



# 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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## Manager's Corner

**Bill & Lois Brimmer**

*By: Bill Brimmer*

By now all the snowbirds have come home to roost and the park is in full swing! The park is fuller than it's been in years, and Lois and I are delighted to have you all here!

Repairs and improvements continue to be made as materials and contractors become available. I'm sure you've noticed the new stop signs on the roads. With so many people in the park it is very important to slow down and stop where indicated. We want everyone to safely enjoy their stay.

This is your park. If you would like to fill an opening in your schedule, we need volunteers. Grab your neighbor and come join us!

## Activities Directors

**Prudy and Dave Hodsdon**

*By: Prudy Hodsdon (603) 312-1461*

Get ready for some good eats, music and football! We're starting the month off with Scott's "famous bean soup". From there we roll into the Super Bowl Pizza party! The cost is \$7.00 for all the pizza you can eat! Stay and watch the game – its always a great time! The Valentine's Dance will feature George Durham and Gwen. We will be picking a King and Queen!

The card games are very popular so make sure to get to the hall in time to play. Movies, quilting, stitching, exercise, ice cream socials, breakfasts, etc. etc. etc. – never a dull moment in our park!

Remember, coffee is every Friday morning at 7:45 with the meeting starting at 8:30. Be sure to come to get all the latest information on upcoming activities and happenings in the park!

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## EDITORIAL

By: Robin Vaughan

Its already February! How did that happen so fast? Seems like yesterday we were putting up the Christmas decorations. Growing up I always heard my elders say how quickly time was passing. As a kid, I couldn't understand why time went by fast for them and to me it seemed like it took forever for Saturday to come.

I did a little investigating and guess what? There is a scientific reason why time passes more quickly the older we get. Apparently, our perception of time is linked to how much

time we have already lived, i.e., the older we get the more memories and experiences we have to draw on. That's the good news. Basically, our neurons are not firing as fast and it's a trick that we just feel like time is moving more quickly. My takeaway from the research I did is that Saturday is going to turn up every week just as it always has. It's what I do with the time between the Saturdays that's important. If it seems like the week has gone by fast, well, consider me tricked!



### BINGO

By: Paul Albert

Every Thursday nickel bingo begins at 6:00 pm. 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. The 'jug' prize is becoming quite significant!



### Driveway Sales

Are permitted the first Saturday every month. This month's will be on Saturday, February 4th.

### YARD SALE AND BASKET AUCTION

Will be held on Saturday, February 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the hall. Basket drawing will be at 1:15 pm Email Bonnie Ruozzi for any questions: bruoza@gmail.com



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This month's will be on February 5th and 19th.

## BULLETIN BOARD

At the back of the hall. Post notes on 3"x5" cards. Write date posted on card. This board will be checked and kept neat. The cards will be removed every two months. For more information see Prudy.

### Friday Morning Meeting

Coffee and donuts at 7:45 a.m. Information meeting at 8:30 a.m. This is the place to find out what is happening in the park and any changes to scheduled events. All are encouraged to attend.

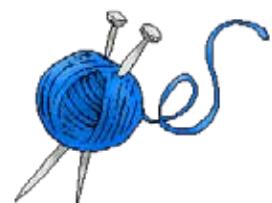


### RICE CREEK STITCHERS

By: Linda Seese (480) 516-7333

This group has been meeting since the middle of November and we have had so much fun!! We've met our neighbors, learned from each other and shared our talents and accomplishments with each other. We've made a few group projects, with some great success and some not so successful! Laughed till our sides hurt! We'd sure love to have you join us!

So... could this group be for you? Are you interested in meeting wonderful neighbors? Like to Knit? Crochet? Quilt? Embroider? Craft? Want to learn how to do these things? Have talent you would like to share? Like to be with friendly, creative people?? Join us in the Craft Room, on Tuesday afternoons, from 2pm – 4pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!!



### MUSIC

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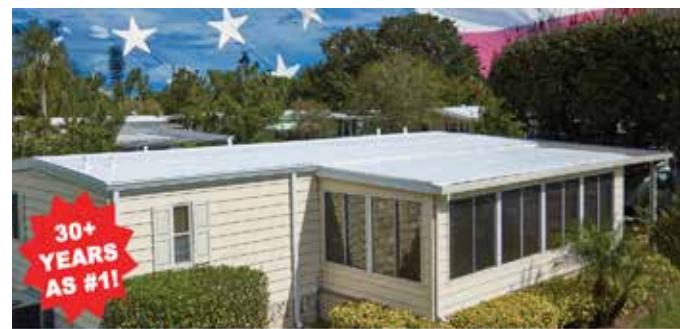
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## BREAKFAST

By: Scott Denson



Scott will be serving up hot breakfasts at 8:30 am on Saturday Feb 11th and 25th. Check the board for menu and cost.

## HOT DAWGS

By: Floyd Anderson

Come and get'em! Floyd will be serving them hot at noon on Saturday Feb 4th and 18th.



## Bean Soup Supper – February 1st

By: Scott Denson

It will be my pleasure to cook up a batch of my famous (at least in Rice Creek) bean soup together with cornbread and a slice of apple pie for \$5.00, the same price as last year. Please bring your own table setting.

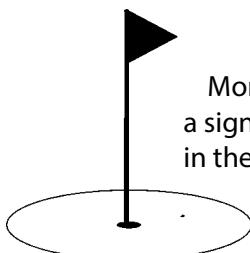


## Oil Painting



By: Bonnie Ruozzi (724) 777 1663

Wednesday in the Craft Room 9:00 am - noon



## GOLF

Monday and Wednesday mornings, there's a sign-up sheet in the hall. All golfers are welcome!

## CHAPEL

By: Chapel Elder Vincent Donnell,  
Pastor

### "HEART-TO-HEART"

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.  
(Proverbs 15:13)



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



## CARDS

If you like to play cards (or would like to learn), the following are options you might consider:

**Euchre** on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room.

**Hand, Foot and Elbow** on Monday nights at 6:30 in the Hall.

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



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

## Pool Tournament

There is a pool tournament every Wednesday at 6:30 pm....and is open to all.



## Yard Games

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



## Shuffleboard

Come join us on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for a morning of shuffling!



## Bowling

By: Nancy & Ron Ferdinandsen (586) 871-5333

We only have about 2 months left of Bowling!!! :(

Would love to see more bowlers join us, we BOWL just for FUN AND LAUGHS, so grab your bowling shoes and join us at The Alley Tuesdays at 12:30pm. Signup sheet in the hall.

Any questions please call me. Looking forward to seeing you all!



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## LADIES TEA

Diane and committee did a great job in organizing this year's Ladies Christmas Tea. A big thanks to the guys for serving!



## APP OF THE MONTH:



I used this app extensively last summer. It is very useful in finding points of interest along your travel route. The Roadtrippers trip planner app is a guide to improve your road trip experience. Roadtrippers can be used to plan road trips, map out your route and navigate detours and stops that have been endorsed by other travelers.

**Plan trips:** You can plan short day trips with the free version that allows you to add up to 7 waypoints. With the paid version, you can plan long, multi-day trips with up to 150 waypoints.

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**Travel content:** Inspirational Road trip travel guides to different destinations and articles on RV experiences.

## FEBRUARY

By: Robin Vaughan



"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March." - Dr. J.R. Stockton

February is a little month dominated by Valentine's Day. Last year's February edition of Up the Creek was heavily influenced by the Valentine's Day holiday. I feel like there is more to February than hearts and flowers.

There are a lot of important observances in February: It is not only Library Lovers Month, its also National Embroidery Month, National Hot Breakfast Month, and National Snack Food Month. How did I not know: 2/18 is National Drink Wine Day; 2/22 is National Margarita Day, 2/25 is National Chocolate-Covered Nuts Day, and 2/28 is National Chili Day! I feel I need to give each one of these holidays my best celebratory efforts! I hope you enjoy the month!

## COMEDY CORNER

By: Bunny Conner



### Senior Sarcasm:

I'm responsible for what I say, not what you understand.

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.

I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

I put my scale in the bathroom corner, and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

Apparently RSVPing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

She says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found mute by now.

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

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# Some Local Restaurant's Daily Specials

By: Doug Vaughan

(Subject to change, of course!)

## Monday

- \$6.99 Classic Burger with Fries - Applebee's
- \$7.99 Build Your Own Burger with Fries - Beef O'Bradys
- \$9.00 Buffalo Chicken or Pulled Pork Sandwiches – Glory Days Grill
- \$9.99 Endless Garden Bar (Lunch) - Ruby Tuesday
- \$10.00 Specialty Burgers - Glory Days Grill

## Tuesday

- \$1.99 Select Tacos – Fuzzy's Taco Shop
- \$5.99 Cheeseburger with Fries - Ruby Tuesday
- \$5.99 Chicken Sandwich with Fries Ruby Tuesday
- \$5.99 Fish Sandwich with Fries - Ruby Tuesday
- \$6.99 Two Tacos, Chips & Drink – Tijuana Flats
- \$7.99 Two Tacos plus Chips and Salsa - Beef 'O' Brady's
- \$9.99 Chicken Tenders with Fries - Applebee's
- \$10.00 Nachos - Glory Days Grill
- Buy 3 Tacos get One Free - Cali Aji
- Half off Flatbreads (Dinner) – Kazbor's

## Wednesday

- \$0.99 Wings or BOGO Boneless Wings - Beef 'O' Brady's
- \$0.99 Columbian Empanadas - Cali Aji
- \$6.99 Endless Salad Bar (Lunch) - Ruby Tuesday
- \$7.49 Burrito Wednesday – Fuzzy's Taco Shop
- \$7.99 Large Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  
- Hungry Howies (Code 17D01)
- \$9.99 6oz Top Sirloin with two sides - Applebee's
- \$10.00 Wannabe Shrimp - Glory Days Grill
- \$11.99 Half Rack of Ribs with Fries - Ruby Tuesday

## Thursday

- \$1.00 Wings (Dinner) - Kazbor's
- BOGO Boneless Wings (Dinner) - Kazbor's
- \$7.99 Burrito, Chips & Drink – Tijuana Flats
- \$9.99 Half Rack of Ribs with one side - Applebee's
- \$10.99 Philly Cheesesteak with Fries
- \$11.59 Chicken Steak or Shrimp Fajitas – Beef 'O' Brady's

## Friday

- \$7.99 Philly Cheesesteak with Fries - Ruby Tuesday
- \$9.99 Double Crunch Shrimp with fries and coleslaw - Applebee's
- \$9.99 Fish and Chips with coleslaw - Applebee's
- \$9.99 Fish and Chips with coleslaw - Beef 'O' Brady's
- \$11.00 Friday Fish Fry with coleslaw - Glory Days Grill

## Saturday

- \$6.99 Salad Bar (Lunch) - Ruby Tuesday
- \$9.99 Pick Any Pasta - Applebee's

## Sunday

- \$9.99 Fiesta Lime Chicken - Applebee's
- \$10.99 6oz Sirloin (Dinner) - Ruby Tuesday

# TRIVIA CORNER

1. What is Cynophobia the fear of?

- A. Signs
- B. Dogs
- C. Cotton
- D. Darkness

2. What item is a werewolf afraid of?

- A. Sunshine
- B. Moonshine
- C. Ruby
- D. Silver

3. What was the soft drink Pepsi originally introduced as?

- A. Brad's Drink
- B. Cola
- C. Cough syrup
- D. Afternoon refreshment

4. What was the original name of the search engine "Google"?

- A. Wonder
- B. TexTerm
- C. BackRub
- D. Grab

5. True or False: "Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo." is a grammatically correct sentence.

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 12)

# Some Local And Not So Local Happenings

## 2/4 – 2/5 MONSTER JAM – Tampa

<https://www.monsterjam.com/en-US/tickets>

## 2/9 – 2/20 FLORIDA STATE FAIR – Tampa

<https://floridastatefair.com/>

## 2/11 WINTHROP POP UP MARKET – Riverview

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

## 2/12 BRANDON SUNDAY MARKET

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## 2/25 – 2/26 SAFETY HARBOR ART & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – Safety Harbor

<https://www.visit tampabay.com/tampa-events>

# Some Interesting Facts About Tampa

By: Doug Vaughan

## Cigars

Though Cuban cigars are associated with Cuba, they were made here in Tampa for many years, earning the city one of its popular nicknames, the Cigar City.

## Authors

Two famous authors have lived in the area: Jack Kerouac, the beat poet and novelist of the 1960's who lived in St Petersburg, and Stephen King, the popular horror writer who lives in Sarasota. Both authors were originally from New England.

## The Cuban sandwich was invented in Tampa

The difference between a Cuban sandwich in Tampa and a Cuban sandwich in Miami is that in Tampa they added Genoa salami due to the large population of Italian immigrants involved in the cigar trade.

## Tampa Bay is incredibly shallow

At only 12-feet deep, Tampa Bay is shallow, and it is also the largest estuary in Florida – defined as having both salt and fresh water mixed together. Channels are dredged to allow ships to navigate the water in and around the port.

## Port Tampa Bay is the largest in Florida

It is situated 25 miles from the Gulf of Mexico and generates over \$15 billion in revenue.

## Tampa has never reached 100 degrees

The temperature has never been known to go over 100 degrees and thank goodness because it's not a dry heat in Florida!

## Cowboys came to Florida

Teddy Roosevelt and his private army known as the Rough Riders sailed from Tampa to fight in the Spanish-American War.

## Tampa's famous mascot is only a legend

Jose Gaspar the infamous pirate—Tampa's famous city mascot—is only a legend, but an enduring one.

## Bayshore Boulevard has the longest continuous sidewalk at 4.5 miles

This path runs entirely along the water. It's a great place to walk, run or bike. You will see historic mansions and feel fresh sea breezes. Sightings of manatees and dolphins are a common occurrence.

## Tampa holds a flight history record

Tampa is home to the first scheduled commercial flight in 1914, which landed here after taking off from St. Petersburg

## Babe Ruth hit his longest home run in Tampa

Interesting bit of history – The Great Bambino's longest home run was hit at the old Plant Field baseball stadium in downtown Tampa. In April 1919, during a spring training game of the Red Sox vs. the NY Giants, the baseball legend hit a record breaking 587-foot homer.



## FLORIDA STATE FAIR

<https://floridastatefair.com/>

This year's State Fair runs Feb 9th through Feb 20th. Check the website for reduced senior admission days. In addition to the many agricultural and equestrian events, you can visit Cracker Country, a living history museum with 13 original structures dating back to the late 1800's with knowledgeable docents in historic dress eager to educate.

### Mexican Street Corn Pizza (Angela's Pizza):

Buttered corn and mozzarella cheese, drizzled with mayo, parmesan and tajin.

### Tampa Cuban Funnel Cake Sandwich (The Best Around):

Spanish pork, smoked ham, Genoa salami, Swiss cheese, dill pickles and mustard nestled between 2 traditional 4-inch cakes then heat pressed and topped with a donut glaze.

### Sweet Potato Apple Pie (Paul's Potato Palace):

Sweet potato piled high with butter, cinnamon & sugar apples with whipped cream.

**Walking Nacho Dog (DeAnna's Diner):** Hotdog, chips, jalapenos and topped with warm cheese sauce.

**Mexican Street Corn Sundae (DeAnna's Steak Sundaes):** Fries with warm queso, sweet corn, spices, cilantro lime crema and crushed corn chips. Choose Cajun shrimp or steak topping!

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## RECIPES



What's in season in February? Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, lemons, oranges, squash, sweet potatoes, and strawberries!

### Roasted Vegetables

1 pound broccoli, washed and trimmed  
 1 pound brussels sprouts, washed and trimmed  
 1 pound cauliflower, washed and trimmed  
 2 whole garlic cloves, sliced thin  
 2 Tablespoons olive oil  
 Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Wash brussels sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower (or any combination of vegetables you prefer). Cut the stems from the brussels sprouts and cut in halves or quarters depending on their size. Cut broccoli crowns from the stalks into 1-2 inch pieces. Cut cauliflower into 1-2 inch pieces. Make sure the vegetables are very dry.

In a large bowl, combine the vegetables, garlic, salt, pepper and olive oil and toss until the vegetables are evenly coated with the olive oil.

Spread the vegetables evenly on a sheet pan (I like to cover the sheet pan with foil or parchment paper for easy cleanup) Place the sheet pan in the oven for 35 to 40 minutes, tossing halfway through to roast on all sides.

These delicious veggies can be paired with just about any kind of meat! I love them with grilled salmon!

Since February 22 is National Margarita Day, here is a recipe to try:

### Margarita

1 ½ ounce silver tequila  
 1 ounce orange liqueur (*Cointreau, Grand Marnier or Triple Sec*)  
 ¾ ounce freshly squeezed lime juice  
 Optional sweetener: agave nectar or simple syrup, to taste  
 Lime wedge and coarse salt for rimming the glass

Run a lime wedge around the top rim of your serving glass. Fill a shallow bowl or plate with salt, then dip the rim until it is covered with salt. Set aside.

In a shaker over ice, combine liquid ingredients, cover and shake for about 10 seconds. Give it a taste to check for sweetness. Strain the cocktail into your prepared glass and enjoy!



## TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1.B
- 2.D
- 3.A
- 4.C
- 5.True



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



50/50 Winners Rich and Geri Coyne



High School Chorus for Christmas Carols



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To our valued customers;

During the current times we wanted to let you know that we are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure not only our workers safety but yours as well. We check workers' temperatures each morning and have limited the amount of contact our crews have with each other. Our crews work in Tyvek suits with respirators which helps to ensure your safety as well as theirs.

As a company, we want your business and there is no need for any contact if you so choose. Our business is deemed an "Essential Business" and we are here for you when you need us. You can schedule your inspection by calling 1-800-681-3772.

*Wishing you good health and safety,  
The Florida Anchor & Barrier Team*



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