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## February

The Latin word Februa, which refers to a purification ritual.

Is Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Ground Hog Day.

Has 2 birth flowers – Violet and Primrose.

Symbolizes modesty, faithfulness and new beginnings, and true love and spiritual wisdom.

Zodiac Signs – Aquarius and Pisces

Gem – Amethyst

Name for a person born on Feb 29- leapling or leapster.

Patients for TEFLON and the phonograph

Facebook was launched on Feb 4, 2004

NFL Championships are held in the first Sunday, though the first one was held on Jan. 15, 1967

The only month that can go a whole month without a full moon, which happens roughly once every 19 years.



### Officers and Directors

*Top row left to right - Bob Hobkins, President.*

*Tony Foster, Vice President. Susan Collins, Secretary. Marie Clement, Treasurer - Bottom Row left to right - Directors Marcel Bouque,*

*Vince Duyvejonek, Hapi Frye, Gurrin*

*Gillingham, and Peter Palmieri*

*The officers and directors serve the shareholders.*

## A prayer worth sharing:

**O**h Lord, let us be grateful for the dedication of all our volunteers. As we come together to work for the common cause, please give us guidance and help us to be patient and receptive to each other's views. Let us be open to the idea that things are not always 'black and white' and a compromise may be needed.

## Welcome New Residents

Todd Helber, Unit 155, from Mount Gilead, OH



## Condolences

When there are deaths of CV residents, we give mention to them in the bulletin. In addition, they will be recognized in the clubhouse in the Memorial Book, with flowers and a sympathy card for residents to sign. Relatives of recently deceased residents should notify and provide information to Evelyn Van Duyne, Unit 57, who has taken care of this for years. The staff will lower the two flags for a few days. The clubhouse is available for memorial services for residents.



## February Birthdays

- 3 Mary Jane Preble, Unit 159
- 8 Patsy Campbell, Unit 48
- 10 Doreen Andrews, Unit 145
- 21 Geoff Foster, Unit 171
- 28 Brenda Lewis, Unit 2



## February Anniversaries

- 2 Peggy and Gary Dible, Unit 164
- 8 Julie and Peter Palmieri, Unit 36



*Editor's Note: Our goal is to include all residents' birthday and anniversary dates in this section every month. If you have not seen your dates posted, please contact me and I will gladly add them to the calendar. barbcroos@gmail.com*

*There is a "Birthday and Anniversary" document under the SAC bulletin board in a folder. Please fill out one if you haven't done it already and drop it in the inter-office mail slot.*

## Social Activities Committee - SAC

Our park is fortunate to have so many people willing to contribute and participate. All of the activities that we do within our park are the result of a community effort", states SAC Chairwoman Brenda Richter. Everyone who lives in our park is a member of the Social Activities Committee which plans our activities. There are four elected officers-Chairperson/Brenda Richter, Vice Chairperson/Kitchen Supplies and Summer Coordinator/Terry Benham, Secretary/Bonnie Lebovie, and Treasurer/Terry Clement. Jack Sonneborn serves on the SAC board as our Entertainment Coordinator.

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We welcome all to come to our monthly meetings, **held on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM** in the clubhouse from November to May. Maybe you have an idea for an activity or want to help with an ongoing activity, or maybe you are new and want to meet more people.



We have quite a few activities happening in February. You can find the signup sheets on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. The Feb. 28 Flea Market is our biggest fundraiser. All proceeds fund our SAC activities all year. If you have gently-used items you no longer need, you can donate them to the flea market. Thank you everyone for your support. "It takes a village", as the saying goes!

A leader is person who leads or influences a group towards a specific result and helps develop team skills to reach their full potential. A true leader leads by example, relies not on power over others but by other people's genuine trust. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller.

We extend our gratitude to Terry Benham who volunteers to coordinate the summer activities with some full-time residents, and keeps inventory of our kitchen supplies, often times trims shrubs and pulls weeds. She and Dave hosts many events.

Thank you, Effie Hillier, and her elves for sorting and hand delivering the 703 Christmas cards to residents this year (800 cards in 2024). Vickie Hilgert, Terry Benham, Sara Cook, Lisa Joncas, and Kim Daus.

The 'Grace and Roy Joeveer Team' did another spectacular job again with the Jan. 9 Pancake Breakfast; about 70 folks enjoy a grand meal and conversations.

Accolades to Mary Jane and Charlie Preble for taking the lead on the successful Potluck Dinner on Jan. 16. What a great opportunity to eat delicious and different foods, and ask for the recipe! Would anyone like to share their favorite EASY recipe in this bulletin? Send to [barbcroos@gmail.com](mailto:barbcroos@gmail.com).

Thank you, Peter Palmieri, for organizing the Feb 8th NFL Championship party. Festivities start at 1 in the clubhouse. Awesome, this activity sounds like lots of fun regardless of who wins! Be sure to sign up.

Applause for Betty Scully, for taking the lead on the Feb 17th Soup & Sandwich Lunch. Be sure to sign up for this lunch starting at 12:30. Pea, Chicken and Vegetable Soup and the Ham and Cheese and the Egg sandwiches. Speak of eating and good company....Betty invites residents to sign up for the Wednesdays dining out excursions at 4. It's a great way to visit area restaurants.

*The times and dates of the activities may change and more could be added. Be sure to see the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Sign up sheets are there for the different activities.*

The SAC bulletin board is for SAC. Please do not post personal info there such as items for sale. These notices should be posted on the bulletin board in the laundry room. Thank you.



## Annual Flea Market – Feb. 27 & Feb 28

The Annual Flea Market is the park's Major Fundraiser which funds our social and recreational activities within the park. This year's leadership team is Brenda Richter, Susan Collins, Terry Benham and Sue Pinkham. We need everyone's help, either physically helping and/or with donations of items. There are several signup sheets on the bulletin board in the clubhouse to volunteer for different sales tables – Furniture, Clothing, Baked goods, Footwear, Small Appliances, Straw Draw Game, 50/50.



**Friday is when we need the most help to set up. The more workers, the lighter the load and the more fun. Friday helpers have the advantage of selecting the items you want to buy!!** Homemade baked goods are especially popular. Bring them Saturday am.

How Can You Help? Volunteer to physically help. Donate clean, gently-used items such as linens, household items, dishware, cutlery, lamps, small appliances, furniture, clothing and footwear or any miscellaneous item you have accumulated that you don't need/want. If you wish to have your donated items picked up, leave them at the end of your carport early Friday.

## Dance Schedule 2026

Thank you, Jack Sonneborn, for arranging for our entertainment and enjoyment.

Our New Year's Eve party was a tremendous success again this year. The entrance fee collected was \$735 and the 50/50 draw was \$65. Thank you all for your support.

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March 21 Still Rockin'  
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- Resident must conduct themselves in a manner that does not either unreasonably disturb their neighbors or constitute a breach of peace and are responsible for the actions of persons on the premises with their consent.
- Disorderly conduct, intoxication and profane language will not be tolerated in and around common areas.
- The use of firearms, including BB guns, bows and arrows, slingshots, etc. are prohibited.
- Fireworks are prohibited anywhere in the park.
- All residents and guests must wear shirts or cover-ups at all times except within their own unit area.
- Failure to comply with the provisions of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Master Form Occupancy Agreement is also a violation of these Rules and Regulations and is cumulative grounds for fines and termination of occupancy.
- No political signs, flags, streamers and/or banners permitted on the mobile home lot or the mobile home, appurtenances or other structures on the lot, including but not limited to carports, sheds, screen room, antennas and flag poles.
- Home For Sale signage should be **placed in the front window of the unit, or in the front flower/stone garden bed**, NOT in the yard or on the sidewalk.
- No smoking **and/or vaping** will be allowed in the common areas.
- The Noise Rule was modified in the Park's Rules and Regulations. The hours **from 11 P.M. to 8 A.M.** should be considered an especially quiet time. Please be considerate when entertaining.
- Shuffleboard – A resident must accompany all guests using shuffleboard court. Guests must wear shirts and shoes. Walking on or across the court is not permitted. Equipment taken from the shed must be returned after use.
- Renting or subletting of units is not permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Clubhouse except at Community approved social functions. No alcohol is permitted in the pool area or in other common areas of the Community.
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## Recipe of the Month

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Directions: Preheat your oven according to the crescent roll dough package instructions. In a bowl, mix together the softened cream cheese, sugar, lemon zest, lemon juice and vanilla extract until smooth and creamy. Unroll the crescent roll dough and separate it into triangles. Spoon a generous amount of the cream cheese mixture onto the wider end of each triangle. Roll the dough from the wide end to the point to form little crescent rolls. Place the rolls on a baking sheet and pop them in the oven. Bake according to package instructions, usually about 10-12 minutes, or until they're golden brown. Once you take them out, let them cool slightly. Serve warm. Enjoy every fluffy, creamy bite! Optional: sprinkle confectionary lightly over the tops while warm.

## Six Foods that Never Expire

Source: [Interestingfacts.com](https://www.interestingfacts.com) by Steve Shannon



It's easy to lose track of items in the back of a dark pantry, which is why expiration dates can be so helpful in determining when to toss old foods. However, the "best by" dates we rely on aren't always a true picture of how long a food is shelf-stable. Food dating is mostly a voluntary process for grocery manufacturers, who often just estimate when their products will no longer be at their best quality. Luckily, there are some foods that are safe to keep using even if their expiration date has long passed. The six foods that never expire are **Honey, Vanilla Extract, Salt, Sugar, White Rice and Vinegar.**



**Did you know you do not have to put opened bottles of mustard and ketchup in the refrigerator for safety.** But refrigerating them preserves the flavor and quality for longer. Mustard is shelf-stable because its high acidity from ingredients like vinegar prevents the growth of harmful bacteria, mold, and mildew. While an opened bottle can be safely stored at room temperature, it may dry out, lose flavor, or separate over time, so most experts recommend refrigeration for the best taste and consistency, especially for Dijon or horseradish mustards.



## Surprising Info About Some Famous Lefties

A Follow up from the January Bulletin Article.



**T**he International Left Handers Day is August 13. Only 10% of the global population are lefties.

Here are several Famous Lefties:

Barack Obama, 44th U.S. President

Queen Victoria and other members of England's Royal Family

Neil Armstrong, U.S. Astronaut, First man to walk on the Moon, July 20, 1969

Marie Curie, helped discover the principles of radioactivity 1896

Jimi Hendrix, one of the greatest guitar virtuosos in rock history who played a right-handed guitar upside down in order to accommodate his left handedness. 1962-1970

Babe Ruth, greatest baseball slugger and pitcher; 1914-1935

Leonardo da Vinci, painter, draughtsman, engineer, scientist, theorist, sculptor and architect, (may have been ambidextrous); 1452-1519

## Champagne Corks Can Fly at 50 MPH.

Source: *Interestingfacts.com* by Tim Ott

**I**t's impossible to pinpoint just how much that tension-bursting "pop!" adds to the enjoyment of a bottle of Champagne, but human ingenuity has found ways to measure the speed at which a cork shoots from its mooring. In 2008, a German scientist calculated that the average speed of a Champagne cork is just under 25 mph, though they also noted that 62 mph could be reached under the right conditions. Other sources, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, have noted that champagne corks can easily go flying at around 50 mph.



This high-speed bedazzlement is the result of the way Champagne (and all sparkling wine) is created. Since that magical late 17th-century day when Dom Perignon discovered the recipe — and likely even before that — the beverage has been made by adding yeast and sugar to an existing base of wine. Sealed tight in a bottle, this mixture undergoes a second fermentation that produces its signature carbon dioxide bubbles. That second fermentation swells internal pressure to 90 pounds per square inch — approximately three times the level of an inflated car tire. Upon finally achieving release when the bottle's wire is unwrapped and its stopper nudged, the pent-up carbon dioxide not only ejects the cork at parkway-level speeds, but also generates supersonic shock waves that resemble those unleashed by rockets and jets.

Of course, such a violently ejected projectile needs to be handled carefully; while it's used to comic effect in movies, a poorly aimed cork can shatter glass and result in ghastly injuries like a split eyeball or a detached retina. Drinkers will want to follow safe-opening guidelines that include chilling the sparkling wine to reduce pressure, aiming away from the body, and gripping the cork while twisting the bottle.

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## Facts:

Champagne is not a grape. Champagne is made with three types of grapes: pinot, meunier, and chardonnay.

The word “Champagne” refers to the region where the bubbly is produced, about 90 miles east of Paris.

The opening in a wine cask is called a Bunghole.

The average Champagne alcohol by volume (ABV) percentage is 12.2%.

Pounds of grapes used in a 750 mL bottle of Champagne is 2.6.

Square miles of vineyards in Champagne France is 132.

Bottles of Champagne (750 mL) imported by U.S. in 2021 is 34.1 million. In 2024 U.S. imported 250 million (750mL) bottles. Notably, Italy was the largest supplier, providing 122.6 million liters, while France supplied 38.1 million liters.

The traditional Formula 1 celebratory Champagne spray began by accident in the 1960s.

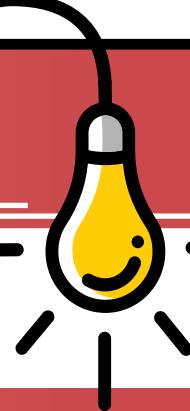
It's unclear when overflowing bottles of Champagne became a regular sight in the locker rooms of pro athletes celebrating a championship, but for motorsports at least, the tradition of the winner spraying the crowd with a bottle of bubbly has a clear origin. At the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans race, Swiss Formula 1 driver Jo Siffert was handed a bottle that allegedly had been sitting out in the sun for too long, resulting in a surprise pop and unexpected shower for those in proximity. The following year, American driver Dan Gurney decided to up the ante by shaking his winning bottle of Champagne and directing the outburst onto the crowd by the podium. Although the spray may have landed a little too much on team boss Henry Ford II and his new bride, even the sport's bigwigs soon realized that there was no getting that particular mode of celebration back in the bottle.

## New Residents Directory

We are most appreciative of all the tedious and detailed volunteer work, and persistence and patience Susan Collins has given to generate the 2026 Online Directory of our park residents. This one is not a hard copy directory for distribution. It is an online version which Susan will update periodically in hopes to make it as current as possible. Residents can download it at any time. Although the deadline for submission has passed, you can still submit your information to Susan. Be part of this project by contacting her via phone-802-922-7938, text or email [pgmvt@yahoo.com](mailto:pgmvt@yahoo.com). Please provide: Name of residents/ shareholders and unit/lot number. Telephone number for each. Where you reside when not in Largo. Email of at least one resident; this address will not be included in the directory. Susan's immeasurable amount of work and patience is greatly appreciated.

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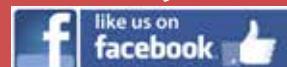
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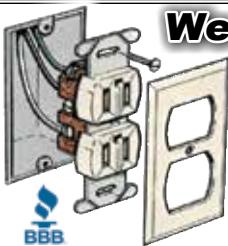
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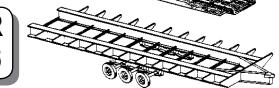
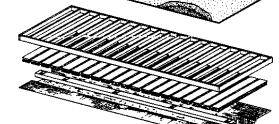
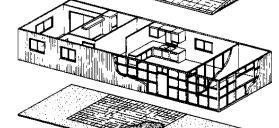
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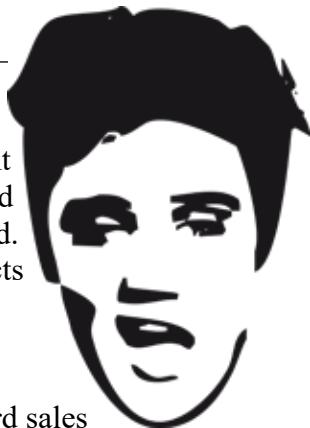
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# Rock Out to These 6 Facts About Elvis Presley

Source [Interestingfacts.com/elvis-facts](https://interestingfacts.com/elvis-facts) by Bennett Kleinman

**F**ew entertainers have achieved greater acclaim than the King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Aaron Presley. From his humble beginnings in Tupelo, Mississippi, to his lavish later years spent at Graceland, Elvis lived a fascinating life, and his performances and songs remain almost as beloved today as when they were first recorded. In honor of the King's birthday on January 8, we've compiled six facts about one of the most renowned musicians of the 20th century.



## Elvis Never Performed Outside of North America

Despite being a global sensation — an estimated 40% of his record sales occurred internationally — Elvis never performed outside of North America. In fact, the only time he ever held a show not on U.S. soil was during a series of three Canadian concerts, in Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver, all in 1957.

His tendency to stick stateside had little to do with his rumored fear of flying, however, as he still traveled by plane to perform in Hawaii in 1973. The most widely accepted (if still unconfirmed) reason for the lack of foreign gigs has to do with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker. Parker was born in the Netherlands, and reportedly feared that his status as an undocumented immigrant would make returning to the United States impossible. That may have been why he only booked Elvis on North American concerts.

## Elvis Was a Natural Blond and Used Shoe Polish as Hair Dye

You'd be hard-pressed to find evidence of Elvis' natural blond hairstyle, as only one known photo exists, hanging on the wall of Graceland. From a young age, Elvis dyed his hair jet black with shoe polish — which was cheaper than hair dye — in an effort to make his blue eyes stand out. Elvis also began applying eyeliner to further accentuate his eyes around 1960, a trick he learned from actor Tony Curtis. As Elvis rose to fame, he continued to dye his hair to maintain his image, though he eventually shifted from shoe polish to a patented hair dye combination of Miss Clairol 51D and Black Velvet/Mink Brown by Paramount. Elvis later enlisted the services of Larry Geller, a beloved stylist in West Hollywood who also worked with stars such as Marlon Brando and Steve McQueen.

## Elvis Didn't Write Any of the Songs He Performed

Despite recording over 600 songs throughout his career, Elvis' skills were lacking on the songwriting front. In a 1957 interview with *Dig* magazine, he explained, "I never wrote a song in my life... I've never even had an idea for a song." In fact, Elvis never learned how to read or write music. That didn't stop him from being credited as co-writer on many tracks, as his label demanded that certain songwriters give up 50% of authorship for any songs that Elvis recorded.

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This isn't to say Elvis went about the recording process lazily — quite the opposite. In the recording studio, he sometimes did 40 takes of a single track until it was perfect.

### **Elvis Earned Several Black Belts in Karate**

Elvis began training in the shotokan style of karate in 1958 under a man named Juergen Seydel while he was stationed in Germany as a member of the U.S. Army. Upon returning to the United States in 1960, Elvis earned his first black belt in the style of chito-ryu from Hank Slemansky. Elvis later studied in a Memphis dojo under Kang Rhee, where he received a seventh degree black belt in 1973 and an eighth in 1974. Rhee wrote a book about his experiences training Elvis, noting that he "was the only person I ever saw wear boots into the dojo," and that the musician "insisted on using real firearms" during training instead of wooden ones. Elvis was so passionate about karate that he later co-founded the Tennessee Karate Institute in 1974. Some have questioned whether his black belts had more to do with his celebrity status than his skills, but his love for martial arts was undeniable.

### **Elvis Appears on the Most Popular Commemorative U.S. Stamp of All Time**

First issued by the United States Postal Service on January 8, 1993, a stamp featuring Elvis Presley went on to become the most popular commemorative stamp of all time. In 1992, two prospective designs were presented — one of a young Elvis from the 1950s and another of an older Elvis from his 1973 performance in Hawaii — with the former eventually selected by a whopping 75% of 1.2 million mail-in votes. Some 500 million copies of the stamp — three times the usual run — were printed by the USPS. Elvis would be honored with yet another commemorative stamp in 2015, making him the only musical artist with two USPS stamps featuring their likeness.

### **Elvis Purchased FDR's Old Presidential Yacht**

During his presidency, Franklin Delano Roosevelt recommissioned a 165-foot former Coast Guard cutter known as the USS Potomac as his official presidential yacht. Dubbed the "floating White House," the yacht went largely unused after FDR passed away in 1945, though it was later purchased by Elvis Presley in 1964 for \$55,000. Elvis didn't purchase the yacht for personal use, however; instead, he donated it to St. Jude Children's Hospital in 1964 so that they could resell it to raise money.

The yacht isn't the only presidential connection that Elvis shares. Genealogists also discovered that Elvis is actually a sixth cousin once removed of President Jimmy Carter.

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# Hippos Can't Swim or Float

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The word “hippopotamus” means “river horse” in Greek, which makes sense given the amount of time — about 16 hours a day — these massive creatures spend in the water. But as it turns out, hippos can't actually swim or even float. Their dense bones and heavy bodies cause them to sink, and their short legs and broad structure aren't built for moving through water as easily as other aquatic mammals.



What they can do, thanks to that density, is stand sturdily on a waterbed's floor and walk or bounce along the ground. With their eyes and nostrils located high on their heads, they can still see and breathe while almost completely submerged. Although they prefer the shallower parts of lakes, rivers, and swamps — typically around 6 feet deep — they've been observed in waters as deep as 40 feet, which they can propel themselves above by leaping like porpoises off the bottom. Even when they sleep, they can hold their breath for only about five minutes before an automatic reflex ensures they rise to the surface for air so they can rest without drowning.

The water isn't just a playground for these creatures — it's vital to their survival. Staying submerged helps keep their sensitive skin cool and hydrated under the hot African sun. It isn't until dusk that they emerge and spend the next eight hours or so on land, grazing on grasses, before returning to their aquatic refuge when the sun reappears.

## Hippos Can Outrun Humans.

The second-largest land animals after elephants, by some counts, with males weighing up to 9,920 pounds, hippopotamuses are notoriously aggressive and dangerous to humans. Luckily, humans can easily outrun these lumbering creatures on land, right? Well, no. When galloping, hippos can reach speeds of 19 miles per hour, whereas the average running speed of a human male is around 8 miles per hour. So if you ever come across a hippo in the wild, a minimum safe distance may be much farther away than you might think.

## Facts:

A hippo can open its jaw 180 degrees.

The hippo's closest living relative is the whale.

The longest human breath held under water is 29 minutes.

Hippos eat an average of 88 pounds of food a day.

## The Kid Who Sang “I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas” Actually Got One

In 1953, 10-year-old Oklahoma child Gayla Peevey recorded the quirky holiday tune “I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas.” After the song became a hit, an Oklahoma City zoo and a local newspaper launched a statewide funding drive, encouraging people to chip in so they could give Peevey the very thing she sang about.

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Donations poured in, and by Christmas, a baby hippopotamus named Mathilda was sent to Oklahoma City. Peevey gave the hippo to Oklahoma's Lincoln Park Zoo, making Mathilda the zoo's first hippo, and appeared alongside zookeepers and the media to help welcome Mathilda to her new home.

## Know The Farm

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1. What are baby goats called?  
Kids, kittens, bunnies, puppies
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Fungicide, fodder, herbicide, hive
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Chicken, cow, sheep, horse
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Conventional, organic, aquaculture, mixed
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Cows, mules, pigs, sheep
8. Which is the name of the human-like figure used to deter birds from crops?  
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12. A "poult" is the offspring of which farm animal?  
Sheep, turkey, pig, cow
13. What farming tool did inventor John Deere develop in 1838?  
Pickaxe, backhoe, spading fork, steel plow
14. What is the term for a young cow that has not yet given birth to a calf?  
Steer, bull, cow, heifer
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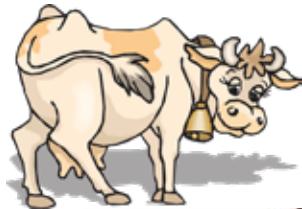
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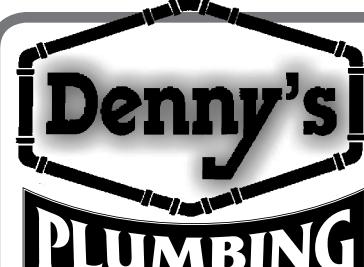
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Euchre .....	Tuesday .....	7:00PM .....	Carmel Foster.....#171
Poker .....	Mon. Wed. Fri.....	1:30PM .....	Dave Denny .....
“65” .....	Mon. and Thurs.....	6:30PM .....	Jan Tremblay.....#26
Dining Out .....	Wednesday.....	4:00PM .....	Ernie Bowman .....
			Ilah Meddles .....
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Flea Market .....	Each February .....		Social Activities Committee
Memorials .....			Evelyn VanDuyne .....
Monthly Media Magazine .....	10th of Month .....		#57
Pickle Ball .....			Barbara Roos .....
Shuffleboard .....	Tues. and Thurs .....	10:00AM .....	#58
Spring Fling .....	Each March .....		Scott Oke .....
Trips, Travel .....			#148
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ARTICLES FOR SALE	DORAL VILLAGE YARD SALE BAZAAR, Saturday, February 28th, 8am-1pm, 29250 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Glassware, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Baked Goods, Lunch, and Great Raffles and Prizes!	Rummage Sale, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Rd, Clearwater, Saturday March 7, 8am-2pm. Kitchen ware, home decor, books, clothing/accessories, linens and more
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Clearwater Cascade park-wide yard sale. Saturday, February 21, 8:00am - 2:00pm. 9790 66th Street N, Pinellas Park	Blue Jay Estates - Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 2026. 8am - 1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available both days. In clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684	

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