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From The President

Ken Abkemeier



The Park welcomed our new Community Association Manager [CAM], Michelle Murray, at the beginning of March. She brings a wealth of experience and “know how” to us.

Our sewer project continues to move towards completion. It is gratifying to see that the pressure and water testing have been completed and tie-ins to the homes have begun.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Park picnic as much as me. It’s amazing how fast my roll of quarters disappeared. Many thanks to all of the volunteers that worked so hard to make it a great success.

A reminder to our seasonal residents. Please turn in a departure notice to the office [form available at the office and bulletin board in the clubhouse], secure loose items in your carport and yard, turn off your water and make sure you have someone to maintain the outside of your property.

Did you have damage to your residence caused by hurricane Helene or Milton? Pinellas County has \$813 million in disaster recovery funding available, but you must apply for it. Details are available at recover.pinellas.gov. Request your share.

From The Manager

Michelle Murray



Dear Homeowners,
I am thrilled to introduce myself as your new Community Association Manager, taking over as of March 2nd. I am a certified manager with over 21 years of experience in HOA management, and I am committed to upholding the standards and enhancing the quality of life in Holiday Shores Park.

My primary goal is to support the Board of Directors in implementing policy, maintaining common areas, and serving as a proactive resource for you, the residents. I look forward to working with all of you to keep Holiday Shores a wonderful place to call home.

I encourage you to reach out with any community-related questions.

Contact Info:

- **Email:** HolidayShoresPark10289@gmail.com
- **Phone:** 727/393/5916
- **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

We are hoping the usually short Spring will lead to a very wet summer, so the plants and grass start growing again and the grounds look revitalized. Rainfall always brings accompanying weeds. Please be sure that you tend to your weeds, regularly, as they only look worse once the lawns have been cut – which is weekly, in the summer.

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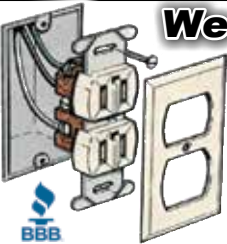
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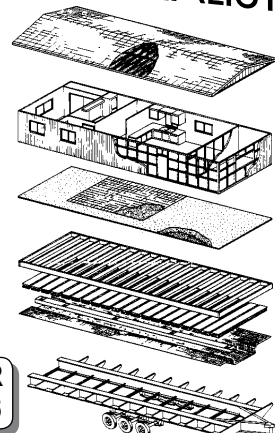
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Needless to say, *everyone* wants the Park to look its best at all times. This can only happen if owners maintain their property on a consistent basis, throughout the year. Please be diligent in protecting your investment.

The community's rules for pets generally require leashing in common areas, waste cleanup, and your dog(s) to be always attended to when outside. Assistance animals (service animals and emotional support animals are exempt from the weight restriction of 35 pounds at maturity, under the Fair Housing Act, size/weight restrictions), however, all pets, including pets of visitors, must be licensed and registered at the office. Please make sure you complete and return the Pet Registration form provided earlier this year along with your pet's vaccination records.

As the Pinellas County wastewater system project continues, we are aware that many of you reported construction repairs that have impacted on your property. Rowland has a list from management of your reported concerns and will provide a status report.

Lastly, please advise the office upon your return to the Park, as soon as possible. This will help to ensure that you receive document mailings from the office, in a timely manner, wherever you may be. (Rules & Regulations: General, Departure para. 4.)

Best regards,
Michelle Murray

Standards

Belinda Bellamy

Another month brings us closer to the completion of construction! Many of us are counting the months, weeks, and even days—but it will be here before you know it. Even during times of disruption, there are still simple steps we can all take to keep our community looking its best. Please take a few moments to remove any weeds growing in your flower beds or along the sides and back of your home. Additionally, ensure your carport remains tidy and free of unsightly items.

To our part-time residents: many of you will soon be returning to your homes up north. Before you leave, please remember to:

- ‡ Store all outdoor items that could be blown around during a storm
- ‡ Complete a Departure Form
- ‡ Provide the office with a local point of contact here in Largo or the surrounding area
- ‡ Even more importantly, make sure you have someone responsible for maintaining your home while you are away

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I would also like to address the pond with the fountain and the surrounding properties on Palm and the north end of South Lake Drive. In place of a seawall, special erosion-control grass has been planted to help protect the shoreline. Please do not ask the mowing crews to cut all the way down to the pond. The grass must remain in place to effectively prevent erosion.

Thank you all for your continued cooperation in helping keep Holiday Shores looking its best.

May Newsletter Cut-Off Date: April 10

Neighborhood Watch

Pinky Virden and Pam Grimm

We are SO glad that Neighborhood Watch is back. **We want YOU!** If you enjoy riding around in a golf cart with your friends/spouse/grandkids/dog, we would love to have you as a “joy ride” member.

We DETER crime. We want to be seen and heard. Hours to conduct these are 9pm-6am. We only ask that you do at least one a month while you are here. You can do more if you like. They can be as short as an hour to ? It’s all up to you. If you have your own cart, you can use it or use the Standards/Neighborhood Watch cart. If you will be using the Neighborhood Watch cart, please see Pam or Pinky prior to taking it out for the first time. Several changes have been made to the cart.

Pam Grimm 740-415-5584. Pinky Virden 813- 397-9107.



Holiday Shores Activities Association

Rose Maiolino

Happy April! Upcoming event is Easter potluck dinner at 3 o’clock. Activities will provide the hams.



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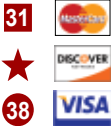
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Golf: Holiday Chippers

Pinky Virden & Pam Grimm



Chippers in February was switched to Valentines Day. We had 12 members show up to golf.

Sue Mesarich took 1st place in Women's with 21 putts. Ann Belanger got 2nd and Judy Peters took 3rd.

Doug Brown was 1st in Men's with 16 putts. Dave Crosman was 2nd and Jeff Grimm 3rd. No one won the Mystery Hole or Hole in One.

Roy Stearns won \$27 in the 50/50 raffle.

We'd like to thank Sue Mesarich for helping out with the raffle tickets.

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Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of Leonard (Gene) Foster.

Please call me (757-509-8122) if you are aware of any of our friends and neighbors who are ill, have had a death in the family, or have had a surgical procedure. I will keep you posted on any new developments. Please keep these friends and neighbors (and their families) in your prayers. Thank you.

Theater

David Middleton

Cheryl's Wedding Brings Laughter to Way-Off-Broadway!

What happens when a dream wedding goes completely off the rails? Comedy, of course...and comedy is exactly what audiences enjoyed when the Way-Off-Broadway Theatre Group presented *Cheryl's Wedding* on March 12, 13, 14, and 15. Judging by the enthusiastic reviews, the show was a tremendous success. The cast and crew devoted countless hours to bringing this production to life, and Writer/Director **David Middleton** extends special thanks to Stage Manager **Pat Merl** for her invaluable support throughout the process.



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Spotlight on the Cast

Applause, applause for the talented performers who brought these colorful characters to the stage:



- **Linda Dunn** as Bonnie Patterson, B & B owner
- **Mike Barry** as Ron Patterson, Bonnie's husband
- **Sharon Rowe** as Great Aunt Ida, the resident ghost
- **Bernadette Drouin** as Cheryl Mayrose, Bonnie's free-spirited sister
- **Pat Hop** as Bernice Burnice, Cheryl's Maid of Honor from Boudin Creek
- **Paul Burke** as Jack Hasselford, Cheryl's fiancé
- **Cal Fox** as John Hasselford and his alter ego, Harden Steele
- **David Helms** as George Hasselford, Jack's other brother
- **Sherry Crain** as Lucy Finch, the mysterious bird-watcher
- **Juliet Dudinsky** as the hippie, Luna
- **Marcia Van Solkema** as the hippie, Skye
- **Mick Van Solkema** as the hippie, Canyon
- **Chris Rodgers** as the cake-challenged Chef
- **Denise Dodson** as Mama LaTrice, Voodoo Queen
- **Rose Maiolino** as the infamous Bond Girl

A production like this is only possible with dedicated behind-the-scenes support: **Steve Sikorski** on lights, **Dave Crosman** on sound and **Owen Deckinga** as Light/Sound Designer, with **Dolores Dwelis** as Script Supervisor. Ticket sales were efficiently handled by **Judy Matthews** and **Ellen Morgan**.



Many thanks to **Dianne Wall** for organizing the ushers: Tina Barnes, Kim Boyle, Diane Gramatikas, Pam Grimm, Marilyn Handy, Sue Lerner, Marty Lerner, Sue Mesarich, Dave Nichols, Vicki Nichols, Kelly Petty, Nancy Phillips, Karen Rose, Tom Speranza, Cline Stradley, Mary Stradley, Pinky Virden, Barbara Zagar, Diane Wall, and Bill Wall.

Concessions were expertly handled by: **Jim Barton**, with Lynn Barton, Danny Murphy, Norma Murphy, John Boyle, Kim Boyle, Bill Wall, Tom Speranza, and Pat Speranza.

Looking Ahead: Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 14 at 2 PM in the Clubhouse**. We'll begin planning events for next season, and all suggestions and helping hands are welcome. Everyone is invited to join the fun!



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Shuffleboard News

Mary Brown

Welcome to April shuffleboarders. What an exciting March, with beautiful weather, & the annual shuffleboard tournament held March 2, 4 & 6.

The women's tournament was held March 2 with the winners being:

- 1st place. Anne Belanger
- 2nd place. Norma Murphy
- 3rd place. Vicki Dieter

The men's were held March 4 with the winners being:

- 1st place. Louis Paris
- 2nd place. Jim Whitten
- 3rd place. Fred Dempsey



Doubles were held March 6 with the winning teams being:

- 1st place. Anne Belanger & Vickie Nichols
- 2nd place. Fred Dempsey & Danny Murphy
- 3rd place. John Dieter & Vicki Dieter

Congratulations to all the winners, & a huge Thank You to all who came to participate. We had a good turn out this year, making this an exciting tournament.

Regular shuffle will continue Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10:00.

Now that we made it through the winter months with the cold mornings, Shuffle returns to 10:00am.

Steak Dinner Committee

Dave Crosman

2026 Steak Dinner Report

The 2026 Steak dinner was sold out. The clubhouse was packed and the crowd was very friendly, lively and seemed to enjoy their meal. When asked, most folks said delicious or gave me the thumbs up.

Awesome job to the cooks, the ticket coordinators and the meat handlers outside and to the wonderful ladies making sure the steaks were delivered promptly. They always, ALL do a great job, and I can't thank them enough because a lot of work goes into pulling this off. It's a little embarrassing looking at their aprons, but I will get over it.

Many residents inform me they would like to help. We certainly appreciate the offer, but we have 16 on our committee and decided that is enough to take care of our dinners.

I looked around the hall at the many faces that have been to every dinner, thank you. The new folks that have attended since coming in the park, thank you, and those that can make it when they can, thank you.

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We have donated all profits of \$7,251 to the park for various purchases over the years with more to come. These profits are made possible by our great residents and their guests. THANK YOU ALL.

During the meal John Rosenbaum was recognized as an Army Veteran with two Purple Hearts. Thanks for your service, John.

I was pleasantly surprised when our Park Board President, Ken Abkemeier, took the microphone and asked everyone to stand and give the committee a standing ovation. WOW, and thanks to everyone.

From your friends and neighbors on the Steak Dinner Committee, have a safe and healthy summer.

John & Kim Boyle, Jim & Brenda Lyness, Jim Keady, Mike & Diane McSweeney, Sue Mesarich, Cline & Mary Stradley, Joan Taylor, Bill & Diane Wall, and John & Charlene Williams. Dave Crosman, Chairman

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Dianne Duld & Mike Amici	April 1
Otto & Kellye Petty	April 7
Rick & Joyce Koplitz	April 11
Jeff & Pamela Grimm	April 15
Lucien & Helene Bouchard	April 16
Richard & Karen Hodges	April 18
Michael & Lana Barry	April 27



Holiday Shores Park Anniversaries – May

Bryan & Judith Martin	May 1
Alan & Ann Marie Reid	May 3
Jim & Lyne Barton	May 4
Edward & Nina Byron	May 8
George & Anne Belanger	May 20
David & Marjorie Spencer	May 25
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Nancy Tompkins	Apr. 1	Sherry Crain	Apr. 14
Bob Karsies	Apr. 1	Lynn Scardullo	Apr. 16
Michael McSweeney	Apr. 1	Charlene Williams	Apr. 17
Louise White	Apr. 3	Mary Sanford	Apr. 17
Jim Lyness	Apr. 4	John Orton	Apr. 17
Frank Milette	Apr. 4	Char Reed	Apr. 20
Paul Gosse	Apr. 4	Nancy Phillips	Apr. 20
Douglas Kerr	Apr. 5	Wanda Carter	Apr. 22
Pat Dugal	Apr. 7	Jamie Brick	Apr. 23
Yvonne Dawe	Apr. 11	Janice Pounders	April 23
Carol Steward	Apr. 13	Donald Mason	Apr. 26
James Whitten	Apr. 13	Terry Devaney	Apr. 27
John Gramatikas	Apr. 13	Arlene Orton	Apr. 27

Holiday Shores Park Birthdays – May



Richard Koplitz	May 1	Bonnie Preble	May 16
Brenda Lyness	May 4	Claudia Leezer	May 18
Cline Stradley	May 5	Kimberly Kieft	May 21
Lillian Cunningham	May 7	Larry Rasmuson	May 22
Cathy Books	May 9	Gregory Dunn	May 23
Steven Sikorski	May 9	Sharon Rowe	May 23
Deborah Rosenbaum	May 10	Lee Althof	May 24
Dave Nichols	May 11	Chip Babcock	May 25
Wally Ross	May 11	Vicki Nichols	May 28
Suzanne Dieter	May 11	Peter Vavoules	May 28
Patsy Whitten	May 12	Roland Audi	May 30
Eddie Guion	May 14	Kirby Brakley	May 30
Christine Adair	May 14	Russ Arbuckle	May 31
Stephanie Bowlin	May 15	Kathy Bardone	May 31
Dianne Duld	May 15	Gina Fruchtenicht	May 31
Karen Rose	May 16		

Please consult the Holiday Shores Office for updates and/or changes



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The event was a huge success thanks to all that attended and thanks to my foursome for helping me with the setup and take down of the picnic,

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Roger Baillie

Also big shout out to Steve Jones for his expertise on the grill. Also thanks to Mike Barry for printing out the lineup and rules.

1st place \$40 & 2nd place \$20 was split between two foursomes that tied with 5 under par

Joe and Linda Gagat & Sue Kershner and Earl Melancon from our park and another foursome from Seminole lakes Estates.

Closest to pin \$10 each went to

Susanne Brown hole #6

Dave Crosman hole #17

Sue Mesarich won the \$50 Grand prize drawing.

Thanks again for all that attended I'm blessed to have so many friends to share this with it wouldn't be a success without you..... see you all next year.

Don't be afraid to ask for help

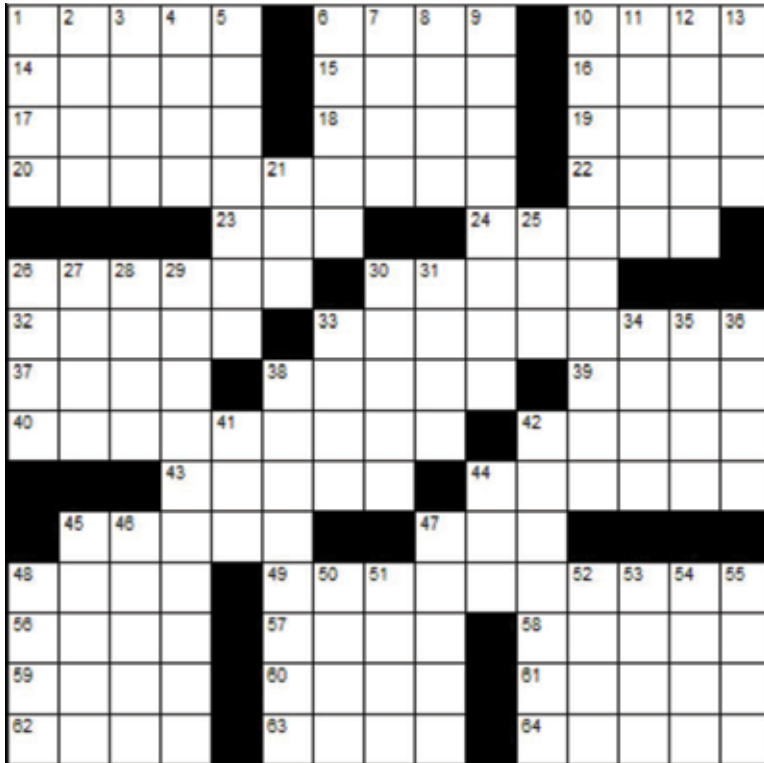
Many people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.





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1. Adhesive
6. Ice hockey disk
10. Bog
14. Female egg organ
15. Metal used in steel
16. Decorated, as a cake
17. Spooky
18. Being
19. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
20. One of three copies
22. Advanced
23. Night before
24. Couples
26. Fancy
30. Domain
32. Leases
33. Mustache style
37. Poi source
38. Dispatches
39. Domestic
40. Cabinetries
42. Nickel or steel
43. Diversions
44. Ribald
45. Parenthetical comment
47. Circle fragment
48. Not fatty
49. Bestride
56. Sea eagle
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Vast
59. Assists
60. Found on rotary phones
61. Swift
62. Lock openers
63. Scream
64. File

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1. He writes in stanzas
2. Affirm
3. Indian dress
4. Voyage
5. Unseeing
6. Fragment
7. Celestial bear
8. Price
9. Sometimes used by gardeners
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stuffiness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
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Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

National Autism Awareness Month. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

National Garden Month. Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



Weekly

National Robotics Week, Apr. 4-12. The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

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Lead your team on the path to innovation

When you're leading a team focused on innovation, you want to spark creative thinking in every member. Try these strategies used by successful leaders in every industry:

- **Build a community.** Look inside and outside your organization for enthusiastic, imaginative thinkers. Use your network to recruit people to your team, brainstorm ideas, test prototypes, and critique results.
- **Experiment.** Don't put all your eggs into one basket. When you come up with an interesting idea, test it on a small scale first. Encourage lots of experiments to find one or two that produce excellent results.
- **Tell stories.** Charts and data aren't very inspiring. To get creative juices flowing, share stories about people and problems. Find out what your customers want and what solutions would make them smile. Recount flashes of genius from the past. You'll get people thinking about the possibilities instead of the obstacles.



Get out of the paralyzing 'I'm not creative' rut

Some people seem to be naturally creative. If you're not one of them, don't fall into the trap of thinking you'll never have an original idea or find an ingenious solution. Try these tips for overcoming a negative mindset:

- **Question your attitude.** The first step in getting unstuck is believing you can do it. Start by asking yourself, "Why do I feel uncreative?" You may discover that your belief is based on mistaken assumptions about your capabilities.
- **Ask "What if?"** Let go of the need to craft a perfect solution right away. Examine the problem from different angles and look for new possibilities without regard to what's easy or practical. Asking, "What if I did this?" can unlock a stream of fresh ideas.
- **Hold onto your momentum.** Don't stop generating ideas too quickly. Once you're on a roll, keep going until you have plenty of options to choose from. First ideas don't always work, and you may be able to combine aspects of different solutions to come up with something new that will dazzle everyone.



Quotes:



Creative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you.
—Tom and David Kelley



Google answers your health questions

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):



- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
- **“How much water should I drink per day?”** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
- **“How many calories should I consume?”** Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **“What is Lupus?”** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

Watch for signs of mold allergy

Mold can grow anywhere, and if you’re allergic, it can lead to major health issues. Stay alert to these signs of a potential mold allergy:

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Excessive sneezing
- Frequent coughing or wheezing
- Itchy throat, ears, or eyes
- Trouble breathing



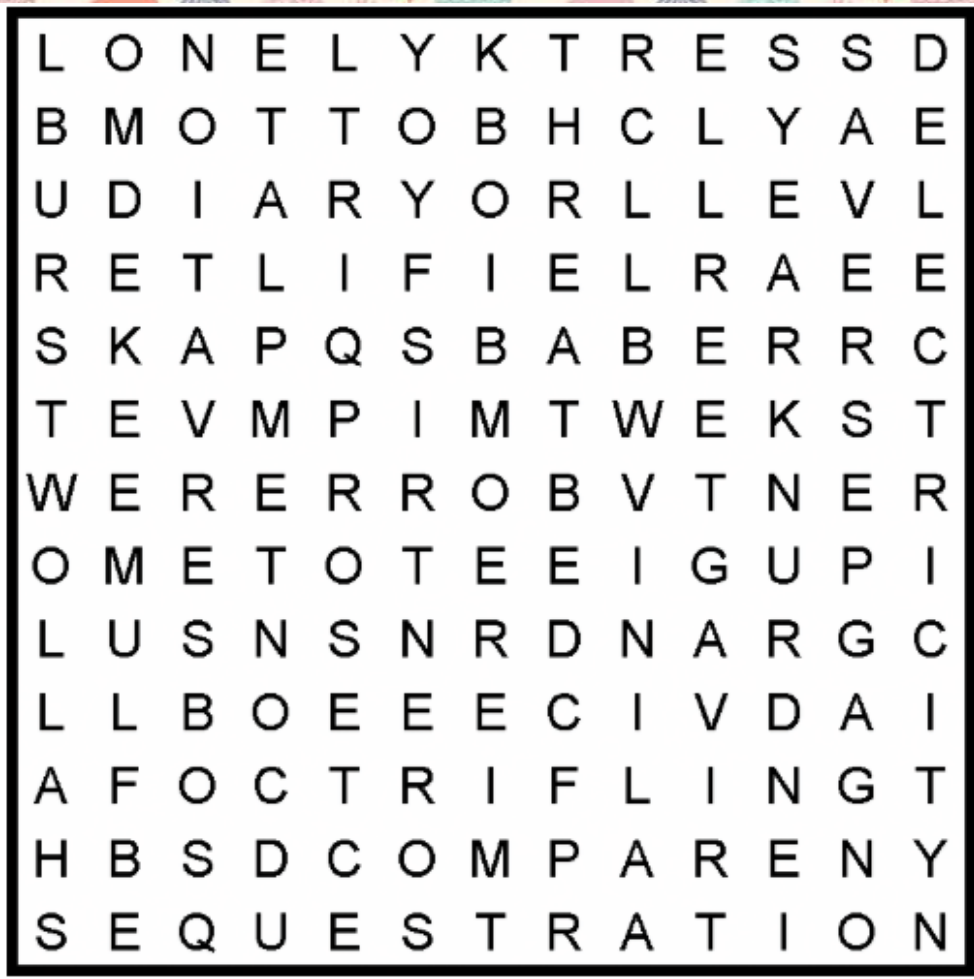
Quotes:

Healing is a biological process, not an art. It is as much a function of the living organism as respiration, digestion, circulation, excretion, cell proliferation, or nerve activity.
—Herbert M. Shelton





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