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I am usually down at the clubhouse on Monday mornings at 8:30 until meetings are over. If that is easier for you to catch me and sign up or renew.

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies members for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund

pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.

THANK YOU

This month we would like to thank Becky Webber. As some of you know, she is the one responsible for our Christmas Pageant and Memorial Service. Becky spends many hours, even in the summer preparing and finding music for these programs. Becky assumes practice as soon as she returns here in the fall and works very hard with her chorus members to present us with a great show and evening of beautiful music. So, on behalf of other Bay Ranchers: Thank you to Becky and her wonderful chorus.



Manager's Moment

Carol Alvey

Happy April and Easter. Spring cleaning is starting!! Time to clean out carports and back yards.

Kat is in the process of doing follow up inspections of yards and mobiles. I am not sure how to explain this, but these letters are not suggestions that you do the work, they are notices to get the work done in a timely manner. Some of the responses and excuses that I have heard are a joke! Such as "you mean we have to keep our backyard clean"? "We're going on a cruise, so I won't have the time or money for a few months" "If I pay the rent increase, I can't afford to keep my carport clean" "What if I don't do it?" The answer to all of the excuses is the same; it is a park rule, and you can be evicted for not maintaining your mobile and lot. However, that is not the intent of the letters. If everyone cleaned and maintained their home and lot, it makes the park a much nicer environment to live in. I know I have said this before, and I will say it again, we are a "Mobile Home Community;" having clutter, junk, overgrown weeds, etc. are for people who live in trailer parks!



MANAGER

If you have expired tags on your car parked anywhere here, they will be towed.



Please do not park your vehicle in your driveway over the sidewalk. It will be towed.

Again, ALL dogs must be walked in pet section only. That is the perimeter of the park and please don't forget to clean up after them.

JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter

Jeanne is still on her sabbatical. Hopefully she will be back next month to share with more great stories to entertain you readers. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Personally, I can't wait for her to come back as she always makes me smile when I read her words.

In honor of Jeanne, we must share this:

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, only drinks water and is fat.
3. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day and only lives 5 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic, yet it lives for 450 years.



And you tell me to exercise?! I don't think so!

They say once you retire you will travel more.

What they don't tell you is it's to doctor's appointments

Editor's Notes

So, my 3-year-old gran daughter asked: 'Where does Poo come from?'

To make it simple I said:

"You just had lunch, right? Well, the food goes in your mouth down into your tummy.

Your body takes all the good stuff it needs out of the food and then what's left goes down to your bottom and when you go to the bathroom that comes out as poo."

She then looks at me looking a little confused as if she was stunned and silent for a minute and then she asked me: And what about Tigger?"

Most people are at the age when they are using their phones to document the good times in their lives. I'm at the age where I use my phone to take pictures of labels that I can't read and use my phone to enlarge the print so that I can read it.

Ok to be serious here is my Italian Pasta Diet:

1. You walka pasta da bakery.
2. You walka pasta da candy store.
3. You walka pasta Ice Cream store.
4. You walka pasta da fridge.

See if you know me, You know I can't be serious about dieting!



From the Editor



Damaged /Torn Flags

Jack Lees at Lot134. Now he has a can outside in his driveway for you to put your damaged, torn, ripped USA flags in and he will make sure they are disposed of correctly.



Resident Club News

The month starts with a \$5.00 Pancake breakfast. We will have pancakes (plain & blueberry), eggs and sausage. Of course, there will be juice and coffee also. Imagine all this and all you can eat for only \$5.00. Hours will be 8:30-10. The sign-up sheet will be down at the clubhouse. Please help us by signing up so we are sure to have enough for everyone.

On the 9th we will host an spaghetti and meatball dinner. Meal includes your spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Coffee will also be available. Cost is \$10.00 for advance sale tickets, \$12.00 at the door. Happy half hour starts at 5:30 and serving will start approximately about 6. So, if you are working, come on down, No cooking for you tonight. Hungry? But you really don't want to come out? Lucky for you, take-outs and deliveries are also available. Text 315-783-7701 if you need either a takeout or delivery. Delivery will be done approximately at 5:45.



Variety Show

I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the Variety Show. Special; mention to Gil Mulrooney, who was our MC, Adam Pirhofer who handled sound, Frank & Sandy Smith who were our stage managers, kitchen volunteers and all of our performers. Sorry, that more didn't attend this free event, but we all had a great time.

Thanks Again,
Caro; Olson



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Organizations & Clubs



Ash Emperors

The Ash Emperors are meeting every other Saturday at 1PM at Cozy Cigar, which is located on West Bay in Largo. If interested or have questions, please call Adam Pirhofer at 623-7808 or Dave Andrews at 727-542-6917.

Bingo

Cindy Devinney 550-7377

BINGO NEWS!!!!

We start selling at 5pm. We stop selling at 6pm and Bingo starts at 6:30. We need more people to come, so we can continue to play through the summer. So come on down for a night of fun, and who knows, you might even win. Please no large bills.

Buffalo Bingo

Buffalo Bingo is a form of Bingo, but played with a set of dice, a game card and pen-nies. It will usually be held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30. Which is the 19th this month. All are welcome. All you need is you and about 50 pennies, we have the cards all ready for you. (We can make change if you are short pennies).



Canasta

We will meet every Tuesday at 1:00. Looking for more players. We will be glad to teach you.



Card Bingo

Card bingo is changing to be held on the first and third Wednesdays, for the summer season. Calling starts at 6:30. This is Bingo where every 4-some (and sometimes 3-somes) deals out a full deck of cards, then discards the card as the caller calls it. Whoever runs out of cards first wins the pot of 1 quarter for each player.



Chorus

The Chorus will resume rehearsals in November 2026.
New members always welcome.
Becky Webber
Chorus Director
beckywebber61@gmail.com



Coffee Klutch

Held at the clubhouse every Monday just before the Residents Club meeting. So, plan on coming down, have a cup of Joe, a donut, and a great visit with your fellow Ranchers.



CORN HOLE

Bob Hertensteiner

Cornhole is back playing on Tuesday nights. Playing starts at 6:30. But please be there to sign up by 6:15.



CRAFTS

Beverly Grey

Everyone is welcome and to bring whatever project you are working on. We meet on Fridays at 9:30. So come on down to the clubhouse and join in the friendship and comradery.



Euchre

Come join us Tuesday evening at 6:30. Don't forget to bring your dollars.



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Fitness For Life

We are back in the clubhouse. We are doing some chair and modified workouts. Our aim is to keep moving so come join us and do what you can. Let's keep moving together.
We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9AM.



HOA

Our HOA board is up and ready to keep an eye on park improvements to help everyone's quality of life here and boost morale. We the people can make this a wonderful place to live. We have some ideas we would like to implement. We are open to any comments and suggestions from the community.



While we are well aware of our limits, we are also aware that the team (all of us) possibly could make the dream. I have remained in the position of treasurer. Laura Anderson has remained as secretary. Wade Choate who has experience serving in government will be VP and Rodney Fryer will be serving as President. Rodney and I live in Lot 243 stop by to chat or share ideas any time. We have an open-door policy. Let's make this year really great for the whole park. I am optimistic and hopeful and id like that to spread around here. Here's to us the amazing residents of this park. Thank you to our park manager Carol Alvey and her team. She is easy to talk to, and she wants the best for us all. And thank you to Paige Andrews and the rest of the amazing residents club for all their efforts and all the amazing activities and events they plan and execute for us. It takes a village as they say.

Hoss Collar

Hoss collar is back! We play on Saturdays at 1:00pm. Don't forget your dollar. Open to anyone who wants to have fun. We can teach you how to play if you don't know.

Koffee Klatch

Come join us at 8:30-9 for coffee and doughnuts or muffins or whatever we can find. Join in the conversation and meet some of your fellow Ranchers.



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Ladies Having Fun

Cindy Douglas 260-715-0646

Ladies will be meeting on Thursday the 30th this month. Cindy will post a sign up sheet for the outing to Capogna's Dugout on Gulf to Bay.



Library

Bonnie Bach, Coach 1051

Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers. Come on in and borrow a book or drop off the ones you have read. Please put books in the tote and we will put them back on the shelf. Looking for any large print books. Sorry. No magazines please.



Nertz

Nertz (or Pounce) is a fast-paced, multi-player solitaire game for 2–12 players that combines speed and strategy. Each player uses their own standard 52-card deck to compete simultaneously, trying to empty their 13-card “Nertz pile” by playing cards into shared, ascending foundation piles (A-K) in the center. Night. Hopefully we will have enough decks for everyone to play, but feel free to bring one of your own if you choose. We currently are scheduling for the last Thursday at 6:30.



Residents' Club

Meetings start at 9am right after Koffee Klatch. Want to stay informed and help plan events?? Then join us every Monday. Hope to see you there.

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is going to be revamped into shuffle fun. WE ARE NOW MEETING Mondays 1:00pm to practice and learn. Anyone who wants to play can come and join in and we will divide into teams and play each other here. Don't know how to play and want to learn? Contact Patty Harwood Coach 1395 240-505-5893.



Stein Studs

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808

Stein Studs (and Beer Babes) are a group of folks who enjoy the sampling of Craft Beers from local, as well as everywhere else, brewers.

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We normally meet at Willard's Tap House, 12500 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33773, on Friday's at 2:00 pm. But if someone would prefer distilled libations, we are happy to make trips for those.

Let me know if you have any suggestions,

Apirhofer@hotmail.com

Do You Have Unclaimed Funds?

Florida Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingolia announced Monday that a record \$88 million in unclaimed property was returned to Floridians in February.

Unclaimed property includes dormant bank accounts, unclaimed insurance proceeds, stocks, dividends, uncashed checks, deposits, credit balances and refunds. It can also include watches, jewelry, coins, stamps and more.



“This record-breaking month of unclaimed property returns mean more money back into the pockets of Floridians,” Ingolia said. “Our Division of Unclaimed Property is working tirelessly every day to return lost assets to their rightful owner. I encourage all Floridians to check out our website and see if they have unclaimed property waiting for them.

How to find your unclaimed property

According to the Florida Division of Unclaimed Property, one in five Floridians has unclaimed funds from a forgotten financial account.

To search for unclaimed property, visit FLTreasureHunt.Gov. You can search for an account owned by a person or business.





Here are 5 interesting Easter Facts:

Flexible Date:

Easter's date changes yearly, falling on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox, explaining why it's between March 22nd and April 25th.

Pagan Goddess Origin:

The name "Easter" likely comes from Eostre (or Ostara), a Germanic pagan goddess of spring, fertility, and dawn, whose festivals used symbols like eggs and hares.

The Easter Bunny is German:

The tradition of the Easter Hare (Oschter Haws) bringing eggs was brought to America by German immigrants in the 1700s, evolving into the modern Easter Bunny.

Eggs as Symbols:

Eggs have long symbolized fertility and rebirth, with ancient practices of decorating them pre-dating Christianity; they represent the empty tomb in Christian tradition, and ancient eggs with gold foil were given by King Edward I in 1290.

Symbolic Foods:

Lamb is significant as Jesus is the "Lamb of God," while ham symbolizes good luck; Hot Cross Buns, marked with a cross, also carry deep Christian meaning.



More Easter Trivia

In recent years, Americans spent over \$22 billion on Easter. ...

Instead of a bunny, an Easter fox delivers goods in Germany. ...

Pastel colors hold religious meanings. ...

Easter was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre. ...

An egg hunt is the most popular way to celebrate Easter. ...

Easter bonnets are a relatively new tradition.



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377

Let Cindy know if there are any corrections or Birthday/Anniversary we miss.

Birthdays:

- 1. Norm Novak
- 5. Barbara Sharp
- 7. Marilyn Blimes
- 8. Beverly Gray
- Ione Jones
- 12. Neddy Harwood
- 13. Alfredo Arhujo
- Carol Lauer
- 14. Marilyn Milbourne
- 15. Phillip Schultz
- Rebecca Stephen
- 17. Kenneth Gombold
- Linda Walker
- 18. Millicent Morrell



- 19. Patricia Waghorne
- 20. David Bolan
- 22. Farrow Geraldine
- 23. Casey Stephen
- 24. William Turner
- 26. Barbara Baler
- 26. Scott Haugen
- 27. Lisa Maxwell
- Stephen Roewe
- Mary Loy
- 29. Phil Good
- Terry Shobe
- 30. Mary Good
- Jeannie Sever



Anniversaries:

- 2. Neddy & Patty Harwood
- 8. Malcolm & Karen Deane
- William & Lucy Wyllie
- 15. Daniel & Oneida Doherty
- 16. Paige & David Andrews
- 19. Scott & Susie Haugen
- 25. Jeff & Lisa Maxwell



April



Jellybean Prayer

Red is for the Love He gave,
 Green is for the life He saves,
 Yellow is for the light He gives.
 Orange is for each day we live.
 Black is for the sins we made,
 White is for the grace He paid,
 Purple is for the cross and sorrow,
 Pink is for a new tomorrow.



Signs

A sign in a shoe repair store, “We will heel you. We will save your sole, We will even dye for you!”

At an eye clinic: “If you don’t see what you’re looking for, You’ve come to the right place.”

On a plumber’s truck: We repair what your husband fixed.”

In a restaurant window: “Don’t stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up.”

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: “Drive carefully. We’ll wait.”

Sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck: “Caution-This truck is full of Political Promises.”



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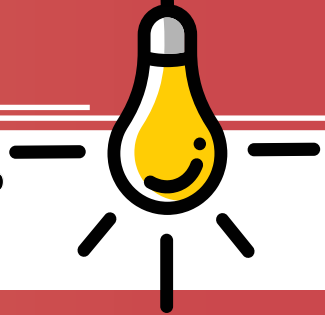


I Need some Answers Please:

1. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?
2. Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are dead?
3. Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
4. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
5. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
6. Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?
7. Why is it that people say they 'sleep like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
8. If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
9. Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?
10. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
11. Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?'
12. Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
13. Why does your Gynecologist leave the room when you get undressed?
14. Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?
15. They're both dogs!
16. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
17. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
18. Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
19. Stop singing and read on.....
20. Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?
21. Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
22. Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?



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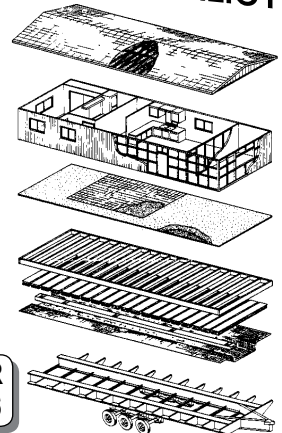
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Lemon Cream Cake

Ingredients

Cake

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ cups granulated sugar
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup butter-flavored shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1-2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon pure lemon extract
- 1 heaping teaspoon lemon zest (from 1-2 lemons)
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ½ teaspoon white distilled vinegar
- ⅓ cup hot lemon water (hot water mixed with 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice)
- 4-6 drops yellow food coloring

Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting

- 2 (8 oz) cream cheese room temperature
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter room temperature
- 1 ½ teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 ½ teaspoons pure lemon extract
- 1 ½ heaping teaspoons lemon zest (from 2 lemons)
- 4-5 cups powdered sugar sifted
- 1-2 teaspoons lemon juice (if needed)
- 4-5 drops yellow food coloring

Instructions

Cake

Preheat oven to 325 F. Thoroughly grease and flour 2 (9-inch) dark cake pans. Set aside.

In a large bowl sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl mix together sugar ,oil and shortening.

Mix in eggs one at a time.

Mix in vanilla extract, lemon extract and lemon zest.

Combine dry ingredients into wet ingredients, alternating with the buttermilk.

Mix together the distilled vinegar and lemon water and mix into the batter.

Mix in the food coloring until your desired shade of yellow is reached.

Pour batter evenly into prepared pans and shake pans to release any trapped air bubbles.

Bake for 25-30 minutes, checking it at the 25 minute mark and adjusting the time if needed. (see note)

When moist crumbs cling to a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake, remove cake from oven. Let cakes rest in the pans until pans are cool enough to touch. The cake will continue to cook as it cools.

Once cooled, carefully remove cakes from pan and place on a cooling rack to cool completely.

Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting

In a large bowl, mix together cream cheese and butter.

Mix in vanilla extract, lemon extract, and lemon zest.

Mix in powder sugar until creamy, adding lemon juice to thin it out if needed.

Stir in food coloring if using.

Place frosting in the fridge to allow it to firm up a bit before frosting.

Stir the frosting until it's creamy and spreadable and frost the cakes.

Garnish with additional lemon zest if desired.

Notes

DON'T OVERBAKE. The key is to take the cake out of the oven a few minutes before it's completely done (when moist crumbs cling to a toothpick inserted into the center) and allow it to finish baking as it cools down in the hot pan. This timing will vary depending on your oven, which is why it's best to check cakes before the listed done time.

Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie



Ingredients

- 1 homemade pie crust or refrigerated pie crust

Cream Cheese Filling

- 375 grams cream cheese, (1 ½ packages, 12oz – regular or light)
- 1 ¼ cups powdered sugar, (160 grams)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream

Strawberry Topping

- 1 lb strawberries, thinly slice or chopped
- ¾ cup cold strawberry juice*, (or another red juice) divided
- 1 package unflavored gelatin, 7g
- ½ cup strawberry jam
- Whipped cream to serve if desired
- Homemade Whipped Cream for serving

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees and press pie crust into a 9" pie plate. Crimp the edges as desired.
- Place a piece of parchment paper over the pie crust and fill with dried beans or pie weights. (optional: if not available, simply prick the bottom and sides with a fork all over)
- Bake for 8-10 minutes until the edges are light golden brown. Remove the parchment and pie weights and continue baking another 4-5 minutes until the bottom is light golden brown. Set on a wire rack to cool to room temperature.

Cream Cheese Filling

- In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth.
- Add the vanilla and powdered sugar and beat on low speed until smooth.
- Add the cream and beat on low until incorporated, then beat with an electric mixer on high speed until thick and fluffy. Set aside.

Strawberry Topping

- Place ½ cup cold juice in a medium bowl. Sprinkle entire package of gelatin over the top and set aside.
- Whisk together the remaining juice and jam. Heat in the microwave on high for 45 to 90 seconds, until very hot but not boiling.
- Whisk into the gelatin until dissolved and set aside for 15-20 minutes until it reaches room temperature (you can use the fridge to speed things up if you need).

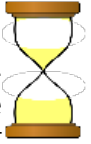
Assembly

- Spread cream cheese filling into cooled pie crust.
- Top with strawberries, then carefully pour the cooled gelatin mixture over the strawberries to fill the crust (if you don't use it all, it's okay!).
- Refrigerate for 4-6 hours until completely set. Top with whipped cream if desired and serve.



Prepare for failure on your road to the top

Brilliant ideas don't always succeed, no matter how hard you work. You'll save time and frustration by analyzing your idea's potential for failure before you begin.



Try conducting a "pre-mortem." Look at your plans and identify specific obstacles you may face, and generate ideas for overcoming them. Also, spend some time determining how you'll decide when the idea just won't work. You don't want to get bogged down in a useless effort when its chances of success don't exist. Be ready to move on when you realize that continuing on your current path isn't worth the time and money required.

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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- Keep a small Tupperware container filled with your interior paint color. That way when you need to do periodic touch-ups, you can just pull it out, stir with a brush, and fix them. Breaking out the 5-gallon bucket is usually a production.
- White vinegar is an excellent substitute for many household cleaners (so-called ‘General Purpose Cleaners’). Buy a cheap spray bottle and fill it with vinegar undiluted. It is perfect for quick clean-ups around the kitchen and bathroom as it is both a disinfectant AND completely volatile (it will smell for a while but evaporate to leave no residues).
- To keep drains unblocked in the long run: Buy some sodium hydroxide, lye, at hardware stores. Use a tablespoon full each week in your drains/sinks around the house. Rinse with cold water.
- Toothpaste polishes silver beautifully.
- Throw lemon and orange peels into the garbage disposal instead of the trash helps give your kitchen that citrus fresh smell.
- Need to clean the gunk out of the disposal, a bucket of ice cubes does wonders.
- Don’t throw out used butter wrappers, fold them in half (the buttery side in of course) and put them in your fridge. Next time you need to grease a pan, just grab your pre-buttered wrapper and coat the pan.
- Meat tenderizer gets blood out of clothing. It won’t bleach out the original fabric.
- WD-40 removes crayon from ANYTHING, as well as scuffs from ceramic and wood floors.
- If your microwave is really dirty, put a damp cloth in there for about 30-45 seconds, let it sit (to cool down) then use it to wipe it down. The steam releases all the stuck-on food, like the dried-up stuff you would end up scraping off.
- You can also microwave a cup full of vinegar-water solution.
- Microfiber cloths are excellent for cleaning. They can clean anything with just a little water. Mirrors, glass, appliances...heck they can even take off the soap scum on shower walls (although that takes a bit of elbow grease). Using damp microfiber cloths is a great way to cut down on the paper towel and chemical use when you clean.
- Used dryer sheets for dusting. Almost as useful as those expensive Swiffer things.
- WD40 dissolves glues. So, if you buy a fridge or something that has those irritating stickers on them, spray WD40 where you ripped the sticker off and wipe.
- Peanut butter gets gum out of hair without needing to cut the hair.
- Clean your mini blinds by hanging in the garage or porch. Spray down with the foaming bubbles used to clean tubs and sinks. You can watch the grime just drip off with no wiping. Use a garden hose or spray bottle to rinse.
- Hate cleaning your oven from all the drippings? Lay sheet of aluminum foil at the bottom under the heating element. Most heating elements lift up.
- Instead of buying those expensive gel ice packs, take a large zip lock freezer bag, fill it to



about 1/3 full of 3 parts water to one part rubbing alcohol, then seal it, being careful to work the air out of it. Then put that bag inside another bag. The bag will freeze to a super cold slush that never solidifies.

- To get the old musty smell out of towels wash them with hot water and a cup of vinegar. Then immediately rewash them usually with regular laundry detergent.
- Put your celery in aluminum foil, it will last 3 to 4 weeks longer.
- Have a baked-on mess? Just take a piece of aluminum foil- crumble it into a ball and get to scrubbing! It will take literally anything out of your pots and pans no matter how long it's been stuck on.
- Mayonnaise and steel wool will get marker off of walls/floors/whatever other hard surfaces a kid decides to color on.
- Rub shaving cream onto your bathroom mirror to keep it from fogging up.
- To keep brown sugar soft, put a slice of bread in the same container as the sugar. The sugar will pull the moisture from the bread and stay soft.
- Windex will remove fingernail polish from fabric – soak and blot.
- Clean windows with damp newspaper. It doesn't leave any streaks or little bits of paper like paper towels.
- Coca-Cola (or Pepsi): The general-purpose rust remover/cleaner.
- Used tea bags sprinkled on rose plants will make them blossom faster with more vibrant colors.
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- If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the law of golf.
- Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.
- There is no penalty for a so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf club owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.
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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.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 12-18. This week recognizes the hard-working men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 19-23. The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23. Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.



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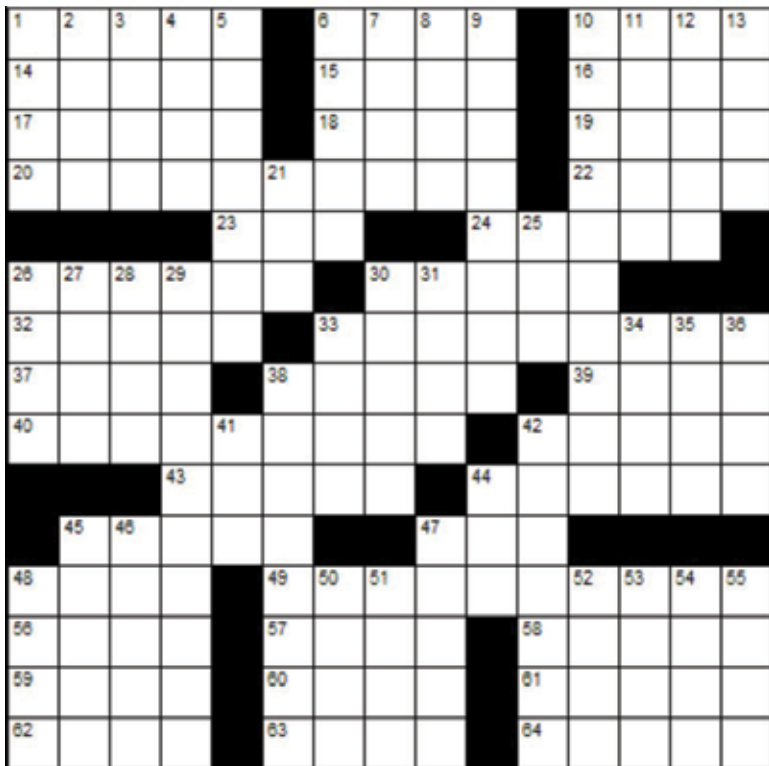


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ACROSS

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

DOWN

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
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
54. Den
55. Countercurrent





April Word Search

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