



Up The Creek



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From the Editors

Rice Creek RV Resort Newsletter

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Thank you to all the people who have contributed to this edition, as well as our managers, activities directors, and coordinators.

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Activities Directors

Prudy and Dave Hodsdon

By: Prudy Hodsdon (603) 312-1461

It has been a great season!! Thank you to everyone for all your help and participation. You all help the activities continue to be the best!

Mar 1st – Spring Gospel Concert in the hall 7pm – 9pm.

Mar 2nd – Corn hole tournament.

Mar 3rd – Bus to Strawberry Festival.

Mar 6th – Golf Banquet @ 5:30pm.

Mar 8th – Spring Fling Euchre @ 6:30pm.

Mar 9th – SPRING FLING!! – The whole day will be games with a hamburger lunch. The day will end with entertainment in the hall by Charlie.

Mar 16th – Talent/No talent show in the hall @ 7:00pm.

Mar 23rd – Annual Fort DeSoto Picnic – sign up sheet is in the hall.

Mar 31st – 7:00am - Easter Sunrise Service

9:00am – Chapel Service

2:00pm – Easter Dinner. All are welcome.

Bring your table setting and a dish to pass.

Over the summer keep thinking of any new activities, and if you see any entertainers you would like to have you can reach me by phone any time throughout the summer.

Manager's corner

By Bill & Lois Brimmer

Good Day All!

Everyone is already planning their big farewell blow out parties. We are often asked if we are glad to see you leave, and the answer is NO. Our Snowbirds are here for a good time and keep the park jumping. After you leave, the park becomes a sleepy village.

Please remember, before you leave remove all your lawn ornaments and move any furniture inside. Remove or replace the batteries in the smoke alarms and turn off the water to your units. For those that keep the power on set your thermostats to 85 degrees Fahrenheit. This will help prevent mold. Have a safe journey and hurry back! All of us in the office and the maintenance staff look forward to your return!

Bill & Lois

FEBRUARY YARD OF THE MONTH

Paul Albert, 10827 Amazon Creek Place



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EDITORIAL

By: Robin Vaughan

As another season is winding down, I'm thinking about all the fun we had this year! I feel like this was the first season since the shutdown that everyone truly got out and enjoyed the many activities that Prudy works hard to make available for us. When Doug and I were contemplating retirement, I had no idea what to expect. I worried that I would be bored, that my brain would shrivel from lack of use, that I wouldn't have anything in common with my neighbors, that my neighbors wouldn't want anything to do with me. Wow! I wasted a lot of time on all those worries! I am so thankful to live at Rice Creek and to be a part of this amazing community! I am grateful to have so many wonderful friends to laugh with, to share hugs and to give and receive support! Many of you are leaving in the coming days for your summer homes and I will greatly miss you! I wish you all safe journeys! We'll stay in touch until you come back next season and we can start the good times all over! Love to you all!

BULLETIN BOARD

At the back of the hall, post notices on 3"x5" cards. Write the date posted on card. This board will be checked and kept neat. The cards will be removed every month. For more information see Prudy.

Friday Morning Meeting

Free coffee and \$1.00 donuts at 7:45am. Information meeting at 8:30am. This is the place to find out what is happening in the park and any changes to scheduled events. All are encouraged to attend!



FUN FACTS ABOUT MARCH

By: Robin Vaughan

March is traditionally the month of new beginnings. Speaking of new beginnings, Daylight Savings Time is on March 10. St. Patrick's Day is March 17 and Easter Sunday is March 31. Have some fun in March!

March 1 – World Compliment Day
March 2 – Old Stuff Day (Ha! I could do so much with that one!)
March 5 – National Cheese Doodle Day
March 7 – National Cereal Day
March 11 – National Napping Day
March 14 – World Kidney Day
March 15 – Ides of March
March 16 – National Corn Dog Day
March 18 – National Sloppy Joe Day
March 19 – First Day of Spring
March 22 – National Goof Off Day
March 27 – Manatee Appreciation Day
March 29 – Good Friday
March 30 – National Take a Walk Day

(Did you notice that, contrary to previous months, there are no days dedicated to the celebration of an adult beverage? Hmmmm.)

There is only one launch on the agenda for March from Florida: SpaceX Dragon CRS – March 4 time to be announced.

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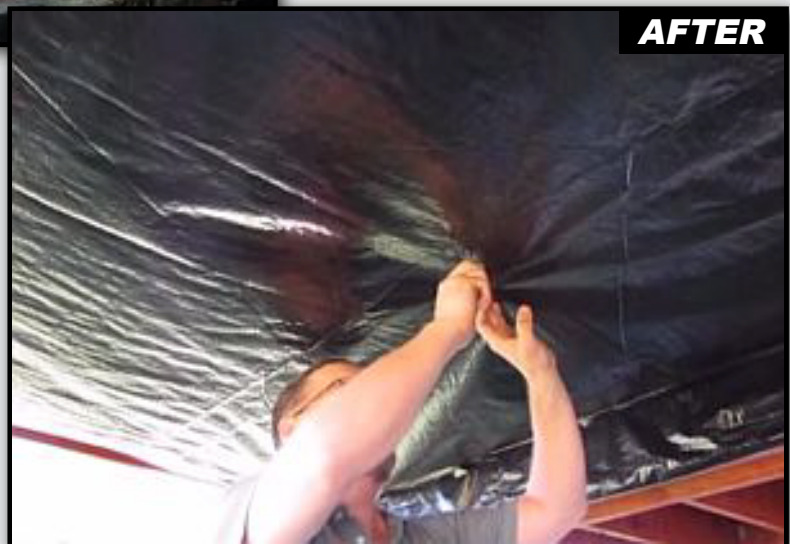
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BINGO

By: Paul Albert

Every Thursday nickel bingo begins at 6:00pm.

NOTE: THE CUT OFF FOR PURCHASING CARDS IS 5:50PM, NO EXCEPTIONS!



25 nickels, 5 dimes and 6 quarters is all you need for this entertaining night. If you want, add a dollar for each 'jug' ticket, which is becoming quite large!

BILLIARDS

Billiards tournament is every Wednesday at 6:30pm, up to 20 people. 11 people or less we play singles. 12 people or more and we draw cards for partners. \$5 entry fee -- All money is paid out as follows:

1 50/50 drawing, plus 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Doug Moorhouse is the Administrator (503) 320-1453

8-Ball singles tournament every other Saturday at 6:00pm. Limited to 10 people, \$10 entry fee. All money is paid out as a 60/40 split for 1st and 2nd place.

This month's will be on March 2nd, 16th and 30th
- "JJ" Johnson is the Administrator (843) 599-3885

All are welcome! There are no separate divisions for women and men.

Sign-up sheets are in the billiards room on the bulletin board. Park residents will always take precedence over non-residents, but non-residents are welcome if not enough residents are playing! Those on the sign-up sheets will have precedence over those that just show up to play.

So, sign up!!!

Let's all HAVE FUN!!!!



BOOK CLUB

By: Sharon Bruce
(813)374-1020

Come join us each Friday afternoon at 1:30pm.

BOWLING

Here we are in March already, where has the time gone?

This Season has just been the BEST!

We have enjoyed all the new bowlers that have come out this year. The RC family is just amazing.

We will keep having fun into April!

Thank YOU for making our job a pleasure!
Ron and Nancy



CARDS



If you like to play cards (or would like to learn), the following are options you might consider. There are sign up sheets in the hall (except for Euchre).

Court Whist on Sunday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room.

Hand, Foot & Elbow on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the hall.

Pinochle on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room.

Euchre Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the craft room. If there is another activity scheduled, we will find somewhere else to play! The cost is \$1.00, and all prize money is distributed at the end of the night. Please come out to join us and have a good time. All are welcome even if you are new to the game!

5 Crowns Fridays, 10:30am - 12noon in the craft room. New players and experienced players are welcome! It's an easy game to learn and fun to play! Join us! Make a new friend or two!

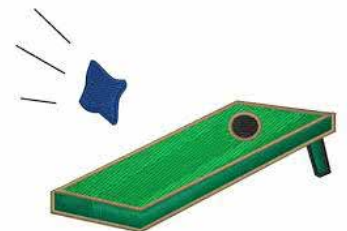
CERAMICS

By: Sharon Bruce (813) 374-1020

Thursdays 9:00am – 12 noon in the room next to the workshop across the street from the hall.

CORNHOLE

Come join us on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30am. Learn the game and have fun!





CHAPEL

“March Mission Of A Christian”

(Galatians 6:9)

“And let us not grow weary in well doing. For in due season, we shall reap if we do not lose heart ”

Our mission as Christians is a mission that calls us to live out our faith in every aspect of our lives and to spread the love of Christ with every step we take. From the moment we wake up to the time we rest our heads, our mission is clear: to spread the incredible news of salvation through Jesus. As we connect with people from all walks of life, we fulfill our mission by offering encouragement to someone who’s feeling weary, lending a helping hand to someone in need or lifting up prayers for those facing challenges. How can you carry out “A Mission As A Christian in your day-to-day life?



Join us in the hall for **Chapel Service every Sunday at 9:00am.**
Followed by fellowship coffee hour.

BIBLE STUDIES

Opportunities for growth and fellowship. Everyone is invited and welcome!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are invited to the hall on Wednesdays at 10:00am.



MENS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays @1:00pm in the Library.

REVELATION DISCUSSION

Wednesdays @ 2:00pm in the Card/Craft Room



DRIVEWAY SALE

Permitted on the first Saturday of every month. This month's will be on Saturday, March 2nd.

EXERCISE CLASS

By: Jackie T.

We’re looking for folks to join us every morning, Monday through Thursday at 8:00am for exercise in the hall. We do an aerobic tape that lasts about 30 minutes. We don’t care how you’re dressed or how you look. This is a great way to start the day!



LADIES GOLF

By: Margie Pintek

Wednesdays @ 9:30am at Bloomingdale Golf Club. There’s a sign-up sheet in the hall.

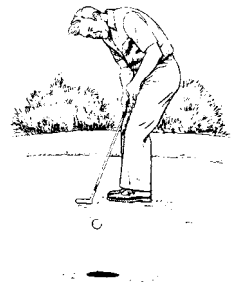
MENS GOLF

By: Mike Pintek

Mondays @ 9:00am at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Wednesdays @ 9:00am at Summerfield Golf Club.

Sign-up sheets are in the hall.



HORSESHOES



ATTENTION ALL HORSESHOE PLAYERS! We will be pitching at 9:00am everyday Monday through Friday, with a tournament every other Saturday. You do not need to have your own shoes to participate. Come have some fun!

LINE DANCING

By: Gwendolyn Donnell

Come learn some new moves in the hall Wednesdays at 3:00pm.



PORCH BAND

Join us at the pavilion on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm. If you play an instrument and would like to join in, come on down!



RICE CREEK CRAFTERS & STITCHERS

By: Linda Seese (480) 516-7333

A new craze has hit our group. Ever heard of Diamond Art? Like paint by number, but with tiny colored bits on a numbered picture. Projects.. all sizes, uses, designs. Stop by if that sounds interesting to you! Of course, we're still doing our regular things; counted cross stitch, crocheted baskets, blankets, hats, pot holders, quilting... a wonderfully diverse group with tons of talent! And? We enjoy each other so much! We've celebrated comings and goings, birthdays, holidays... We really have fun! But?? We're missing you!! Grab a friend and join us! Tuesdays, 1:30pm – 4:00pm in the Craft/Card room. Come for all or just a bit! You'll be glad you did!



SHUFFLEBOARD

by: Dave Hodson (603) 312-1461
or (603)341-6673

Come join us on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:00am for a morning of shuffling! We are having a great time! If you would like to learn the game without having to participate in the regular scheduled times, please give me a call. Pucks and cues are available to anyone who wishes to play.

If you have any questions, please call me at any of the numbers above.

SCRAPBAG QUILTERS

By: Cathy Alexander



Sewers and quilters needed! The Charity Quilting Group meets on Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 12noon. Just bring up your sewing machine...we supply the rest. In the past few years, we have made over 250 quilts that have been donated to the pediatric ward in Brandon Hospital. When a child is admitted to the ward their bed is made up with a blanket or quilt that they take home with them when they are discharged. All the quilt tops are made with donated fabric. Batting and the flannel for the backings are purchased with money from the activities fund and some very generous donations from a gentleman in the park. All quilters and sewers are welcome!



COMEDY CORNER

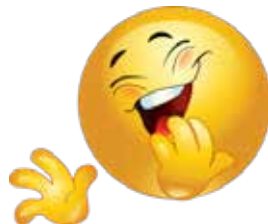
There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Do you want to hear a construction joke?
Sorry, I'm still working on it.

What do dentists call their x-rays? Tooth pics.

How do you measure a snake?
In inches, they don't have feet.

How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?
Ten tickles.



TRIVIA CORNER

- In what year was the internet first made public?
- What is the highest grossing R-rated film in North America?
- Mickey Mouse almost went by a different name. What was it?
- What is Canada's National sport?
- What are male honeybees called?

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 8)

STAINED GLASS

By: Jean Weinel (301) 787-8661

Classes will be held on Thursdays from 1:00pm – 4:00pm in the room next to the workshop across the street from the hall.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Watercolor painting is on Thursdays in the craft room from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. If you have some watercolor supplies, bring them. We have some brushes, paint, and paper for beginners. Bring a plastic container for water and a pencil and eraser if you can. We will begin with a few basic techniques for you to try and get used to the medium.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. Sessions will be led by Sheila Clark and Gundi Sheppard



YARD GAMES

Bocce ball, ladder ball and corn hole games are available for your use and are located in the library.



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JOHN'S PASS VILLAGE

By: Doug Vaughan

About an hour's drive from our park, the "Pass" was created by a hurricane on September 27, 1848. A pirate, John Leviq, made the first passage through the newly created pass. Hence the name, John's Pass. Located on the waterfront at John's Pass, this quaint turn-of-the-century fishing village is Pinellas County's #1 tourist attraction. Over one hundred merchants inhabit the Village and Boardwalk with unique retail shopping, a variety of restaurants, the local fishing fleet, dolphin watching and shelling tours, dinner and sunset cruises, boat rentals, fishing charters, parasailing and jet skiing.

There are miles of white, pristine beaches to the North and South of the pass, with ample beach access and parking in Madeira Beach and Treasure Island at various locations. Give it a try! <https://johnspass.com/>



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Spring Forward 1 Hour on
Sunday, March 10

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- A. 1993
- B. The Passion of the Christ
- C. Mortimer Mouse
- D. Lacrosse
- E. Drones

BREAKING NEWS!

By: Robin Vaughan

The mullet is back! No, I'm not referring to the fish. It could be the most perfect hairstyle ever! It has literally been in and out of fashion since there was fashion. It is thought that prehistoric peoples may have discovered how practical it was to cut their fringe to keep it out of their eyes, while the extra length in the back would keep their necks warm and protected from rain. Greek statues back to the 6th century featured the mullet style, as did Roman chariot racers. Benjamin Franklin wore a "skullet," a style that's bald on top and long at the back. The 1980's were the glory years of the modern mullet. Patrick Swayze, Billy Ray Cyrus and Kiefer Sutherland (sigh) were just a few male celebrities who made our hearts beat a little faster! Celebrities such as Cher, Jane Fonda and Joan Jett jumped on board too! The current mullet style is less drastic and in-your-face than the 80's mullet. It's called a "chillet" or a chill mullet. Whatever you call it, don't fear it! Many of us have a lot less of the main ingredient to work with now, so it may not be a style for us. But oh, the memories!



HOT DAWGS



Floyd and his crew will be serving them hot at noon on Saturday Mar 9th and 23rd.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Please bring your own container for orders to go.



Pictured left to right: Mitch Ashman, Jerry LaFramboise, Bonnie Ruoizzi, Karen Nuest, Nelson Williams, Sylvia Williams, Floyd Anderson, Jerry Krentz.



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BREAKFAST

Scott Denson and Jim Baxter will be serving up hot breakfasts at 8:30am on Saturday Mar 2nd, 16th and 30th. Check the board for menu and cost.



BEAN SOUP SUPPER

By: Scott Denson

You did it! We broke the record for the Bean Soup Supper on February 6th at 132 servings! Thanks to all who helped and participated!



SOME LOCAL AND NOT SO LOCAL HAPPENINGS

2/29 – 3/10 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Plant City

All things strawberry, together with rides and top name entertainment.

<https://flstrawberryfestival.com/>

3/1 -3/3 TAMPA BAY BOAT SHOW – Tampa

Area boat dealers/manufacturers, and the latest in boating and fishing supplies.

<https://floridastatefair.com/event/tampa-bay-times-boat-show/2024-03-01/>

3/2 CRACKER COWBOY DAY – Dade City

Live entertainment and all things cowboy, with demonstrations, music and food.

<https://pioneerfloridamuseum.org>

3/2 - 3/3 GASPARILLA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – Tampa

HUGE art festival, live music and over \$92,000 in prizes!

<https://gasparillaarts.com/festival>

3/8 – 3/10 FIRESTONE GRAND PRIX

- Downtown St. Petersburg

Three-day 20th annual event with a concert starring Bret Michaels.

<https://www.gpstpete.com/>

3/9 BEER, BOURBON & BBQ FESTIVAL – Tampa

"Brew it. Taste it. Sip it. Pork it."

<https://tampa.beerandbourbon.com/>

3/10 BRANDON SUNDAY MARKET – Brandon

Fresh produce and honey, local artisans, vendors, and food trucks.

<https://tampa.beyondthenest.com/content/brandon-sunday-market>

3/16 RIVER O' GREEN FESTIVAL – Tampa

Live entertainment, food trucks and beer!

<https://riverogreen.com/>

3/16-3/17 BLOOM 'N' CHALK FEST – Safety Harbor

Local, national & international artists create sidewalk masterpieces.

<https://www.bloomnchalkfest.com/>

3/16 WINTHROP POPUP MARKET – Riverview

Local market featuring artists businesses and one-of-a-kind products.

<https://www.winthroppopupmarket.com/>

3/23 – 3/24 31ST ANNUAL HYDE PARK ART FESTIVAL – Tampa

Located in the historic brick-lined streets of Hyde Park.

<https://www.artfestival.com/festivals/31st-annual-hyde-park-village-art-fair>

3/29 – 4/14 SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL – Clearwater Beach

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<https://www.sugarsandfestival.com/>

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Cooking Corner



Here's a bit of a different take on an old tried and true recipe.

Mozzarella-Stuffed Chicken Parm

Ingredients:

1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts
8 oz fresh mozzarella
Salt and Pepper
1 c flour
3 eggs, beaten
1 c bread crumbs (panko if you've got it)
1 tsp dried oregano
½ tsp garlic powder
½ c grated Parmesan cheese, separated
2 c marinara
¼ c finely sliced fresh basil
2 Tbs chopped parsley
Olive Oil

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Using a sharp paring knife, cut a deep slit into each chicken breast. Stuff pockets with mozzarella then press edges together to seal the chicken. Season outside of chicken with salt and pepper.

Put flour, eggs and bread crumbs in three separate shallow bowls. Whisk the oregano, garlic powder, and ½ the grated parmesan cheese into the bread crumbs. Dip the chicken into the flour, shake off excess; then dip into egg, tossing to coat. Dredge in bread crumbs making sure the chicken is evenly coated.

In a large oven proof skillet, over medium heat, heat a thin layer of olive oil. Add chicken to the skillet and cook until browned on both sides. Pour marinara around the chicken and scatter the basil on top of the chicken then sprinkle with the remaining grated Parmesan cheese.

Transfer the skillet to the oven and cook through – about 20 minutes. Garnish with parsley and serve

READING SUGGESTIONS:

Lady Godiva by Harris Long

Marathon Man by Randy Holeway

Toro, Toro, Toro by Matt Adore

How to Pester the Relatives, by Aunt Agonize; or

I'm So Excited, by Igor B. Eaver

Cocktail Of The Month

I usually try to pair a cocktail or wine suggestion with the recipes I choose, however, this month I am suggesting the following cocktail simply because I like it!

Strawberry Daiquiri

Ingredients:

4 oz light rum
½ c fresh strawberries, chopped,
plus more for garnish
1 10 oz bag chopped frozen
strawberries
Juice of 1 lime

Directions:

To a blender add rum, fresh and frozen strawberries and lime juice. Blend until smooth. Pour into 2 glasses with lime slices and/or sliced strawberries.

Enjoy!



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SPRING FLING 2024

THEME: Classic Cartoons

Suffern' succotash it's here again.

Get your costumes prepared and get ready for this fun time of shenanigans.

DATES: Starts Friday March 8th and continues March 9th.

It will include easy field and road games, hamburger luncheon, money euchre, bingo, shuffleboard, and a dance. So be Looney and come dance to the Tunes.

PRIZES: Will be awarded for games and costumes.

Note: costumes are optional. If you don't have one don't let that stop you from participating.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Norm or Sharon at 813 807 1022 or sign up on the volunteer sheet. It is located at the back of the hall on the bulleting board.

Find out if Elmer Fudd got the wabbit to kick the bucket or if Fred ever got the cat to stay out for the night.

Heavens to Murgatroyd don't miss out.

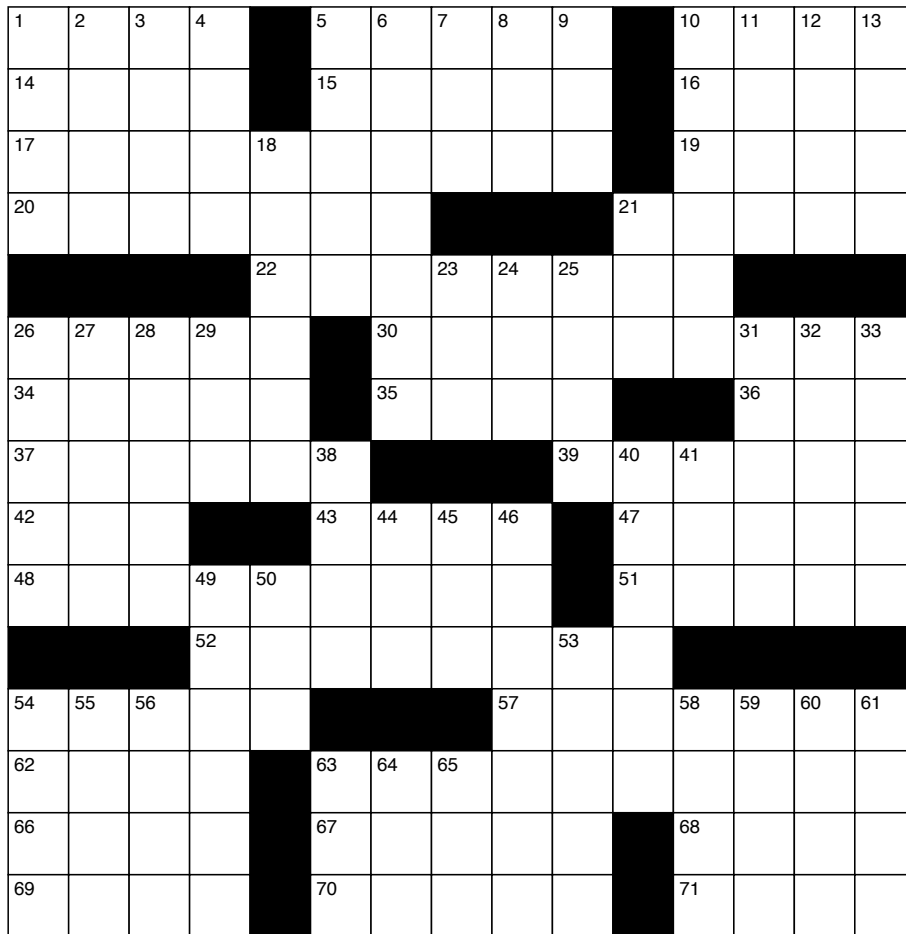
Th-th-th-that's all folks



SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE.

TIME	EVENT	LEADER
FRIDAY MARCH 8th		
6:30 p.m.	Euchre	Phyllis K
SATURDAY MARCH 9th		
7:15 – 8:45 a.m.	Coffee and donuts Photo booth	
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Mitch A.
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Road games – on Don Creek (Begin when opening ceremonies are done)	Sharon B.
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Balloon toss	Cathy A.
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Field games – field behind horseshoe pit and pavilion	Norm B.
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Hamburger luncheon – pavilion area Porch Band plays at luncheon	Floyd A. Bruce A.
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Games on shuffleboard courts	Dave H
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Bingo in the hall	Paul A.
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	Awards ceremony and Jail money draws & 50/50 draw	Norm and Sharon B
4:15 – 7:00. P.m.	Rest up for dance	
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Dance – live music	Norm and Sharon

CROSSWORD



Down

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2. Italian seaport
3. Bric-a-____ (objets d'art)
4. Marquis de ____
5. "____ Male War Bride" (1949 film)
6. Smothers, in a way
7. You, in Montreal
8. Hubbub
9. OB follower
10. The Bahamas' capital
11. Cosmetics brand
12. Norse god
13. Bartlett's cousin
18. Incalculable
21. Tip of a pen
23. East Lansing sch.
24. Communication syst. at Gallaudet U.
25. Emeril Lagasse's French Quarter restaurant
26. Yearlong hideout for Don Juan DeMarco
27. With with soap or space
28. Informant
29. Kick the bucket
31. Emulate Pac-Man
32. Seize, à la Caesar
33. As ____ the hills
38. Certain conifers
40. "The Iceman ____"
41. Avian sound
44. New Guinea port
45. Min. or max.
46. Within a ship
49. Fisherman's prize
50. Former Opry network
53. Shortages
54. Linda of soaps
55. Not closed
56. Zilch
58. Chess ending
59. Green-eyed monster
60. Zenith
61. Be ahead
63. Defense planning grp.
64. German grandma
65. With "ana," a capital city

Across

1. Goes down
5. Dangler on a dog collar
10. Newcomer often spelled with two zeroes
14. Ex-capital of Japan
15. Walter Lantz character, familiarly
16. Tough-guy actor Ray
17. Commencement ceremony
19. Know, to Nanette
20. Marriage requirement
21. Chris Kirkpatrick's former band
22. Island state of Australia
26. 1953 John Wayne oater
30. Veal dish
34. "... to fetch ____ of water"
35. Void partner
36. Shakespearean prince
37. Correct
39. Concurrence
42. "... ____ I saw Elba"
43. Greeting in London's East End
47. ____-Loompa (Wonka factory employee)
48. Samuel Clemens' pen name
51. Acts gloomily
52. Coordinated outfit
54. "Charade" director
57. Healthy breakfast choice
62. Per item
63. "No way!"
66. Aloha State goose
67. Insolent smile
68. Adult cable rating
69. A real beaut
70. Jokesters
71. Ogled

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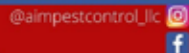
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3 Chapel 9:00 AM Court Whist 6:30	4 Corn Hole 9:30 am Hand, Foot & Elbow 6:30 PM	5 Horseshoes 9:00AM Shuffleboard 9:00AM Bowling 12:30 Stitching 2:00 – 4:00 PM Pinochle 6:30 PM	6 Card Making 10:00 AM Line Dancing 3:00 – 4:00 PM Pinochle 6:30 PM Euchure 6:30 PM Pool Tourney 6:30 PM	Monday thru Thursday pool exercise 12:00 noon	1 Coffee & Donuts 7:45 AM Meeting 8:30 AM Corn Hole 9:30 Five Crowns 10:30 AM Book Reading 1:30PM	2 Breakfast 8:30 am Shuffleboard 9:00 AM Horseshoes 9:00 AM
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17 Chapel 9:00 AM Court Whist 6:30	18 Corn Hole 9:30 am Hand, Foot & Elbow 6:30 PM	19 Horseshoes 9:00AM Shuffleboard 9:00AM Bowling 12:30 Stitching 2:00 – 4:00 PM Pinochle 6:30 PM	20 Card Making 10:00 AM Line Dancing 3:00 – 4:00 PM Pinochle 6:30 PM Euchure 6:30 PM Pool Tourney 6:30 PM	21 Horseshoes 9:00AM Shuffleboard 9:00AM Ceramics 9:00 – 12:00 Quilting 9:00 AM Stained Glass 1:00- 4:00 Watercolor – 6:30 – 8:30 Bingo 6:00 PM	22 Coffee & Donuts 7:45 AM Meeting 8:30 AM Corn Hole 9:30 Five Crowns 10:30 AM Book Reading 1:30PM	23 Shuffleboard 9:00 AM Horseshoes 9:00 AM Hot Dawgs Noon
24 Chapel 9:00 AM Court Whist 6:30	25 Corn Hole 9:30 am Hand, Foot & Elbow 6:30 PM	26 Horseshoes 9:00AM Shuffleboard 9:00AM Bowling 12:30 Stitching 2:00 – 4:00 PM Pinochle 6:30 PM	27 Card Making 10:00 AM Line Dancing 3:00 – 4:00 PM Pinochle 6:30 PM Euchure 6:30 PM Pool Tourney 6:30 PM	28 Horseshoes 9:00AM Shuffleboard 9:00AM Ceramics 9:00 – 12:00 Quilting 9:00 AM Stained Glass 1:00- 4:00 Watercolor – 6:30 – 8:30 Bingo 6:00 PM	29 Coffee & Donuts 7:45 AM Meeting 8:30 AM Corn Hole 9:30 Five Crowns 10:30 AM Book Reading 1:30PM	30 Breakfast 8:30 AM Shuffleboard 9:00 AM Horseshoes 9:00 AM
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Spring Gardening Tips

As the warmer weather of March heralds the arrival of spring, it's the perfect time to rejuvenate your garden space. Whether you have a sprawling garden or a modest balcony setup, here are some gardening tips to bring your outdoor space to life.

1. **Choose Native Plants:** Opt for Florida-native plants that thrive in our unique climate. These plants require less water and are more resistant to local pests. Consider adding butterfly weed and beach sunflower for a splash of color.
2. **Container Gardening:** Not much space? No problem! Container gardening is an excellent option. Herbs like basil, cilantro, and mint are perfect for small pots and can add fresh flavors to your kitchen.
3. **Mulch Wisely:** Applying a layer of mulch around your plants can help retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Pine straw or shredded bark are great options for your garden.
4. **Water Smartly:** Early morning is the best time to water your plants, as it reduces evaporation and helps prevent fungal diseases. Consider installing a drip irrigation system for efficient watering.
5. **Enjoy Your Space:** Finally, remember to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Add a comfortable chair or a bench to your garden area, creating a peaceful spot to relax and enjoy the beauty of your outdoor space.

With these tips, your garden will be a flourishing oasis that enhances your mobile home's appeal and provides a serene retreat to enjoy the beautiful Florida spring.



Declutter Your Way to a Simpler Life

Is it time for spring cleaning? Don't view it not as a burden, but as an opportunity to simplify your life and rediscover hidden treasures.

Start with a Plan: Categorize your belongings into "keep," "sell," "donate," and "discard." Tackle one category at a time to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

Memories vs. Clutter: Be honest. Does that old lamp spark joy, or just collect dust? Keep items with sentimental value, but let go of things you no longer use or love.

Embrace Multifunctional Furniture: Opt for furniture that serves multiple purposes, like ottomans with storage or beds with built-in drawers.

Utilize Vertical Space: Install shelves, cabinets, and organizers to maximize storage without sacrificing floor space.

Declutter with a Purpose: Sell unwanted items online or at consignment shops. Donate to charities and give items a new life.

Find Freedom in Letting Go: Remember, decluttering is about freeing yourself from physical and emotional clutter. Embrace the lightness and enjoy your newfound space.

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3 Bus to Strawberry Festival 10:00 am	4	5	6 Golf Dinner 5:30	7	8 Spring Fling Euchure 6:30 pm	9 Hamburgers Noon Spring Fling Charlie 7:00 – 9:30 \$5.00
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Breakfast 8:30 am Craft Show
17	18	19	20	21	22	Talent/No Talent 7:00 pm 23 Fort DeSoto
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