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Christy Bourassa

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Hello neighbors,
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We want to talk about exactly what the HOA's powers and duties are. We want to try and get people back to join.

Anyone who doesn't know how to reach us, you can go to the Down Yonder HOA info page on Facebook and message us.

It's also a great page for information.

We get notified from the office if there's a change in lawn mowing schedule or garbage schedule or if the pool is closed.

Thank you

Thanks

Mike Spinelli

HOA President

Down Yonder Homeowners Association.

Down Yonder Community Association

Cathy Wiese, President



Hello Friends,
Welcome to March 2026.
For March we have planned:

March 7 th – Brunch starts at noon. Being served will be Quiche - either bacon or sausage. Juice, and fresh fruit. This event is provided by your DYCA at no cost to you.

Please come to the manor house and say hi.

March 15 th – Reuben Sandwiches. Service starts at 4 p.m. Potato chips and soda will also be available. Please come to the manor house to enjoy a free sandwich provided by your DYCA.

March 22 nd – Horse Racing will be returning. Come join the fun with \$1.00 bets. Five races starting at 2 p.m. The dice will control which horse wins, places or shows. Snacks and soda will be available for purchase. BYOB is allowed.

POKER - Every Monday in March starting at 7 p.m. at the manor house. POKER in the library. Dealers' choice with nickel-dime betting. No reservation need for your seat at the table.

We are looking to have a lot of fun in the month of March.

Galen Plourde – DYCA Secretary



Happy Birthday – March

- 1 Sue Odneal
- 3 Patricia Kiser
- 6 Abby Newmann
- 7 Tina Craddock
- 8 Kay Jones
- 13 Tiffany Hamilton
- 21 Chyenne Hart
- 25 Sue Swensen



Happy Anniversary – March

15 Robert & Kay Jones



Chair Yoga

We now have an instructor offering chair yoga classes at the Manor House (see calendar for days and times). \$10 fee (watch the DYCA facebook page for updates). You can just drop in to the class anytime. Come on out, have fun and get some exercise too!

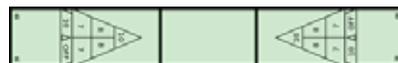


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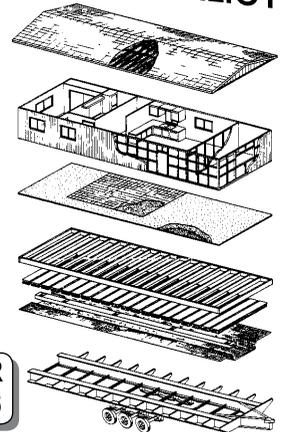
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Down Yonder Ladies

Caryl Ciofani Lot 205. 262-352-1067

DY Community Connections Facebook page:

Welcome to the new residents! The best way to keep up with the activities of our community is to join the Facebook page. It is kept up to date as best as possible. PRIVATE MESSAGE me and I will help you join us. Caryl Schmieder Anderson Ciofani or call me 262-352-1067



LUNCHEON

Luncheon will be on Mar 24th at 1PM, at The Columbia on Sand Key. Watch the facebook page for more info.



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We do it all on Monday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 in the Manor House. Come join us, we are always glad to help you with your project!

Sometimes we work on personal projects but most often we have been making items for those in need. Most recently we have been making hats and scarves. These are distributed through social service agencies. We donated nearly 100 hats to the homeless shelter here in Pinellas! Now we are working on beanies for newborns in the hospital. Some of us are working on a personal project. You can do what ever you choose! Come join us.



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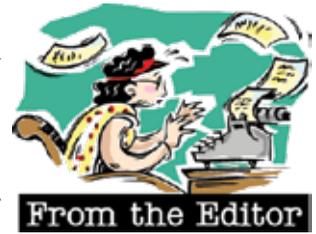
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Letter From the Editor:

Welcome to March!

Be sure to check out the DYCA article for upcoming events, including a brunch, horse racing and reuben sandwiches for St. Paddy's day!



Keep an eye on the electronic sign at the Manor House for events and for updates and additions to events as listed here in the Media. We have to submit the copy so early in the month before that often plans change before the actual event is held.

Regarding the birthday and anniversary lists: I know they are inaccurate as they are old lists but they are all I have to go on. If you see a name that should be removed or have one to add, please give me a call or send an email to the address below. Thanks.

Anyone who wants to submit an article, poem, recipe, joke, etc. you are welcome too. If you would like to submit something, please send it to my attention at this email address: dymonthlymedia@gmail.com. Thanks!

Marilyn Magee
Media Editor
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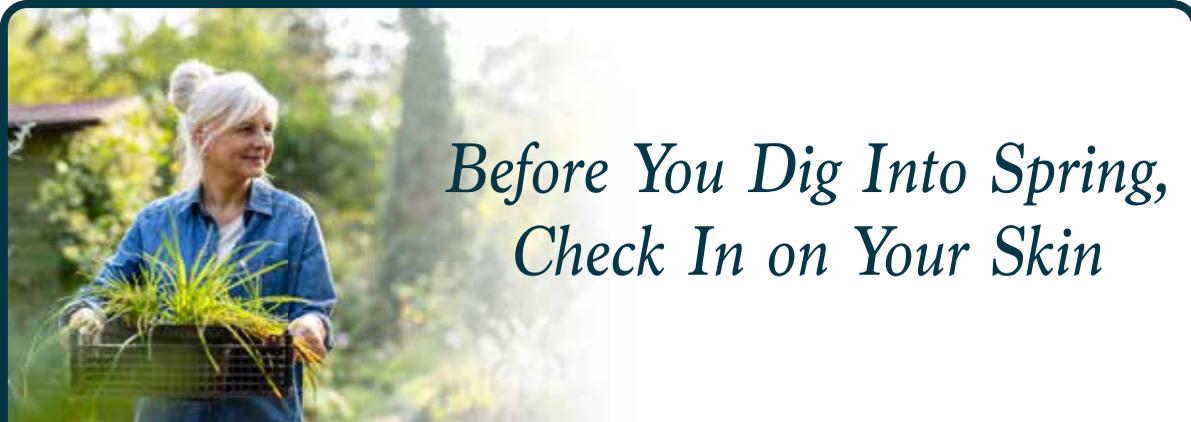
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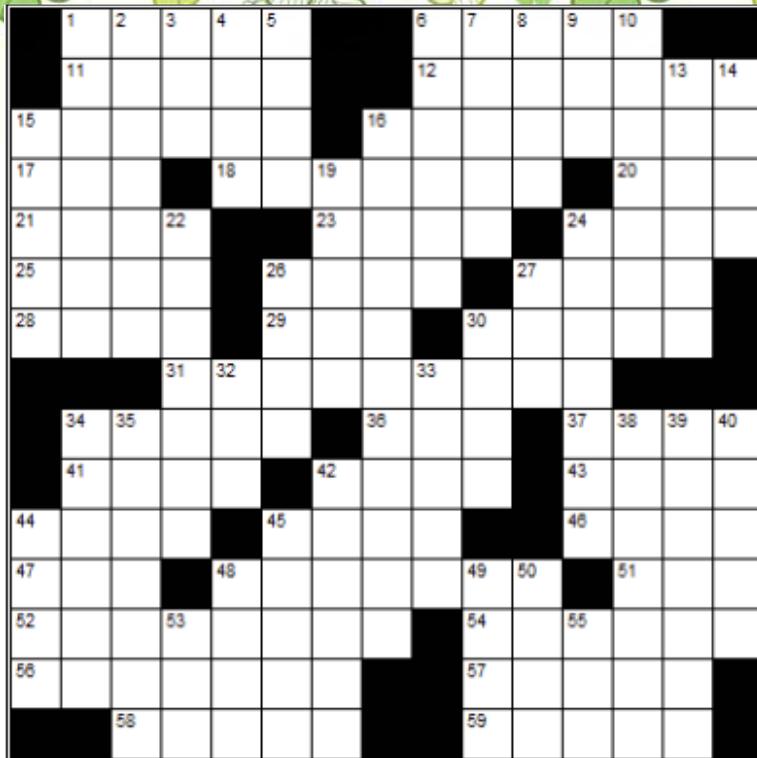
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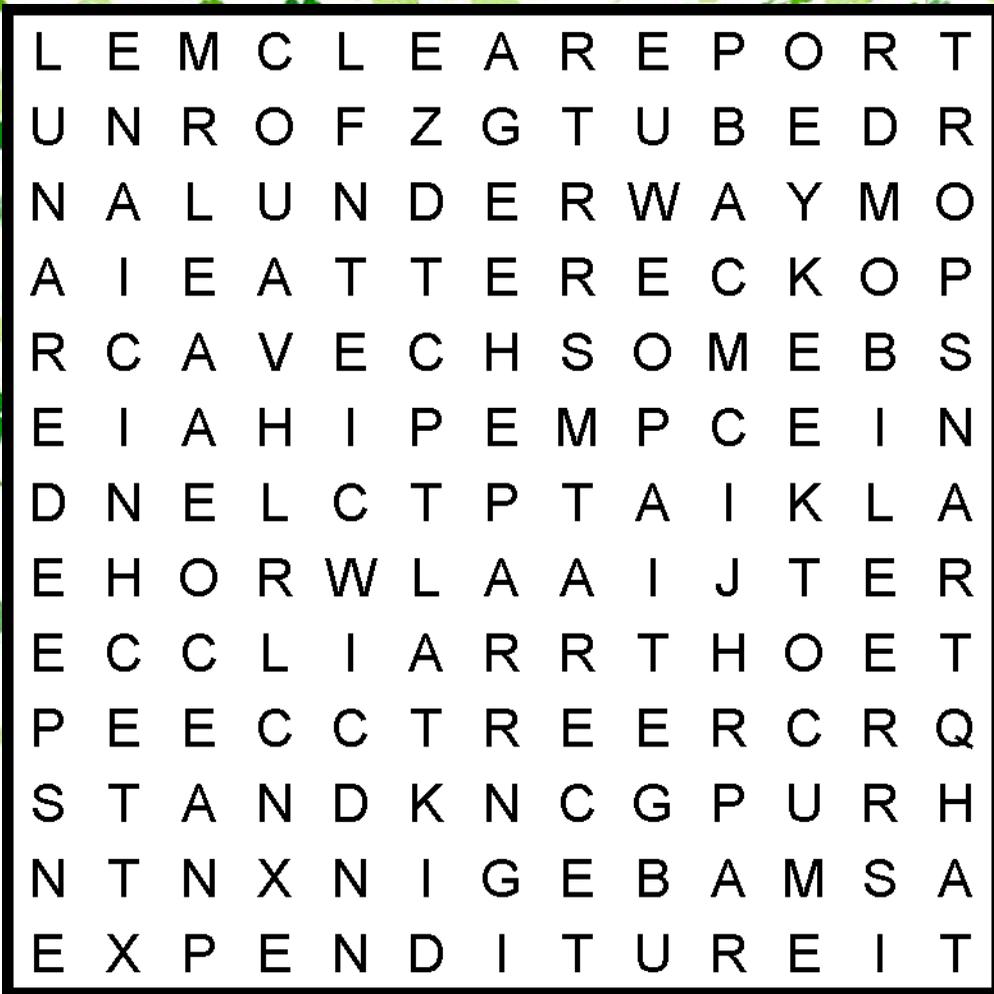
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Women's History Month. Celebrate the achievements of women like Juliette Gordon Low, who founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, before women had the right to vote and despite her severe hearing impairment.

National Nutrition Month. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics wants you to develop good eating habits and make better food choices. The theme of this year's campaign is, "Go further with food."

National Craft Month. Paint a picture, learn to scrapbook, piece together a quilt, develop a new hobby, but most important, create something. **Optimism Month.** Find the silver linings amidst the clouds, shed the negativity, and improve your "uplook."

Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science and Engineering Month. This is a time to promote education, diversity, and future career opportunities for girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Take your daughters, nieces, and little sisters to a science center for a day of exploration and fun.



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Weekly

Girl Scout Week, March 8-14. Founded to help create a network of girls and experiences that foster their individuality, intellect, and growth, the Girl Scouts celebrate the organization's birthday every March 12. Visit GirlScouts.org to learn more.

International Brain Awareness Week, March 16-22. It's the time of year to shine a spotlight on the advancements in the field of brain research. Check out the websites for The Dana Foundation and the Society for Neuroscience to find out about lectures, events, and exhibits in your area.

National Poison Prevention Week, March 15-21. The American Association for Poison Control Centers handles over 2 million calls annually dealing with exposure to dangerous substances. Contact the information hotline for the AAPCC at 1-800-222-1222, or follow it on Facebook and Twitter to learn about prevention measures.



Daily

National Day of Unplugging, sundown March 6-sundown March 7. Remember what life was like before everyone had a smartphone? Somehow we managed to have meaningful face-to-face conversations and get to places on time without getting lost. Unplug and live authentically for these 24 hours.

Learn About Butterflies Day, March 14. With spring just around the corner, take time out to learn about these fascinating and beautiful creatures and take steps to attract them to your gardens and yards this year. First day of spring, March 20. Herald the season of new life and possibilities.



Sunny days ahead

Sam was the worst meteorologist in the history of the science. When he forecast sunshine it would rain, if he said it would rain it would snow. After a miserable run on a local TV station in the Pacific Northeast, Sam decided to apply for a job in a small town in Arizona.

“So, what prompted your decision to leave Washington?” the Arizona station manager asked.

“The weather didn’t agree with me,” Sam replied.



Just the music

When a famous violinist told a wealthy patron that his fee to perform at her upcoming party would be \$5,000, she balked at the price, but agreed to pay it.

“Please keep in mind,” she added, “I do not expect you to mingle with the guests.” The violinist replied, “In that case, it will only be \$4,000.”



Dan’s lucky night

Dan had a bad case of stage fright and was nervous about a presentation he was to give at the community business forum. He’d rushed there after supper, and as he took his seat, he realized he’d left his dentures at home.

“I don’t know how I’ll get through this,” he lamented to the man seated next to him. “Without my teeth, people might have a hard time understanding me.”

“You’re in luck,” the man replied. “I happen to have a pair of dentures in my pocket. They won’t be an exact fit, but it’ll be better than nothing.”

Dan tried the dentures and they weren’t too bad a fit. He made it through his presentation and afterward found his new friend. “This was my lucky night, forgetting my dentures and meeting a dentist with an extra set.”

“Oh, I’m not a dentist,” the man replied. “I’m an undertaker.”



Quotes

If you can find humor in your own troubles, you will actually begin to see them in a different light.

Kristine Joy Escarilla

If you could choose one characteristic that could get you through life, choose a sense of humor.

—Jennifer Jones

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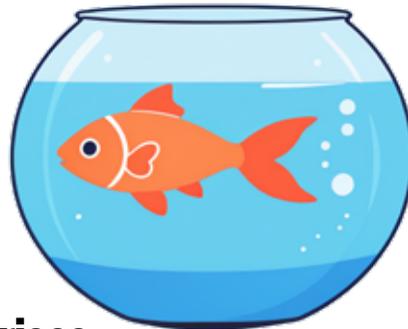
Number of U.S. households that own a pet (millions)

Dog	60.2
Cat	47.1
Freshwater fish	12.5
Bird	7.9
Small animal	6.7
Reptile	4.7
Horse	2.6
Saltwater fish	2.5



Total number of pets owned in the U.S. (millions)

Freshwater fish	139.3
Cat	94.2
Dog	89.7
Bird	20.3
Saltwater fish	18.8
Small animal	14.0
Reptile	9.4
Horse	7.6



Families growing in size as remarriage rises

Family relationships can be complicated these days. The Bloomberg website reports that almost a third of U.S. households headed by adults under 55 have at least one stepchild, and among couples over 55 with adult children, 33 percent have at least one stepchild. Counting stepchildren boosts the size of a family by 55 percent among Americans with grown children.

Divorce and remarriage are driving the growth. The divorce rate for older Americans has almost doubled in the last 20 years, with almost 30 percent of people over 50 having been married more than once.



Quotes

Life it is not just a series of calculations and a sum total of statistics, it's about experience, it's about participation, it is something more complex and more interesting than what is obvious.

- Daniel Libeskind

Be contrary to plumb new ideas

Following the crowd is usually a safe bet, but it doesn't usually lend itself to creative thinking. If you want to be creative, sometimes you have to go against the grain. The trick is figuring out when you have a situation that calls for you to stand out from the crowd and take a contrary point of view from the majority.

The first thing to do before launching your career as a rebel is ask yourself whether you have a good reason for your contrary opinion. Just going against the conventional wisdom for the sake of taking the other side isn't usually smart. For instance, if you think your organization should change the color of a product, but it has a long history of making the product in only one distinct color, you have to be able to back up your opinion with reasons why you think this will benefit the organization. You might believe, for example, that your product needs to be rebranded—that it has grown stale with time and overexposure. Even if you don't ultimately succeed, you'll stretch your creative muscles and show an ability to think independently, which can only boost your career.



Careers for creative types

You may consider yourself a creative person, an innovative thinker, an unconventional performer—but you're not cut out to be a starving artist or wait tables while waiting for your big break. What are your options? Look into these careers:

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The weight of our words

Remember this cautionary tale the next time you're sniping and griping:

A man visited his pastor to speak of something that was troubling him. Earlier in the week he'd repeated a rumor about a neighbor only to find out later that it was not true. He felt had to do something to undo the damage he'd caused to his neighbor's reputation.

The pastor told him to take a bag full of feathers and place a feather on the doorstep of each individual he'd spoken to, and also those that the news was shared with. The man did as instructed, then returned to the church to find out what he should do next.

"Now return to every place you left a feather and collect them," the pastor said.

As the man walked through his village, he was surprised that he could not find a single feather on any of the doorsteps where they'd been placed. He did find a couple blowing about the yard at a house he had not visited, but they were carried off by a sudden gust. He once again returned to the church.

"Were you able to retrieve any of your feathers?" the pastor asked.

"No," the man replied. "The wind blew them all away."

"We are not always able to retrieve the things we put into the world," the pastor explained. "They can take on an energy all their own and travel great distances. Please keep this in mind and choose your words mindfully the next time you speak of another's character."



Where the magic is hiding

A woman visited a fortuneteller to find out if her future would be successful, but instead of answering any of the questions, the fortuneteller gave the woman a box. She explained that it was a magic box that had the power to make dreams come true. She handed the woman a notepad and told the woman to write down three things she wanted and then place the paper in the box. She told her to take the box home and shake it three times each morning upon waking and three times in the evening before going to bed, making sure to repeat her wishes aloud each time. The fortuneteller also told the woman she'd have to return the box in one year.

A year later, the woman once again visited the fortuneteller. "I followed your instructions, and everything I hoped for came true," the woman said. "This box really does hold powerful magic."

"My dear, the magic is not in that box," the fortune teller replied. "The magic is inside of you, reminding yourself of the things you wanted and helping awaken your determination to get them."



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