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Notes from the November Board Meeting

- Treasurer stated the park has adequate funds.
- The Pool is closed for the month of January and February for repairs and upgrades. Phase I includes the demolition of the existing pump house, the installation of a new above ground mechanical system and the re-surfacing of the pool; \$112,000 expense.
- Phase II will include the expansion of the fence, deck pavers, landscape, patio; balance of approved \$175,000 expense maximum.
- Palm tree trimming has started. Replacement of about 20 Queen palm trees with shorter Christmas Palm has started. \$2,500 in the 2025 budget plus \$20,000 from the Reverse Fund.
- The potable and non-potable water and artesian wells issue was resolved; thanks to many residents who helped; \$18,220 expense.
- New WiFi system in the community room and office completed; \$1,283 expenditure.
- New back pack blower was purchased; \$624.95.
- Utilities increased by 27%.
- Yard Waste dumpster removed to save \$100 per dump, plus \$900 rental cost savings. Use the dumpsters at the main entrance for all garbage and recycle items. NO plastic bags in the recycle bin.
- Shuffleboard awning project completed. Can withstand 150 MPH winds.
- East retention wall/culvert project: about \$40,800 expense; replace chain fence with vinyl; \$2,000 expense in 2025 not from 2028 reserve fund.
- Reduced Reserve Fund contribution from \$80,000 to \$60,000.
- Budget 2026 Goal: no increase in residents' monthly fee.
- Playing pool and poker would not be held in the clubhouse on those Fridays to allow for park bands setup. Do Not Put any item on the pool table at any time.
- By-law change: Currently the board must have three sealed bids for project over \$2,500. Change: to allow for board approval to pay those \$2,500 to \$5,000 and those from \$5,000 to \$10,000 now and maintenance that is currently \$500 to \$1,000.
- E-Z Vote – 1. Approval of the 2026 Operating Budget which includes taking \$14,926 from the reserve fund for resealing of roads-moved to 2027 or 2028, and taking \$33,000 from reserves to finish pool deck and equipment. 2. Approval for \$18,22t0 for Emergency Repair of Irrigation System. 3. Approval of \$20,000 for 2026 for Palm Trees.



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Rules discussed at the November Board Meeting

Residents, please share this information with your guests. Let's keep our park safe and enjoyable for all. The Rules and Regulation Committee is reviewing existing rules and will recommend revisions for the membership approval.

- Observe speed limit and stop signs in the park.
- Review pool and park rules with your guests.
- No signs in the grass. Put your For Sale signs in the planters or windows;
- No alcohol in the common areas.
- No smoking and no vaping in common areas.
- No overnight parking on the streets. Use designated areas.
- No speeding; 15 mph is the limit. This includes motorized cycles.
- The Virginia Drive Yard waste and construction waste dumpster will not be replaced. Rental is \$900 and dumping fee is \$100. Use the Recycle bid at the East Bay Drive entrance.
- No plastic bags in the recycle dumpster; dump them in loose. Remember to break up all cardboard boxes.
- Recommended to change quiet time from 8a to 10p to 8a to 11 pm.
- Please crush and use the aluminum recycle cans bin in the garage.

January Birthdays

Happy 51st Birthday to us!

- 1 Peter Palmieri, Unit 36
- 8 Charles Preble, Unit 159
- 29 Enos Fudge, Unit 28



January Anniversaries

- 1 Bill and Debby Williams. Unit 45
- 5 Jack and Myra Sonneborn, Unit 149



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Condolences

*To the family of Marilyn Marten Unit 90. Marilyn passed away on Nov 8 in Illinois. Predeceased earlier this year by husband Glenn, known as the 'Marble Man'; bought and sold collectable marbles. (refer to Apr. 2024 bulletin profile.)

*To Stan Piercay. Unit 30. Thelma passed away November 18th. We will miss her greatly. She was very active in the park and especially at the card tables.

*To the Terrance Joseph McKenna family from St Teresa, British Columbia, Canada. Terrance, Unit 7 or 66, passed away Nov. 23. Previously deceased by wife Peggy and daughter Bernadette. Family enjoyed 30 winters in the park. Spent over 70 years growing and shipping potatoes around the world.

SAC

Accolades to the Thanksgiving Dinner team, chaired by Grace Joeveer, who baked 2 of the 5 turkeys that 72 residents consumed. Thanks Grace and Roy Joeveer, Unit 17, Brenda and Ben Richter, Unit 99, Audrey and Gurrin Gillingham Unit 40, Ruby Watkins Unit 123; and the turkey carvers Ben and Roy. The dining room was beautifully decorated by Joyce Smith, Unit 61 and Janice Penney Unit 146. About \$305 was raised and given to the Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Thank you, Kim Daus who volunteered to chair the Christmas dinner on Dec 20. Thanks to the many who baked hams and those who brought their potluck dishes. The hall was beautifully decorated. Our gratitude goes to Effie Hillier and her Elves for coordinating the sorting and distribution of the estimated 800 Christmas cards to residents.

Residents can expect two new activities- a Scavenger Hunt; Chair Exercises, facilitated by Brenda Richter, and a few Soup and Sandwich lunches, coordinated by Betty Scully. Those who make sandwiches and soups will be reimbursed for their expenses.

Remember our Wednesday Dining Out at various local restaurants at 4; and watch the bulletin board for Betty's trips suggestions. Event activity signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board; volunteers are needed for all events.

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Saturday Dances will be 7-10 pm
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Jan 24 - Dance with Travelers Band
Feb 21 - Dance with East Bay Band
Mar 7 - Kitchen Party
Mar 21 - Dance with Still Rockin' Band

Time to Think About Our Flea Market – Feb. 28, 2026

This is an opportunity to donate those linens, household items, dishware, cutlery, furniture, clothing or any other miscellaneous items you have accumulated or found that you do not need. This is especially true for those of you who have moved into the park most recently, and those who may be moving.

The proceeds of the sale benefit you in that they are used to put on and sponsor social and recreational activities within the park. We will need Silent Auction items: new or gently used items of a value of more than \$10. Check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse for further notices and information and volunteer signup sheets beginning in February. Check it to see how you can help. Many volunteers are needed as this is our prime fundraiser of the year.

The Color of Your Bread Tag Has an Important Meaning

Ever wonder why the tags used to seal loaves of bread come in different colors? Far from arbitrary, the color-coded system indicates which day of the week the bread was baked. The color system is even alphabetical: Monday is blue, Tuesday is green, Thursday is red, Friday is white, and Saturday is yellow. (Traditionally, bread wasn't delivered on Wednesday or Sunday.) Because bread rarely remains on the shelf for more than a few days, this system is more for internal use among employees than it is for customers looking to get the freshest sourdough possible.

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Six Amazing Facts About Rain

Source [Interestingfacts.com](https://www.interestingfacts.com) by Darren Orf

Rain — and by extension the Earth’s water cycle — is an essential planetary process that makes all life possible. Rain supports crops, fills lakes, and tops off reservoirs. And because salt remains behind during evaporation, rain is also a major source of fresh water. Here are six fascinating facts about rain to provide some new perspective when the next rainy day comes your way.

The Smell of Rain After a Dry Spell Has a Name

Water itself is odorless, of course, but rain, particularly after a dry spell, produces a pleasant, earthy scent, known as “petrichor.” The word is a combination of two Greek words — *petros*, meaning “stone,” and *ichor*, referring to the mythological fluid that fills the veins of the Greek gods. This name is actually an apt description for where the smell originates, because when rain hits porous soil or rock, microorganisms called actinobacteria release an organic compound called geosmin into the air, which contributes to the odor we associate with petrichor. Humans are better at sniffing out this compound than sharks are at smelling blood in water, and some scientists theorize that this particular nasal sensitivity helped our hunter-gatherer ancestors find water sources.

Nearly All Rain Starts as Snow

What we perceive as rain is actually water vapor at the end of a long journey. Precipitation forms when water vapor condenses into water droplets along the surface of certain aerosols that serve as “condensation nuclei.” As these droplets begin their journey toward Earth, they often freeze to form ice crystals at high altitudes, falling as snow. It’s only when the snow meets warmer air at lower elevations that the precipitation becomes hail or rain. (Freezing rain occurs when snow meets a pocket of warm air, melts, and then encounters freezing temperatures near the surface. Because the precipitation doesn’t have time to reform as snow, the rain instead freezes on contact with the ground, creating one of the most dangerous types of wintry conditions.)

There’s a Place in Antarctica Where It Never Rains

The largest desert in the world isn’t the Sahara, the Arabian, or the Gobi. In fact, those three deserts *combined* don’t make up the entire surface area of the Antarctic polar desert. (Although many of us associate deserts with sand dunes and cacti, they’re actually categorized as such based on their arid climates.) Antarctica as a whole receives very little precipitation, but the driest place by far is an area called the McMurdo Dry Valleys. Thanks to a phenomenon known as katabatic wind, which occurs when gravity pulls cold, dense mountain air downhill, this extremely parched region likely hasn’t seen any rain for an estimated 2 million years. In part

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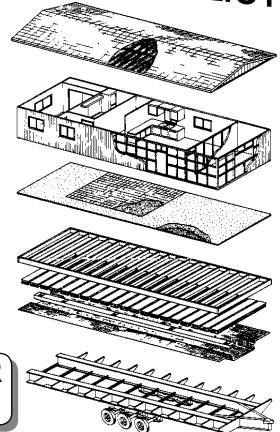
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because of this, though, it serves as a good analog for the Martian surface, a planet-wide desert in its own right that hasn't seen precipitation in billions of years.

The Rain on Venus Is Sulfuric Acid

Mars might be dry as a bone, but Earth's other planetary neighbor is another story. Thanks to large amounts of sulfur dioxide in Venus' atmosphere, the planet experiences precipitation in the form of extremely corrosive sulfuric acid. Acids and bases are measured by the pH scale, with "0" being a strong acid and "14" being a strong base. Earth's rain, for example, typically has a slightly acidic pH of around 5.6, but during powerful volcanic eruptions, as more sulfur dioxide is injected into the atmosphere, the resulting acid rain can have a pH as low as 2.5 (similar to vinegar). The acid rain on Venus, meanwhile, is estimated to have a pH of 1 or even lower, which is extremely hostile to any sort of life. Of course, this rain never actually reaches the planet's surface, which is a roiling 900 degrees Fahrenheit. (Sulfuric acid evaporates at around 572 degrees Fahrenheit.)

Raindrops Don't Look Tear-Shaped At All

When kids draw raindrops, they're often big, blue, and tear-shaped. In reality, however, a raindrop doesn't look anything like a tear. While hovering in clouds, water droplets take on a spherical shape. As a droplet increases in size, it eventually falls to Earth, colliding with other droplets along the way. The bottom of the water droplet faces wind resistance as air also rushes past its sides, forming a jelly bean shape (though NASA describes it as a hamburger bun). Then, when the raindrop grows to about 4 millimeters in diameter, the pressure from the wind resistance flattens the droplet even further into a thin, umbrella shape before it eventually splits it into smaller spherical droplets. This may seem like a nitpicky fact, but knowing the exact shape of raindrops helps radar instruments on orbiting satellites monitor precipitation levels more accurately.

1 Inch of Rain on 1 Acre of Land Weighs More Than 100 Tons

One inch of rain may not sound like a lot — especially when you consider that some places get more than 460 inches of rain per year — but all that water adds up. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), 1 inch of rain over 1 acre of land is equal to 27,154 gallons and weighs around 113 tons. To put that into perspective, 1 square mile contains 640 acres, which means 1 inch of rain in 1 square mile is more than *17 million* gallons of water. If you continue to scale up, 1 inch of rain over the entire United States is equal to more than *61 trillion* gallons.

The stats are even more mind-boggling when you consider that the contiguous U.S., for example, experiences enough rain in one year to cover the entire Lower 48 in 30 inches of water — which works out to 1,430 cubic miles of water weighing approximately 6.6 billion tons. By some accounts, an average of 1 billion tons of rain falls on the Earth every minute.

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Of course, this could shift with climate change. A warmer planet means more water will evaporate in the atmosphere, and that extra moisture could lead to more frequent “heavy precipitation,” which causes soil erosion and increases flood risk. Heavy precipitation doesn’t necessarily mean areas will see an increase of average rainfall; rather, it refers to the nature and intensity of dramatic, storm-filled events. Like so many of Earth’s natural processes, rain will not escape the reality of our warming world.

6 Surprising Facts About Lefties

Source: Interestingfacts.com by Nicole Villeneuve

Southpaws. Lefties. Mollydookers. There’s no shortage of nicknames for the left-handed people of the world, even if much of everyday life seems to have been designed without them in mind. Hand preference remains an intriguing puzzle for scientists, with researchers still questioning why a small percentage of people favor their left hand over their right. This quirk has caused lefties to be saddled with historical baggage and ongoing inconveniences — unfortunately, The Simpsons’ Leftorium, where left-handed folks can find everything from can openers to cars suited to their needs, remains fictional.

We may still be working to uncover the origins of this unusual hand preference and to create a more lefty-friendly world, but in the meantime, here are some curious facts about left-handed life.

Being Left-Handed Used To Be a Red Flag

For centuries, being left-handed in a primarily right-handed world wasn’t just inconvenient; it was also seen as suspicious or even dangerous. This bias goes way back: The word “sinister” comes from a Latin word of the same spelling meaning “on the left side.” In medieval Europe, left-handedness was thought to have ties to witchcraft and, for some religious groups, demonic possession. These suspicions lingered for centuries — even into the early 1900s, left-handed schoolchildren in the U.S. and Europe were retrained to use their right hand instead. These perceptions didn’t shift in any major way until the mid-20th century. *Time* magazine suggests one notable turning point came in 1968 with the opening of London’s Anything Left Handed store, which celebrates southpaws rather than condemning them. By the 1970s, more manufacturers were producing products specifically for lefties, and by the end of the decade, the number of people publicly embracing their preferred hand had risen from 2% in 1939 to approximately 12% in 1979.

Only 10% of the World’s Population Is Left-Handed

Only about one in 10 people worldwide are left-handed — or at least that’s the most accurate estimate the latest data can offer. As it turns out, pinning down an exact number is trickier than you might think. Some people write with their left hand but throw a ball with

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their right. Others, thanks to the aforementioned long-held misconceptions and stigmas, were flat-out forced into right-handedness as children, even if they innately favored their left hand. Despite the margin of error, this 10% statistic has held up across time and cultures spanning more than 10,000 years. Modern tools, various teaching methods, and shifting social norms have all seemed to have negligible effects on this ratio, and that's unlikely to change anytime soon.

Genetics Are Partially Responsible

Left-handedness tends to run in families, but it's not as straightforward as, say, eye color or blood type. Instead, it's likely influenced by a combination of genetic, prenatal, and possibly even environmental factors. Research has identified rare genetic variants, particularly in a gene called TUBB4B, that appear 2.7 times more often in left-handed people than in right-handed people. Other studies suggest a left-handed preference may be detected in the womb as early as 10 weeks into pregnancy based on thumb-sucking activities. Handedness also appears to have an environmental component. In a 2019 U.K. study of more than 500,000 participants, the percentage of people identifying as left-handed increased steadily among those born each year starting from around 1920 until roughly 1970, when it leveled off. But this wasn't simply because more left-handed people began to be born; instead, it was likely due to a decline in the social pressure to switch hands. The study also suggested that low birth weight and being part of a multiple birth seems to increase the chance of left-handedness. Further research suggests seasonal hormone levels or exposure to infections may even make women born in the summer more likely to be lefties, but the exact reasons for these correlations remain murky and there are likely still other undiscovered factors as well.

Men Are More Likely To Be Southpaws

One pattern that consistently shows up in handedness studies is that men are more likely to be left-handed than women. The gap isn't *huge*: about 12% of men versus roughly 10% of women prefer their left hand. Given the low number of lefties overall, though, it is statistically significant, and scientists still aren't entirely sure why this is the case. One theory suggests hormones — specifically, higher levels of prenatal testosterone — may play a role.

Even Animals Can Be "Left-Handed"

Favoring one's left or right side isn't solely relegated to humans; plenty of animals show their own versions of "handedness." Kangaroos often prefer their left hand for grooming and feeding, and even tiny creatures such as bees can display side biases when navigating around objects. Dogs, too, will favor a paw, and there's a way to test it beyond a paw shake: It's called the Kong test. Give your dog a food-stuffed Kong or other treat-dispensing toy and watch which paw they use to hold it in place while eating. If they consistently favor one paw, that's likely their dominant side. Some dogs may use both paws equally, but many demonstrate

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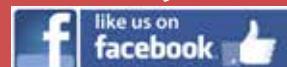
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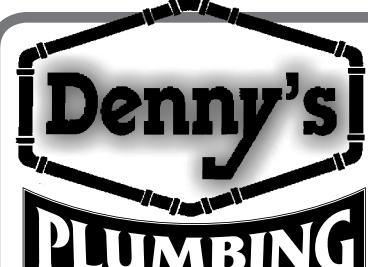
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a clear preference. One study found that, among dogs that showed a clear paw preference, about 58% were right-pawed and 42% were left-pawed, making “left-handedness” much more common in dogs than in humans.

Lefties Have an Edge in Certain Sports

Despite most sports gear being designed for right-handed players, lefties often hold a surprising advantage, especially in fast-paced competitive sports such as tennis, baseball, boxing, and fencing, in which an opponent’s reaction time is lower.

Because southpaws are relatively rare, right-handed athletes don’t get as much practice facing them, whereas lefties spend their whole lives playing against righties. This creates an element of unpredictability for righties when facing a lefty: The latter’s movements, angles, and timing can feel unfamiliar to their opponents.

In baseball, for example, left-handed pitchers are especially prized for their ability to throw off a batter’s rhythm. While left-handedness doesn’t necessarily guarantee athletic success, the list of elite athletes who’ve been left-handed is undeniably impressive: LeBron James, for example, is naturally left-handed but shoots basketballs with his right. Babe Ruth and Wayne Gretzky, two of the greatest athletes of all time in their respective sports of baseball and hockey, also belong to this distinguished club.

Facts About ‘The Andy Griffith Show’ to make you Whistle

The *Andy Griffith Show* is one of the most beloved sitcoms ever to be broadcast into our living rooms. The series ran for 249 episodes over eight seasons, starring the iconic Andy Griffith as Sheriff Andy Taylor, Frances Bavier as his Aunt Bee Taylor, Don Knotts as the oafish Deputy Barney Fife, and a young Ron Howard as Andy’s son Opie. Today, this TV classic is considered not just one of the greatest shows of the 1960s, but of all time. But despite the show’s enduring popularity, there are still a few interesting tidbits that may surprise even the most avid fans. Here are five fun facts about *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Don Knotts Wasn’t in the Original Cast

The pilot episode of *The Andy Griffith Show* was originally broadcast as an episode of *The Danny Thomas Show*, a sitcom that ran from 1953 to 1964. The pilot featured appearances from Griffith, Bavier, and Howard, but Knotts’ Barney Fife was notably missing. In fact, Knotts was sitting at home watching television when he saw the pilot starring his friend Andy. According to Griffith, Knotts called up after the episode aired and said, “Andy, you’re going to be a sheriff, you’ll need yourself a deputy.” Just like that, the character of Barney Fife was born. Interestingly enough, rumor has it Knotts was only initially offered a one-episode contract. However, after witnessing the on-screen chemistry between the two friends, executive producer

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Sheldon Leonard changed his mind and offered Knotts a series regular contract. Knotts went on to portray Fife throughout the first five seasons of the show before leaving to explore new career opportunities, though he reprised his role as Fife in later projects.

The Theme Song Has Lyrics

Each episode of *The Andy Griffith Show* opens with that iconic sequence of Andy and Opie carrying their fishing poles down to the river. This is soundtracked by a catchy little ditty whistled by the composer Earle Hagen. Hagen, along with his writing partner Herbert Spencer, wrote the theme song without having any idea how popular it would become. In fact, the song was so beloved it was later given a title and lyrics.

In 1961, actor Everett Sloane — who later appeared on the show as Jubal Foster in 1962 — orchestrated an expanded version of the tune with lyrics, and the song was named “The Fishin’ Hole.” Shortly after, Capitol Records released a mass-produced record of the tune featuring Andy Griffith on vocals. The song featured the lines: “We may not get a bite all day, but don’t you rush away / What a great place to rest your bones and mighty fine for skippin’ stones / You’ll feel fresh as a lemonade, a-settin’ in the shade / Whether it’s hot, whether it’s cool, oh what a spot for whistlin’ like a fool / What a fine day to take a stroll and wander by the fishin’ hole.”

The Setting Was Based on Griffith’s Hometown

While the fictional town of Mayberry, North Carolina, was created exclusively for the show, it was inspired by Andy Griffith’s birthplace of Mount Airy, North Carolina. In fact, people and places in and around Mount Airy were frequently referenced within the fictional world of *The Andy Griffith Show*. Take for example the fictional town of Mount Pilot, which was located near Mayberry in the show. Its name was taken from the very real town of Pilot Mountain, which is located about 12 miles down the road from the real-life Mount Airy.

Today, the residents of Mount Airy have embraced this legacy and transformed the town into a must-see destination for fans of the series. Locations from the show that were once entirely fictional have been transformed into real-life institutions, such as Floyd’s City Barber Shop and the Old Mayberry Jail. Visitors can even take a squad car tour in a vintage police cruiser just like Sheriff Taylor drove or pop into the Andy Griffith Museum to check out some memorabilia from the show.

It Was the No. 1 Rated Show When It Ended

TV shows have a tendency to overstay their welcome and end up becoming less popular in later seasons. But this fate didn’t befall *The Andy Griffith Show*, which is one of only three shows in history to end its run at the top of the Nielsen ratings charts, a feat it shares with *I Love Lucy* and *Seinfeld*.

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During its entire eight-season run, *The Andy Griffith Show* maintained a top-seven spot in the ratings, even during later seasons after the beloved Don Knotts left the program. When the final episode aired on April 1, 1968, *The Andy Griffith Show* was sitting firmly in the No. 1 spot on the charts. In fact, during its final season, the show was viewed by an estimated audience of around 15.6 million viewers, beating out *The Lucy Show*; *Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.* (an *Andy Griffith* spin-off); and *Gunsmoke*, as well as every other program on television at the time.

One Spin-off Ran for Three Seasons

Although *The Andy Griffith Show* came to a close in 1968, it wasn't the last we saw of those characters. During the show's final season, producers began work on a spin-off called *Mayberry R.F.D.* (Rural Free Delivery). In fact, *The Andy Griffith Show* introduced new characters such as Sam Jones and his son Mike during its final season, with the idea that they'd become the main focus of *Mayberry R.F.D.* The final episode of *The Andy Griffith Show* was even titled "Mayberry R.F.D.," serving as the de facto pilot for the new spin-off.

With Griffith staying on as executive producer and appearing in a few early episodes, *Mayberry R.F.D.* first hit the air in 1968. The inaugural episode — titled "Andy and Helen Get Married" — featured appearances by Griffith, Knotts, and Howard. It went on to enjoy a 78-episode run over the course of three seasons before the series finale aired in 1971. But that still wasn't all: A made-for-TV reunion movie called *Return to Mayberry* was produced in 1986. Sixteen original *Andy Griffith* cast members reprised their roles for the movie, which centers on Andy Taylor as he returns home to visit his son Opie and help his friend Barney Fife run for sheriff.

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- "In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is kind and gentle spirit".
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Lettuce, spinach, broccoli, kale
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International Creativity Month. Whether you're a homemaker, student, employee, employer, or retiree, this is the month to challenge yourself and your usual way of doing things. Try something new, explore, innovate, broaden your horizons of expression, and create something.

Hot Tea Month. Black, white, green, herbal, oolong, Darjeeling, Ceylon, chai—the list can go on for several pages. There are thousands of teas and blends to try. Find a new favorite and warm up with a cup of fragrant goodness this winter.

Self-Love Month. Many of us have already promised to become better at being better this year. Why not start by showing yourself some TLC? Find a way to honor, appreciate, and love yourself this January.

Weekly

Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration Week, Jan. 7-11. If you can make it to Memphis, you can walk in the footsteps of “The King” and visit Elvis’ estate, Graceland, where plenty of activities will honor the legendary singer.

Universal Letter Writing Week, Jan 11-17. Since 1971, the Universal Postal Union has held a letter writing competition for young people age 15 and under. The event is a way to promote both literacy and the development of composition skills throughout the world. The theme of this year’s contest asks writers: “Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers?”

Healthy Weight Week, Jan. 18-24. This isn’t about diets or the latest weight loss trends. A healthy body image is the key to establishing realistic goals and strategies that will help you to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and body mass. Factors such as age, bone structure, height, and physical ability should also be considered when developing personal health standards. Check in with your physician before making any changes to your diet, nutrition, and activities.

National Clean Out Your Inbox Week, Jan. 21-27. This can be a challenge of epic proportions for those who don’t prioritize, sort, and organize incoming emails. Use this week to unsubscribe from or change delivery preferences for electronic communications cluttering your inbox. Save only what’s necessary. Delete, delete, delete.

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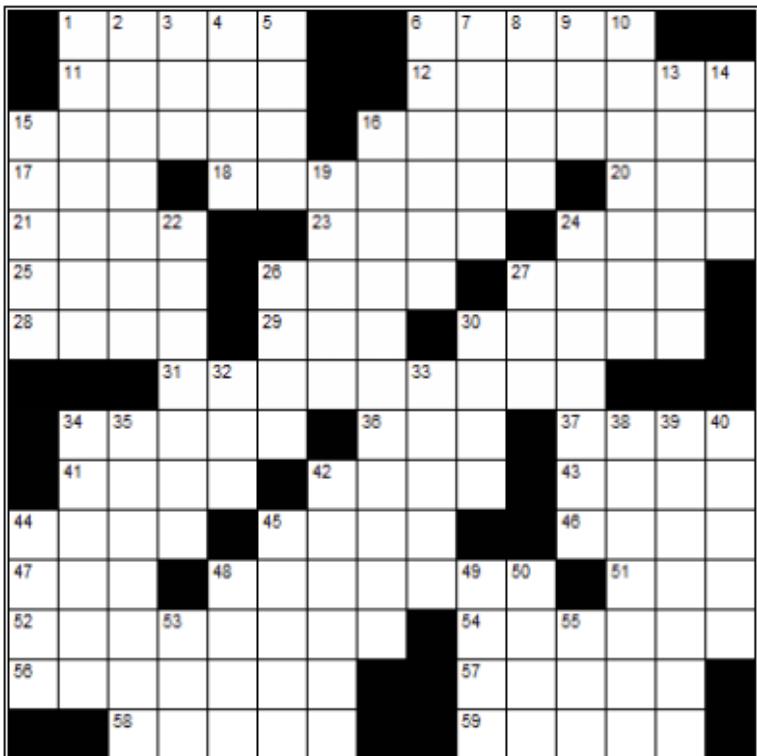
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DOWN

- Land
- Male genitalia
- Uncooked
- Small island
- Not more
- Arrive past due
- Utilizers
- Neuter
- 2000 pounds
- Kill oneself intentionally
- Breathes noisily while sleeping
- They come from hens
- Started
- Gun repairing
- Dogs wag these
- Anticlimax
- Blimp
- Opening

- Deli loaf
- King of the jungle
- Anagram of "One"
- They can be fraternal or identical
- On land
- One who establishes
- Building
- Mammals like camels
- Apprehensive
- Objects
- Fired a projectile
- Holy person
- Smile
- Gorillas
- English royal house
- An uncle
- Fifty-two in Roman numerals

ACROSS

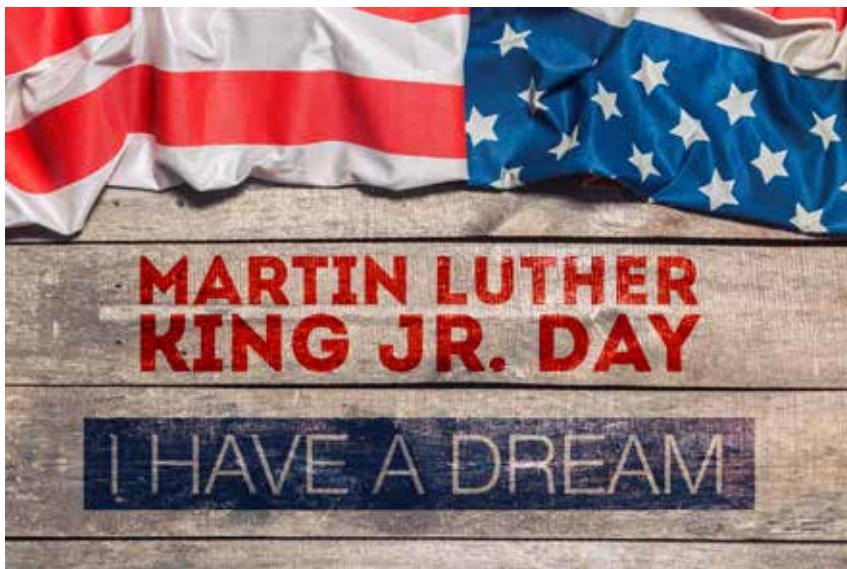
- Spring month
- Failures
- Pursue
- Take up the cause
- Barroom fights
- Harvesting
- Snake-like fish
- Wide part of a river
- Sprocket
- Chutzpah
- Picnic insects
- Broadcasts
- Chills and fever
- Workshop gripper
- Fair attraction
- Bird home
- Type of tree
- Harps
- Amounts per unit size
- Underway
- One plus one
- Make well
- Scattered seed
- Not fat
- Inactive
- Blackball
- Tibia
- Tube
- Term of endearment
- Deny
- Distant
- Making menu requests
- A plan of action
- Abounding
- Genus of heath
- Leases
- Where clouds are



January Word Search



alive	drive	honor	lost	right
board	empty	hopeful	matter	score
brilliant	excise	knock	money	street
carry	expect	lane	movies	style
casino	fees	later	phone	test
compete	flush	light	possession	things
destination	foot	loose	repeat	tornado
				wealth



Colonial Village Activities

Bid Euchre	Monday	7:00PM	
Euchre	Tuesday	7:00PM	Carmel Foster.....#171
Poker	Mon. Wed. Fri.....	1:30PM	Dave Denny
“65”	Mon. and Thurs.....	6:30PM	Jan Tremblay.....#26
Dining Out	Wednesday	4:00PM	Ernie Bowman
.....	.....	.....	Ilah Meddles
.....	.....	.....	Betty Skelly
Decorations .....	.....	.....	Joyce Smith.....#61
.....	.....	.....	Janice Penney.....#146
Flea Market	Each February.....	.....	Social Activities Committee
Memorials .....	.....	.....	Evelyn VanDuyne
Monthly Media Magazine.....	10th of Month .....	.....	Barbara Roos
Pickle Ball.....	.....	.....	Scott Oke
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	10:00AM	Bill Andrews
Spring Fling	Each March.....	.....	Social Activities Committee
Trips, Travel .....	.....	.....	Betty Skelly
Water Aerobics .....	.....	.....	Marie Clement
Website .....	.....	.....	Lois Jensen and Barbara Roos

Social Activities Committee - 1st Thursday at 9:30AM. Nov to Apr

Chairman.....	Brenda Richter	# 99
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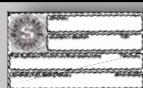
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