleys recently sold their home in Vermont and now travel in their Airstream during the summer months and live at their home in The Village during the winter. They look forward to celebrating their golden anniversary here with a couple of steaks on the grill (they are still economical) but they hope to celebrate with their family at a later date when COVID restrictions are lifted.

When asked about their advice for a fifty-year marriage, Dick offers that patience is key. "It's easy to say, but hard to do," he said. Kit feels that couples need to have a common base, something on which to work together, as well as separate interests. Together they share a common Catholic faith, enjoy traveling and are committed to community service. They've volunteered with Scouts, Meals on Wheels, school, antique auto shows, youth sports, church and community activities. At TR they both serve with TR's Fire/Rescue squad. Separately though, Dick enjoys puttering around outside and is still into anything with a motor, while Kit is developing her genealogy and history hobbies. "It means you can have time apart and some different friends, which is good." Dick says.

Congratulations, Dick and Kit Wheatley!



TR Yard Sales



A bevy of beauties bargain shop an extensive display.



Amy Grier explains her dyed silk scarves to a customer while practicing social distancing.



Jeff Duquette has a number of DVDs for sale.

offer

bargains galore



Micky Graham waits for the next customer.



Sue Troyer checks out a table.



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Carol Luther displays her items to the Krupickas and Shala Wilson. Proceeds from the sale will go to benefit the Auburn Comfort Blankets fundraiser in Massachusetts.



Are Sandy Dinkledine and Erna Akers going to purchase the items they are holding?



Judy Leister has an assistant helping tend her sale.

A frosty morning at TR



Are these three ghosts lurking in the garden?



A chilly, winter-coat morning ride down TR Boulevard.



Whatever is beneath this cover looks very safe indeed.



All dressed up for the climate.

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A frosty sunrise does not stop Maintenance from doing their work.



Is this the "vest" that the Gilsons can do?

Obituary

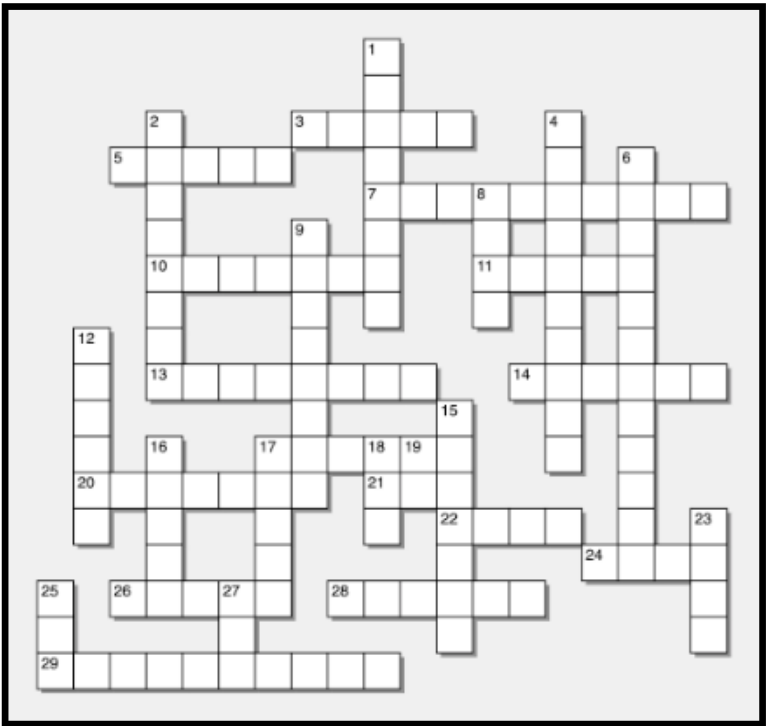
PAUL EVANS SCHAFER
Paul Schafer died peacefully at home Feb. 8, 2021. He was born in Trenton, Mo. 91 years ago on Aug. 8, 1929. He left Trenton as a child to live in the North Provinces of the Philip-pines where his father, also Paul, did exploratory geological work. The family was caught in the outbreak of WWII and became prisoners of the Japanese for three years in the internment camp in Manila. Paul received an Architecture degree from Harvard in 1951, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and married his childhood friend-turned-sweet-heart, Sara Brummitt. Paul retired early as a civil engineer, wrote a family history book and hit the road with Sara in their Airstream RV to tour the country. They settled in Florida at the vibrant community of Travelers Rest on lot 2553 in The Village where they thoroughly enjoyed their favorite pastime of golf. Paul didn't know a stranger. He will be remembered for his wit, his humor, his love of song and poetry and his deep love for Sara and all those who were fortunate enough to meet him. He is survived by his wife, Sara, three children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



P U Z Z L E S



TR Crossword Puzzle



- Across
- Down
3. Dylan's "The ____ they are a changin'"

5. Italian lawn sport

7. Nosh house

10. It takes a ____

11. Music venue

13. Carpenter's place

14. Florida crop

17. Poolside hut

20. Sudsy environment

21. Cove or inlet

22. Opposite of low

24. Hearty dish

26. Ripe for a sermon

28. Porcupine cover

29. Reflects image
1. Trash bin

2. Hacker's vista

4. Tracy's domain

6. Elizabeth's sister's swimming hole

8. Parakeets home

9. Jacob's path

12. Round preserved cucumber

15. Light beam on a mound

16. A beer

17. Heron's cousin

18. Sit-ups may improve these

19. Chemical symbol for sodium

23. Who gives a hoot?

25. Emeril says

27. Golfer's goal

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