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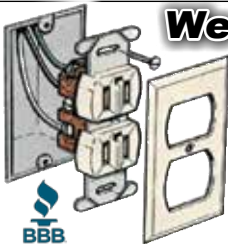
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Craig Bowman, Lot 131



Hi everyone.

Hopefully, the weather has turned, and the warmth is here to stay. January and the start of February have been unusually cool.

Welcome to any new residents to Yankee Traveler. Be sure to take part in any or all activities going on. Always something coming up on the calendar to participate in.

Thanks to Stephen Ford for all his hard work and time in promoting activities and another thanks to all the volunteers who step up and make things happen.

Our **March General Meeting** is scheduled for **March 15th at 2 pm** in the Rec Hall. Hope to see everyone there.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Stephen Ford, Lot 601



As we approach our last big month of activities, I would like to say thank you to everyone that has headed up an activity, and all those that continue to help. As we all know it is a “team” effort for all the activities to take place. And another thank you for all those that come out and support those activities.

February was a busy month and March will be just as busy if not more. We will have our first “Out of Park” entertainment since I’ve been here, “Comedy / Magic” show on March 17th in the Rec Hall at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the show are \$10.00 and will be sold Saturday at 9:00 AM in the Rec Hall on March 3rd, and can also be purchased from Darley, Lot # 430, and from me, Lot # 601. (We are guaranteed to be laughing within the first ten minutes)

Our annual “Pie / Cake and Homemade Goodies auction had a great turnout, with great goodies and some surprises as well. All the proceeds for this event go for more fun activities for all of us to enjoy.

Our last “Park coffee” will be on March 15th. Do not forget to “Dress in the West” (Old West). And get your second treat for free, there will be a prize for the best costume.

Also on the 15th, our last Association General Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM in the Rec Hall.

For a little fun, there are some small ducks hidden around the park. If you find one, have your picture taken, post it on the YT Residents Association of Largo, FL Facebook page and get a prize. (Hide the duck again)

Our annual Park Picnic and Parade is a **TWO-DAY** event with activities on both days, beginning Friday, the 22nd, and Saturday, the 23rd. Please watch the bulletin board for times. We need numerous volunteers for all the events. The sign-up sheets for volunteers will be on the bulletin board in the Breezeway by the office.

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We will have an actual “Jail” in front of the Rec Hall (Parking Lot), where you will be able to put your favorite culprit in jail. Your “outlaw” can be put in jail for any offense. Use your imagination. They can “get out of jail” by having someone other than themselves pay their fine (\$3.00) or **Bribe the U S Marshal or the Sheriff**. So, if you are going to jail, bring your bribe, (pie, cake, home cooked goodie, etc.) with you to jail, so you can get out. Minimum jail time is 30 minutes. **ANYONE** is susceptible to going to jail **EXCEPT** the U S Marshal, the Sheriff, and the Deputy. Be the first to put your spouse in jail before they put you in. If both your spouse and you are in jail together, pray for good friends to get you out. (Jail food will not be the best.) “Jail tickets” are \$3.00. More details at the “Park Coffee.”

Let’s make this year’s Park Picnic and Parade one of our best ever!

From the pictures I have seen from previous parades, there is no doubt we will see some great imagination and unique floats and costumes. There are so many talented people that live in this park, there is no doubt we will have fun!

Let’s all climb in the saddle and have a great ride!

Sincerely, Stephen Ford



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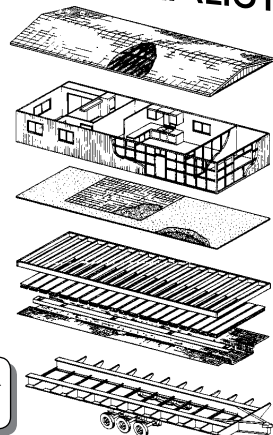
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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Mary Lantz, Lot 431

February was an action packed; fun filled month with a lot of activities to enjoy. March is on track to be just as event filled. There are so many things to do at this Park, so be sure to watch the calendar and bulletin boards so you don't miss out on anything. Get out there and have some fun!



And don't forget, I am always looking for ideas for things to include in the Gazette, so if you have anything you would like to share or stories, events, etc. that you think others would enjoy, drop me a note by **March 13, 2024** at mplantz5029@gmail.com or come see me on Lot 431 and I will get them published in the next Gazette. ***Anything received after that date*** will be included in the following months Gazette.

YANKEE TRAVELER DIRECTORY

Sally Skene, Lot 529



PHONE DIRECTORIES

2023 - 2024 Phone Directories can be purchased at the Office, or from Barb Hintze, Lot 428 or Avis Howard, Lot 434 for \$0.50.

Below are a few updates to the 2023 – 2024 Directory:
The Directory heading should read “2023 - 2024 Residents Directory By Lot #”

Lot 307	Rob & Sylvie Levesque YT Phone Number is the same as their home number.	Lot 527	Tim & Elaine Chestnut Phone-Cell Tim: 506-333-4302 Phone Cell: Elaine: 506-649-4141 Email: 114thenuts@gmail.com
Lot 425	Gary & Lora Thompson Phone: Gary: 506-531-6218 Phone: Lora: 506-531-6213 Address: 67 William Avenue, Pointe du Chene, NM E4P 5K2	Lot 716	Englehart/O'Donnell Fred/Moyra Have relocated to Lot 301.
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Zayna Williams, Lot 337

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The date will also be posted on the bulletin boards and reminders will be on the "YT Residents Association of Largo, FL" Facebook page.



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A GENTLE REMINDERS

When driving through the Park after sunset, please be sure to turn your headlights on. We have a lot of walkers out there after dark and want to be sure they can do so safely.

Remember that the speed limit is **15 mph** in the Park. It may seem slow, but it was set for everyone's safety. Report vendors that you notice repeatedly driving too fast to their respective companies. If it is a park resident, please notify the office and they will address the issue.

Please do your part to help keep the park clean by not tossing cigarette butts on the ground. It may *seem* insignificant, but besides being unsightly, did you know that cigarette filters can take as long as 10 years to decompose while releasing toxins into the environment? Let's keep the park beautiful!

If you are having an event or participating in an activity in the Rec Hall or the Card Room, please clean up when you are through. All trash and recycling should be taken to their proper place and the room tidied. In other words – leave the room as you found it.

Also, please **check your mail** on a regular basis as the mailboxes fill up fast. If mail is not picked up for awhile, we will assume you are not here, and the mail will be sent back.



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But please be mindful of what and where you are putting your recycling items. It only takes a minute to break down a box and put bottles and cans in the proper place. All items must be clean and dry.

CAN CRUSHER

Dave Cowell, Lot 339

The can crusher can be found in the main dumpster area behind the Blue Recycling Bin. You must clean/rinse your cans before crushing them, so we do not get a swarm of Bees. Please crush your own cans, but if you cannot, just leave them by the crusher and someone will take care of them. This is where those that are able can help. IF you see uncrushed cans and you have an extra minute or more lend a hand and crush those too. It will be very much appreciated. This is a great source of revenue for the Association. Thank you in advance for your support.



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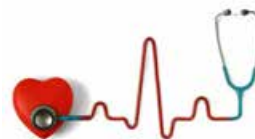
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GAMES

BINGO

Cindy Fox, Lot 417

We are so happy that all our Yankee Traveler residents have arrived safely. We are enjoying all the activities. With that note, Bingo is a big success as usual. Come one come all and enjoy. Yelling Bingo is a rush for me. Many are so excited to win. Looking forward to a lot of players this season.



DOMINOES & CARD GAMES

Do you enjoy Dominoes or Card Games? We've got you covered. Below is a list of all the opportunities that are available to you. Pop in and join the fun and fellowship. Always a good time!

Sunday	Court Whist	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Monday	Hand & Foot	Card Room	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bid Euchre	Rec Hall	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Cribbage	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Dominos	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Poker	Card Room	7:00 PM
Thursday	Hand & Foot	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Nickel Nickel	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Friday	Euchre	Rec Hall	7:00 PM



Be sure to watch for posters placed in the breezeway by the office, outside the Rec Hall, and on the “YT Residents Association of Largo, FL” Group Facebook page letting you know if any of these times or places have been changed due to conflicts with room availability.



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MENS GOLF

Tony Sarvo, Lot 319

Men's Golf is played every Tuesday at the Country Way Golf Course. If you are interested in playing, please see Tony Sarvo at Lot 319 or give him a call at 419-346-7615. The results for January play are in:

1/2/23

Low Scores

- Jim Nelson - 67
- Charlie Gladwin - 75
- Joe Nadock - 76
- Derek Adams - 76
- Dave Cowell - 77

Low Putts

- Tom Steinheiser - 26
- Terry Brienens - 26
- Kevin Fox - 27
- Steve Gladwin - 28
- Derek Adams - 29

1/23/23

Low Scores

- Dave Cole - 65
- Charlie Gladwin - 72
- Dan Hensley - 72
- Derek Adams - 72
- Dave Cowell - 77

Closest to Pin 2nd Shot

- Frank Jachlewski - Hole #5
- Terry Brienens - Hole #9
- Joel Fisher - Hole #13
- Charlie Gladwin - Hole #15
- Derek Adams - Hole #17

1/9/23

Low Scores

- Steve Gladwin - 72
- Charlie Gladwin - 74
- Gary Frecker - 75
- Joe Nadock - 76
- Dan Hensley - 77

Blackjack

- Dave S. - 20
- Tony Sarvo - 19
- Bob Letner - 18
- Dave Cole - 18
- Kevin Fox - 18

1/30/23

Low Scores

- Dave Cole - 65
- Dan Hensley - 74
- Charlie Gladwin - 74
- Derek Adams - 75
- John Hays - 75
- Tony Sarvo - 75

Low Putts

- John Hays - 26
- Ray Siefert - 27
- Kevin Fox - 27
- Dan Hensley - 29
- Charlie Gladwin - 29

1/16/23

Low Scores

- Charlie Gladwin - 72
- Gary Frecker - 73
- Tom Steinheiser - 74
- Derek Adams - 76
- Ray Siefert - 77

Closest to Pin 1st Shot

- Ray Siefert - Hole #1
- Craig - Hole #6
- Rick Adams - Hole #8
- Joe Nadock - Hole #12
- Steve Gladwin - Hole #16
- Kevin Fox - Hole #18



Did You Know?

The first St Patrick's Day Parade Took Place in the US. St Patrick's day is a really big deal in Ireland, after all he is the patron saint of the Emerald Isle. But the first St Patrick's Day parade was not held in Dublin; it took place in New York City in 1762?

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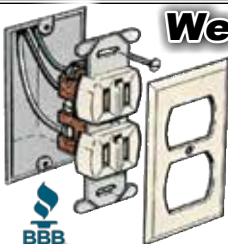
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<p>Court Whist 7:00 PM Rec Hall</p>	<p>Blood Pressure/Sugars Testing 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Rec Hall Beginning Line Dance 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Rec Hall Advanced Beginner's 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Jam Practice 7 PM Card Room Bingo 7:00 PM Rec Hall</p>	<p>Quilting / 9:00 AM - Rec Hall Ballroom 3:00 - 4:00 Bid Euchre</p>
<p>Line Dance Show 6:00 PM In Front of Rec Hall (Parking Lot) Court Whist 7:00 PM Rec Hall</p>	<p>Beginning Line Dance 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Rec Hall Advanced Beginner's 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Bingo 7:00 PM Rec Hall Hand & Foot 7:00 PM Card Room</p>	<p>Quilting / 9:00 - 12: Rec Hall Ballroom 3:00 - 4:00 Bid Euchre</p>
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Euchre 7:00 PM Rec Hall	2 Ticket Sales for Comedy / Magic Show 9:00 AM Rec Hall (Show is March 17th)
5 Sewing - 12:00 PM Dance Lessons 0 PM Rec Hall re 6:45 PM RH	6 Dress Making 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall MyCare Food Bank Card Room 10:30 AM Jam Practice 7 PM CR Cribbage 7 PM RH Dominoes 7 PM RH	7 Beginning Line Dance 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Rec Hall Advanced Beginner's 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Horseshoes 1:00 PM Nickel Nickel 7 PM RH Hand Foot 7 PM RH Poker 7 PM Card Room	8 Karaoke 7 PM Rec Hall	9 Ticket Sales St. Patrick's Dance 9:00 AM Rec Hall
12 Sewing 00 PM Dance Lessons 0 PM Rec Hall re 6:45 PM RH	13 Dress Making 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Arts and Crafts 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Rec Hall Jam Practice 7 PM CR Cribbage 7 PM RH Dominoes 7 PM RH	14 Beginning Line Dance 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Rec Hall Advanced Beginner's 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Horseshoes 1:00 PM Nickel Nickel 7 PM RH Hand Foot 7 PM RH Poker 7 PM Card Room	15 Park Coffee 8:30 AM Rec Hall ("Dress in the West") (For a Treat) General Meeting 2:00 PM Rec Hall Euchre 7:00 PM Rec Hall	16 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Rec Hall St. Patrick's Dance Rec Hall 7:30 PM
19 Sewing 00 PM Dance Lessons 0 PM Rec Hall re 6:45 PM RH <i>Day of Spring</i>	20 Dress Making 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Jam Practice 7 PM CR Cribbage 7 PM RH Dominoes 7 PM RH	21 Beginning Line Dance 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Rec Hall Advanced Beginner's 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Horseshoes 1:00 PM Nickel Nickel 7 PM RH Hand Foot 7 PM RH Poker 7 PM Card Room	22 Park Picnic and Parade Two Day Event Jail Two Man (or Woman) Bucksaw Contest Cattle Roping Corn Shucking Contest Plus the Usual Shenanigans Dinner & Parade-3/23 Announcement for next year's theme - Watch for Flyers	23
26 Sewing 00 PM Dance Lessons 0 PM Rec Hall re 6:45 PM RH	27 Dress Making 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Jam Practice 7 pm CR Cribbage 7 PM RH Dominoes 7 PM RH	28 Beginning Line Dance 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Rec Hall Advanced Beginner's 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rec Hall Horseshoes 1:00 PM Nickel Nickel 7 PM RH Hand Foot 7 PM RH Poker 7 PM Card Room	29 Drive-in Movie Night In Front of Lot # 601 6:15 PM <i>Good Friday</i>	30
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The Ladies will tee off first followed by the Men. Bring \$1.00 for a game. Notify us at Lot 510 if you have signed up and cannot attend.

The results are in:

1/2/23		1/23/23	
Low Scores		Low Scores	
Jim Nelson - 67	Tom Steinheiser - 26	Dave Cole - 65	Closest to Pin 2nd Shot
Charlie Gladwin - 75	Terry Brienens - 26	Charlie Gladwin - 72	Frank Jachlewski – Hole #5
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Derek Adams - 76	Steve Gladwin - 28	Derek Adams - 72	Joel Fisher – Hole #13
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			Derek Adams – Hole #17

1/9/23		1/30/23	
Low Scores		Low Scores	
Steve Gladwin - 72	Blackjack	Dave Cole - 65	Low Putts
Charlie Gladwin - 74	Dave S. - 20	Dan Hensley - 74	John Hays - 26
Gary Frecker - 75	Tony Sarvo - 19	Charlie Gladwin - 74	Ray Siefert - 27
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1/16/23	
Low Scores	
Charlie Gladwin - 72	Closest to Pin 1st Shot
Gary Frecker - 73	Ray Siefert – Hole #1
Tom Steinheiser – 74	Craig – Hole #6
Derek Adams - 76	Rick Adams – Hole #8
Ray Siefert - 77	Joe Nadock – Hole #12
	Steve Gladwin – Hole #16
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FIND A DUCK

Just for fun we will be playing a little game of “Find A Duck”. There are some little ducks hidden around the Park. Keep your eyes open, they could be on an awning, in a planter, by a tree, the options are endless. If you find a duck, have your picture taken with your duck, post it on the *YT Travelers Association Largo, FL* Facebook page and get a prize. Then, re-hide the duck for someone else to find.



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Ann Miller, Lot 338



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Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays.

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Ballroom Dance lessons with instructor Bruce Marshall are held each Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the Rec Hall. The cost is \$40/person or \$80/couple per month. Payment to be made at the first of each month. It's a lot of fun, Bruce is a great instructor, and you'll learn new moves to show off at the Yankee dances! Everyone is welcome, even those of us with two left feet. Hope to see you there!

ARTS & CRAFTS

Ann Miller, Lot 338 & Kay Ritchie, Lot 328



Join us for the below arts and craft presentation that is just waiting for you to create.

Wednesday, March 13th 1:00 PM in Rec Hall

Alcohol Ink Painting - Presenter: Kay Ritchie

Watch for a poster on the bulletin board for details, including the fee to cover the cost of supplies for this craft. A sign-up sheet will soon be in the Rec Hall along with a sample of the finished product you will be creating.

Hope to see you there!

DRESS MAKING

Debi Bowman, Lot 131



Join us Wednesday mornings, from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM, to make dresses for Haiti and other warm countries. I took 102 dresses, 9 shorts and 17 knitted hats to Starkey Road Baptist church last week for distribution to missionaries during their mission conference. I would like to thank the ladies for their faithfulness to this fun project, but there is always room for more to join.

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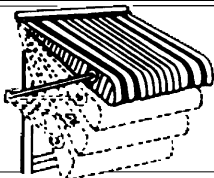
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QUILTING/NEEDLEWORK

Susan Fisch, Lot 130

You are invited to join our group of talented textile artists on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM, in the Rec Hall. All skill levels are welcome.

We will be demonstrating different quilt blocks, tips, techniques, and tools etc.

Feel free to bring your own sewing, embroidery, crochet, knitting or other needlework projects. Please bring the applicable fabrics, notions, and materials for your projects.

Our main goal is fun! Come help us to create our community of friendship, inspiration and needlework discovery adventure.



EVENTS

LINE DANCING SHOW



The line dancers will be dancing in the street in front of the Rec Hall on Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 PM. Watch for posters on the bulletin boards for additional information.

Come with your lawn chairs, drinks, refreshments, etc. and enjoy the music and dancing. Feel free to dance on either end of the line dancers if your feet just can't be still.

COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

Stuart Rudnick, a Comedy Magician is coming to Yankee Traveler on March 17th at 7:00 PM in the Rec Hall. You will not want to miss this show. Stu has a fresh style, breath taking magic and innovative illusions, which have earned him numerous accolades for creativity and showmanship. He combines magic, comedy, audience participation and live animals. This isn't just a show, it's a *production*! We are guaranteed to be laughing within the first ten minutes.

Tickets will be on sale Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 AM in the Rec Hall for the low price of \$10.00 each. You can also purchase them from Steve Ford, Lot 601 or Darley Perlakowski, Lot 430. See you then!



KARAOKE

Bill Miller, Lot 338

The next round of Karaoke will be held on March 8th at 7:00 PM in the Rec Hall. A signup sheet will be in the Rec Hall. We use the "Singa" app, so you can browse the app, find a song and practice your tune ahead of time. Wow us all with an out of this world performance! You don't have to be a seasoned singer to participate, everyone is welcome to take a turn at the mic. Don't want to sing by yourself? Organize a group, that's always fun too! Can't sing? That's okay, come on over anyway. It's a lot of fun, and there are plenty of sing-a-longs too! It's a fun time no matter how you choose to participate.



JAM SESSION PERFORMANCE

Come on over to the Rec Hall on March 24th at 2:00 PM to enjoy the instrumental and vocal performances of the many talented musicians we have here at the park. They meet weekly, but once a month they put on a little concert for all to come and enjoy. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



MOVIE NIGHT

Let's all watch a movie! On March 29th grab your lawn chairs, snacks, and drinks (blankets if you get cold) and come on down in front of Lot 601 to the big outdoor movie screen. Visit with your YT friends and then sit back and enjoy the show! Always a good time. You won't want to miss it.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Dave & Sally Little, Lot 138

The Feb 10th Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. Thanks to all of you who were happy to have our wonderful team cook a delicious "hot-off-the-griddle" meal. Thank you for accepting the changes in price and times. What thrilled the breakfast team was the community atmosphere in the Hall. You stayed, visited, met new people, and drank all the coffee! Next time, **March 16th**, we will not run out of regular or decaf.

It's great to be a volunteer, providing an event where neighbors get together, enjoy each other's company, and feel so positive about our community of "Yankee Traveler".

Sally and Dave



MINI GOLF & SOCIAL

Dave & Beth Cole, Lot 528

The 9th annual Mini Golf Tournament was another huge success. 96 golfers participated for the prize money. The winners were:

Women

- 1st Wanda Astorino
- 2nd Lynn Robichaud
- 3rd Darley Perlakowskiv

Men

- 1st Tom Steinheiser
- 2nd & 3rd tie Rick Bosetti & Mike Willett



This was our first year hosting this event and we hope everyone had a great time. We appreciate all the volunteers who stepped up to help with this event. Thank you.

We also want to thank Carol & Tony Sarvo for their help and guidance. Their notes from previous years proved to be very valuable.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10th Annual Mini Golf Tournament and Social next year.

Beth & Dave Cole

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DANCES

Lynda Robichaud, Lot 524

Our first dance in 2024 was held on Jan 27th. The theme for this dance was Western. We had over 100 attend this dance, many of them dressed in their Western outfits. The best dressed couple Dawn Renee and Brian Carney won a gift card worth \$50.00 to Baystar Restaurants. The best dressed female was our saloon gal Laurie Stalkfleet and our most original went to Tim Chestnut. They each collected a \$25.00 gift card to Baystar restaurants. Thank you to all those who took the time to dress for the occasion. Joe Cully our DJ kept us dancing the night away even though he was not feeling well. Thanks, Joe, for a great evening.

Our Valentines dance will be held on Wednesday Feb 14th. The tickets are sold out. The hall has been decorated, snacks and punch ingredients purchased. It should be a great dance with our DJ Joe Cully keeping us up on the floor with lots of energy and great music.

Our last dance of this season will be our St. Patrick's Dance. This will be held on Saturday March 16th. Ticket sales will be on March 9th at 9:00 AM in the Rec Hall. If this dance is like most of our March dances it will also sell out quickly, so I would advise you to get out and get your tickets if you want to go.



I would like to thank all the people who help to put these dances on, Bev and John Chestnut, Elaine and Tim Chestnut, Martine and Andre Dion, Heather and Paul Doucet, Karen and Greg Hossack, Beth and Ron Moore, Heather and Russell Pitt, Sally and Steve Skene and Karen and Blaine Walsh. Special thanks to Omer Robichaud for always being supportive and helping with everything.

Lynda Robichaud

NFL CHAMPIONSHIP PARTY



What a great time we had at the NFL Championship Party. There were so many good snacks that were shared among the group. The game was exciting. The outcome was great if you were a Chief's fan, sorry you 49'er fans. As usual, the half time show pleased some, but not everyone. The commercials were fun to see, especially the 3rd quarter Volkswagen commercial our own Willie Redner's granddaughter made. A big shout out to Jason and Debbie Day for organizing the event and all their volunteers.

PICNIC AND PARADE

The 2024 Annual "WILD WILD WEST" Park Picnic and Parade will be a two-day event on commencing on March 22nd and 23rd. There will be fun activities on both days, so watch the bulletin boards for further information. Don't forget about the Jail that will be in front of the Rec Hall. You will be able to place your spouse, neighbor, friend, etc. in jail for \$3.00 for any offense you choose. They can get out of jail by having someone other than themselves pay their \$3.00 fine or offer a bribe to get out. Should be a fun time! And don't forget the parade. Start planning your float and costumes now. There are so many creative people in the Park so let's get those creative juices flowing and make this one amazing parade to remember!

It takes an army for events like this. We will need numerous volunteers for all the planned activities. There will be sign-up sheets in the Breezeway by the Office for all those that would like to help. Thanks so much in advance.





FLAMINGO DERBY

Jerry Rzepka, Lot 421

The Derby Committee was notified in January that the YT Flamingo Derby has become an *AMERICAN FLAMINGO RACING ASSOCIATION (AFRA)* sponsored event. *IMALOTTOFLAMINGO* President of the *AFRA* was present at the January 26th drawing of flamingo owners and flamingos. *IMA* did the Honors of drawing the lucky winners and presenting them with their flamingo for the February 24th derby. *IMA* also led the parade of owners and flamingos into the derby hall on the 24th. She checked on each owner before the derby to make sure they were following all *AFRA* rules of training and accepted all bribes of alcohol to look past any infractions. The derby was a great success with lots of twists and turns. Final results will be posted in the April Gazette.



WHO KNEW?

Author-Darley Perlakowski, Lot 430



Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is the national police service of Canada. This agency of the Government of Canada also delivers police services under contract to 11 provinces and territories, over 150 municipalities and 600 Indigenous communities. I would like to introduce you, the Yankee Gazette, to one of our own residents that was an integral part of the RCMP, Andre Dion.

Both Andre and his wife Martine were born in Montreal, Canada. But, before we begin with Andre's career, let's go back a few years. I am sure you have heard the song "Match Maker, make me a match, find me a find, catch me a catch, etc. Well, Montreal is quite large, but small enough that two mothers (good friends) decided to become matchmakers. They arranged a blind date for their son and daughter, and the rest is history. On a side note, Andre's mother is 101 years young. She still lives by herself, plays golf, reminds Andre about the blind date, and enjoys Andre's twice a week dinner with her son when he is back home in Canada.

At the age of 19 Andre joined the RMCP and it became a lifelong career. Now Andre was not just a regular military individual serving his country, because those superior officers saw something special in this young man, and soon it would become quite evident that they were correct in their judgement.

I was told that the municipal and provincial departments are similar to the American FBI. It did not take long for Andre to become the man in charge of the immigration department. For 35 years he oversaw national security, immigration, and the drug situation that is constantly getting worse.

In 1991 Andre became a commissioned officer. Now I like the word "protector". The Canadian Government had to have 100% confidence in Andre and his past history of "qualified service" for his country to put him in charge of "protection" for the Governor General as well as for a King and Queen.

Now Andre did not spend his entire military career in Canada. His service was required in many countries. He served in South Africa, Monte Carlo, (no gambling) LOL, 5 years in Paris. In 2000, while here in FL., he was called to our capital in Wahington, D.C. This couple, especially Andre, did not let any dust gather under his feet because when the government said

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"pack your bags" he packed his bags and headed to a new destination. His job, even though a prestigious one, was very demanding. It definitely was not a 9-to-5 job. He spent many months and years away from Martine and his children. Martine, according to Andre, was the perfect wife and mother. She was steadfast in their marriage as there are many wives that could not handle the stress of the work Andre had to be in charge of doing. However, there were times when she had to step up to the plate and help with doing some transcriptions for him. With Andre's responsibilities as overseer of multiple investigations and many reports coming to his desk from those individuals that worked under his direction constantly, he needed her at his side. Making sure, even as the wife of Canada's "big guy", she had to make sure she renewed her Canadian clearance every 5 years.

Even though Andre's job was very demanding, he can look back and be confident in a job well done. Now is the time to sit back and relax (golf as much as you want) and do the things you dreamt about as a young man. It is now "FREE" family time.

I must let you, the reader, hear a few words from a few friends.

You can usually see the Dion's having a romantic dinner on their deck by candlelight, piano music playing softly in the background with an exquisite red wine. Andre routinely pours Martine her wine and then himself in a Riedel crystal glass. They are wine connoisseurs, so if you need a recommendation, see them at Lot 420. Perhaps that was acquired during their stay in Paris. Andre and Martine won our couples contests. They have proven numerous times how well they know each other. It has been said that Andre is the best dressed guy on the golf course. How did Andre and Martine find Yankee? His brother Paul owned a trailer here and would tell him he had to visit and then he would see for himself how to enjoy retirement.

As a reader, do yourself a favor and sit down with Andre and Martine and discover their world of adventure and excitement as well as what was his most challenging experiences of his career. I know you will not be disappointed.

SHORT FUNNIES

adapted from wettpad.com



Outdoor Enthusiast

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before commenting, "it looks like you get a fair bit of exercise."

The man replied, "oh yeah, in fact, just the other day I walked 5 miles over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edges of a lake, pushing my way through tall thistles, and even slid down sandy slopes while getting sand in my eyes."

The doctor was quite impressed. "Well, you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "not really, doctor. I'm just a really bad golfer."



Mosquitoes

It's evening. Little Johnny and his friend are sitting by a campfire. They've been plagued by swarms of mosquitoes already for an hour and the assault only worsens when the darkness sets in.

Suddenly, fireflies appear, and Little Johnny exclaims, "These darn mosquitoes! Now they've even brought lanterns with them to find us!"





RECIPE CORNER

Mary Lantz, Lot 431
Who wants to share their favorite recipe with others? Send me your recipes (mplantz5029@gmail.com) so I can share them in the coming months!

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN THIGHS

Darley Perlakowski Lot 430



Combine below to make a sauce:

- 1 cup apricot preserves
- 1 cup french dressing
- 1 package dry onion soup

Place 2 pounds boneless thighs in baking dish. Top with sauce.
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STUFFED CABBAGE ROLL SOUP

Ann Millr Lot 338

Ingredients

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| • 1 pound ground beef | • 8 ounce can chopped tomatoes, not drained |
| • ½ teaspoon kosher salt | • 28 ounce can crushed tomatoes |
| • ¼ teaspoon ground pepper | • 3 cups beef broth |
| • 4 tablespoons butter, divided | • 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning |
| • ½ head cabbage cut into 8 wedges and sliced thickly | • 2 cups rice, cooked |

Instructions:

1. In a large pot over medium high heat add the ground beef. Cook and crumble. Drain and set aside on a plate.
2. Add two tablespoons butter and onion and sauté until tender. Remove and set aside with ground beef.
3. Add one tablespoon butter and cabbage and cook until the cabbage starts to wilt. Add the ground beef and onion back to pan.
4. Add in the crushed tomatoes, beef stock, chopped tomatoes, and Italian seasoning. Simmer for 15-20 minutes

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FRENCH ONION CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Darley Perlakowski Lot 430

Mix together:

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| • 3 cups chopped chicken | • 1 cup sour cream |
| • 1 can (drained) french green beans | • 1 can cream of celery soup |
| • 1 cup mayo | • 1 cup cheddar cheese |

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