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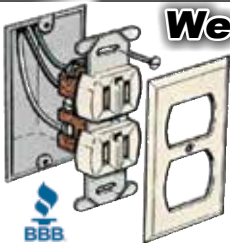
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Gisella Michael, President

They say "April showers bring May flowers," but we are certainly hoping for clear skies on Saturday, April 25th. This is a very special day for our community, and I hope it becomes a tradition that continues long after this activities committee is gone. I am, of course, referring to "The Party In The Park"! Last year had a special nuance about it. "Brown Eyed Girl" was playing in the background, the weather was perfect. We made another great memory together. I say let's make a lot more.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE,,,,,,,,,

- April 4 9-10:30 Breakfast
- April 8 SMTM 7 pm
- April 6 Residents club meeting
- April 15 Music Bingo 7 pm
- April 17 Wing night 5:30 - 7:30
- April 22 SMTM 7 pm
- April 25 Party in the Park 12 noon



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Bob Campbell, President

"Hi everyone. Hope everyone is enjoying these warmer temperatures. Sadly, Director Doug Metzger has resigned for personal reasons. We thank him for his service wish him well. We have not named a replacement yet but will let you know as soon as we do. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026. We will try two sessions again 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm. We will go over a number of issues we have discussed with the Office and will also be announcing details of our two fundraisers for this year. Hope to see you there."

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Michelle Rudy

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Laurie Stone, Chair

Hello Neighbors

We have had a busy few fun months, and we have more planned for you !
April we will be having our Spring party in the park for residents. If you a family member or friend, would like to set up a booth to sell your goods , let me know. There will not be electric for you to use .

We are having the band North to South. This is the band we had at the chocolate party and they are AMAZING ! We will also be having food trucks again . Check the calendar for the many other activities planned for this month.

We all hope to see you there.

MORE HAPPENINGS

Note from the Editor

This is my last issue. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Oak Crest/Acorn community for the last 5 years. (note to Yvonne- Oak Crest/Acorn!)
Rick Martin

RED HAT SOCIETY

Jaye Lamoreaux

The Red Hat Society is an international, for-profit social organization founded in 1998 for women, primarily aged 50 and older, focused on promoting fun, friendship, and freedom. Members wear red hats and purple attire to gatherings, celebrating life’s second act and encouraging sisterhood through activities like lunches, plays, and tea parties. For more information about the Rosey Hatitudes chapter please contact Queen Jaye at 570-599-0577.

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Jill Chambers

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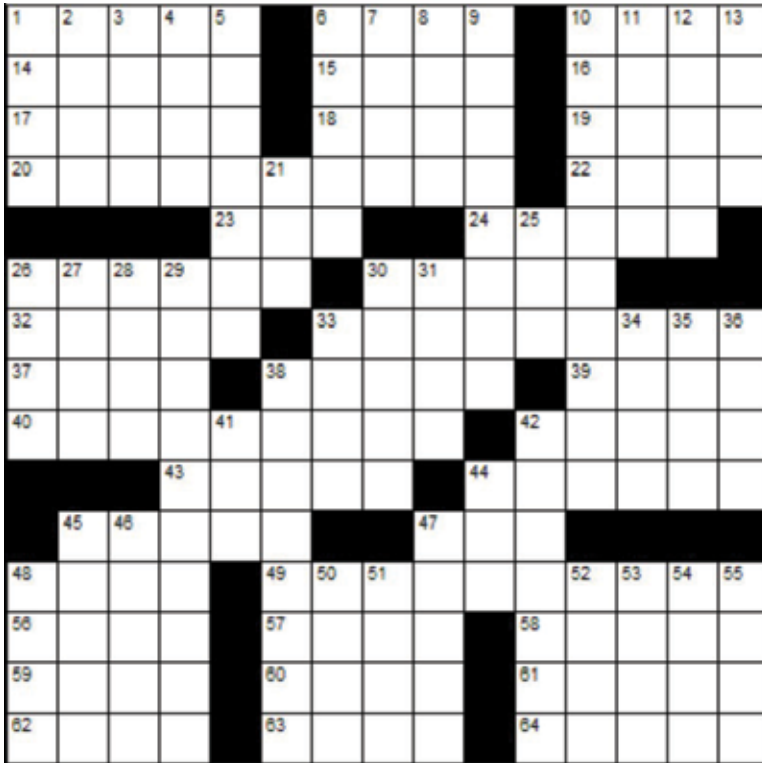
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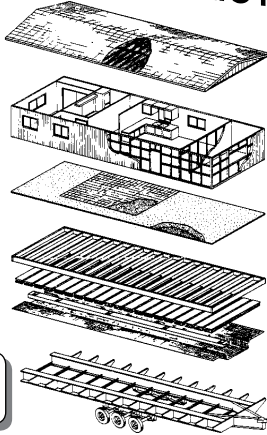
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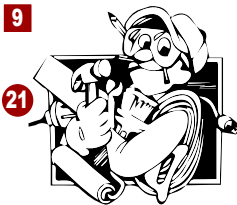
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Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations 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.



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- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



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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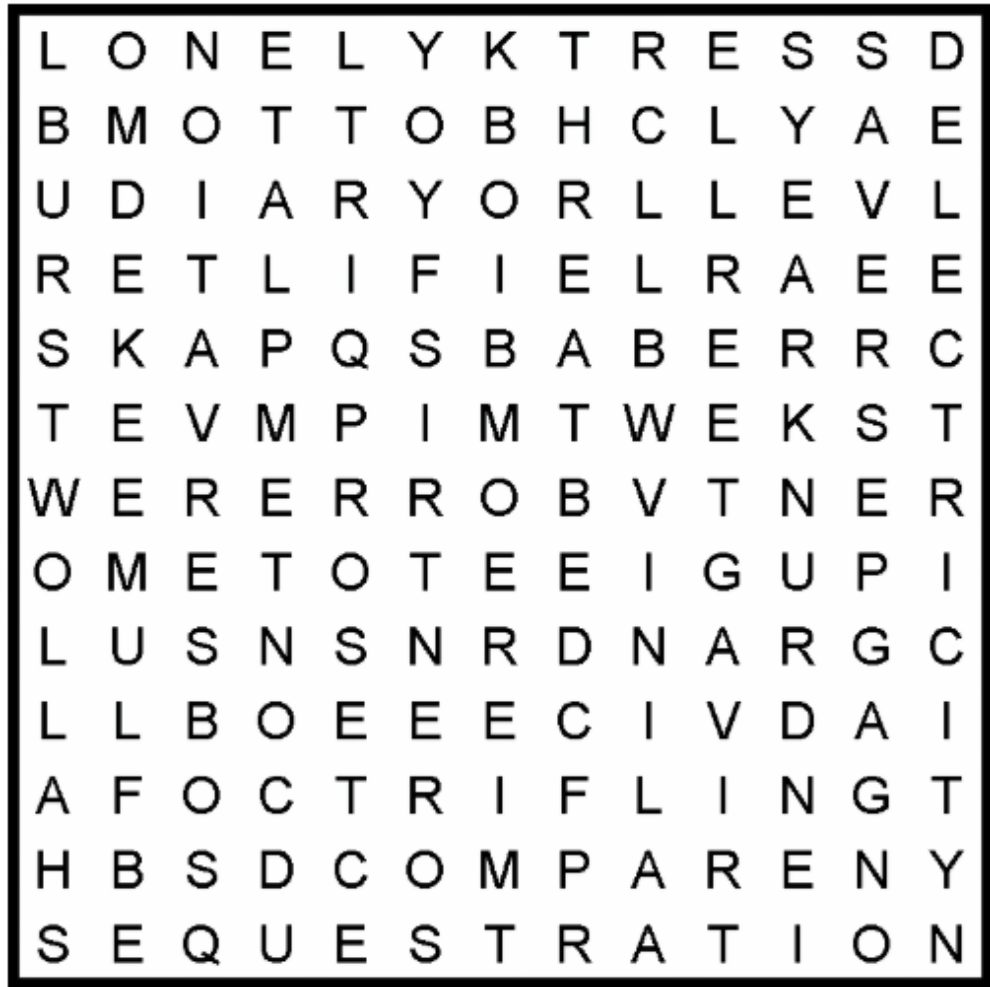
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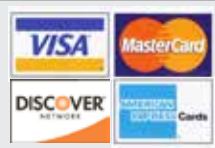


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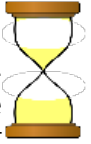
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Stop these mistakes on the road to success

Successful people know what they have to do to reach the top. Just as important, they know what not to do if they want to succeed. From the *Success* magazine website comes this list of activities to avoid on your way up:

- **Going back to failed strategies.** You'll fail from time to time. Just be sure to recognize what you do wrong so you don't keep repeating it.
- **Pretending to be someone else.** If you're not being true to your personality, people will see it. Strive to make decisions that authentically reflect your values.
- **Trying to change other people.** You won't be able to turn co-workers, employees, managers, customers, and even friends into the people you want them to be. Seek out people whose interests and ambitions match your own.
- **Short-term thinking.** Don't obsess about today's problems, nor trade long-term benefits for immediate gain. Focus on the big picture—your long-term goals.
- **Trusting the wrong people.** Learn whom you can depend on for honesty, assistance, and support. Remember that no one is perfect, and build relationships you can count on.

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Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get.
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The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.
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Moonlighting strong in the U.S.

Moonlight is romantic, but moonlighting at a second job is a different story. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that about 7.39 million Americans held more than one job in November 2015. Moonlighting has risen and dipped over the years, from 6.5 percent of working Americans in November 1996 to 5.6 percent during the recession that started in 2008.

Women tend to be more likely to hold two or more jobs—5.5 percent of working women, compared with 4.7 percent of working men. Among younger workers ages 20-24, 5.8 percent worked multiple jobs in 2014, compared with 4.4 percent of workers 55 years or older.

Almost 90 percent of today's moonlighters plan to keep working two or more jobs during 2016. A survey cited by the *U.S. News & World Report* website found that although some are dealing with changing family situations or exploring other careers, more than half maintain a second job in order to meet living expenses.



Tech sector rates highly within the U.S.

We may complain about texting, “listicles,” and viruses, but most people actually have pretty positive opinions about technology. A survey by IT staffing organization Modis, for example, found that 61 percent of us consider the U.S. to be a global leader in tech, a trend that 79 percent think will continue for at least the next five years. And 94 percent believe that technology education is the most important factor in sustaining U.S. leadership in the tech industry.

With 19.8 million people working in the technology sector today (a figure expected to rise 1.8 percent a year), tech jobs are highly sought after. Seventy-four percent of respondents in the Modis survey think that tech jobs are more lucrative than those in other fields. Money isn't the only consideration, though: Flexible hours are drawing workers to the field (50 percent consider this a valuable benefit) along with the unlimited vacation time offered by some organizations (named by 21 percent).



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