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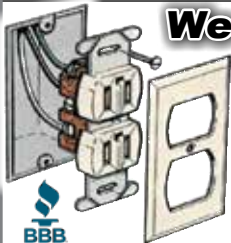
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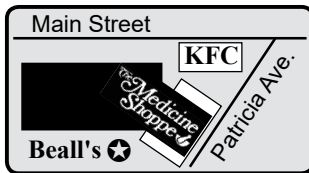
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## FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:

By Cathy Granato

Thank you to all who joined us for our Christmas Day Buffet! And a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to ensure a festive day for all of us at Silk Oak. The clubhouse was so beautifully decorated by our decorator, Pam Smith, and the food was abundant.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

The Christmas house decorating contest results were

1st place; #Lot 22 Mickey.

2nd Place: Lot 11-Dan and Mary Ann,

3rd Place: #34 Barb.

Judging was difficult as evidenced by several honorable mentions as well. We would like to pay tribute to all the hard work and creativity of the residents of Silk Oak Lodge.

The Christmas decorations were beautiful and so festive. Thank you everyone!



Our New Year's Eve Party was a blast! John Poole provided Karaoke and with some technical assistance from Nick. We sang, danced and had lots fun. Potluck appetizers were plentiful and very tasty.

Thank you to everyone for attending. HAPPY NEW YEAR and a prayer for all good things in 2022!

Our friend, Pam Smith, has decided to turn over the reins as clubhouse decorator. We want to thank her and Randy so much for everything they have done to ensure that our clubhouse has been beautifully and creatively decorated for every season. If there is anyone interested in taking on this very important task, please let our go-to-girl, Becky, know {lot 50}. And thank you again Pam and Randy.

Every other Wed continuing for the next 3 months {February 9,23, March 9 and23, April 6,20) We play Bunco at 6:30 at the clubhouse. We ask everyone to bring \$3 for prizes. Thanks to all of you for making this Park a warm and friendly place to live.

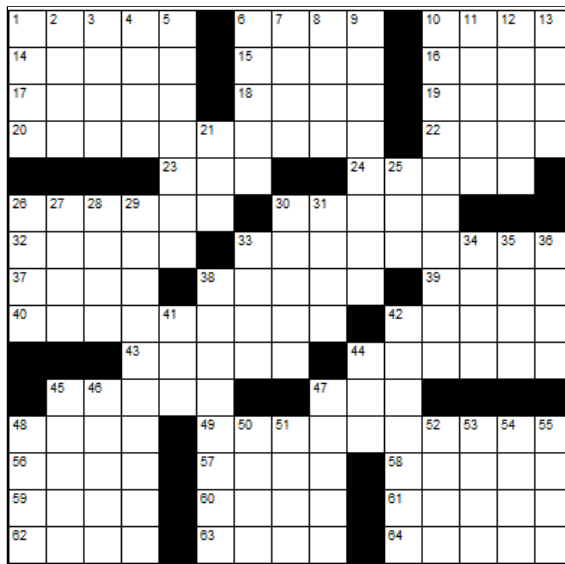


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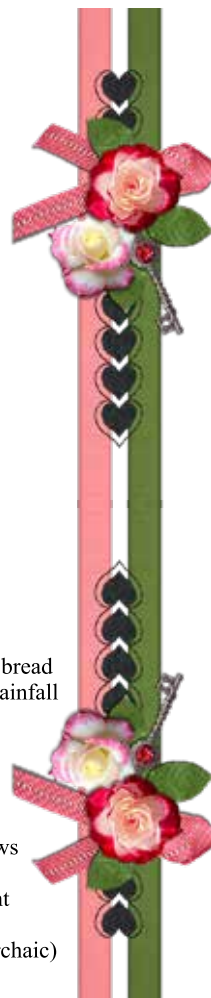
- 1. Type of scarf
- 6. Pear variety
- 10. Drill
- 14. Pale with fright
- 15. Double-reed woodwind
- 16. Mimics
- 17. Allegation
- 18. Break in friendly relations
- 19. To tax or access
- 20. Hard unglazed brownish-red earthenware
- 22. Tall woody plant
- 23. Religious sister
- 24. Swindle
- 26. Palace
- 30. Lance
- 32. Attempt again
- 33. Undertaken by two parties
- 37. Urine component
- 38. Subatomic particle
- 39. Mother
- 40. A sudden downpour
- 42. Ate



- 43. Not cloudy
- 44. Intelligent
- 45. Unpaid
- 47. "The Matrix" hero
- 48. Narrow opening
- 49. Weakens
- 56. Adriatic resort
- 57. Former Italian currency
- 58. Menacing look
- 59. Always
- 60. Smell
- 61. Steed
- 62. Declare untrue
- 63. Marries
- 64. Canvas shelters

**DOWN**

- 1. Proven information
- 2. Small island
- 3. Blacken
- 4. Inheritor
- 5. Effeminate
- 6. Element with the symbol B
- 7. Death notice
- 8. Not hard
- 9. Whale or dolphin
- 10. Germs in the blood
- 11. A drama set to music
- 12. Adjust again
- 13. Being
- 21. Prompt
- 25. Cap
- 26. Gunk
- 27. Relating to aircraft
- 28. Goulash
- 29. Ephemeral
- 30. Pantywaist
- 31. Conspiracy
- 33. Brought into existence
- 34. Hindu princess
- 35. So be it
- 36. Gentlewoman
- 38. A single storey house
- 41. Small rounded bread
- 42. A shortage of rainfall
- 44. Tall hill
- 45. Drink garnish
- 46. Broaden
- 47. Approaches
- 48. Toboggan
- 50. It ebbs and flows
- 51. Stepped
- 52. Balm ingredient
- 53. Mountain pool
- 54. At one time (archaic)
- 55. Views



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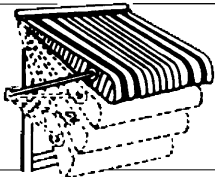


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**Autism Sunday, Feb. 13.** Also known as the International Day of Prayer for autism spectrum disorders, this event is observed annually on the second Sunday of February.

**Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.** Spend the day with someone you love.

**President's Day, Feb. 21.** The day honors George Washington (born Feb. 22), and Abraham Lincoln (born Feb. 12) and all U.S. presidents.

## Lack of knowledge fuels health care worries

**W**e're all worried about the cost of medical care, whether we've got insurance or not. Business Wire reports that 75% of people with health insurance are nervous about suffering financial problems because of medical bills, only slightly less than the uninsured 77% who are just as worried.



The MITRE-Harris Poll Survey on Health Insurance Literacy and Perception found that 47% of people have experienced not having their insurance pay for as much as they expected, 42% have discovered that a procedure wasn't covered, and 33% didn't realize that a doctor or facility they used was out of network.

The problem may be our lack of understanding of health coverage. The survey found that 53% of people say they understand their plan only "somewhat," with just 33% feeling they know the details of their coverage "completely." Twenty-six percent said they never check what's covered ahead of time. Trying to figure out what is covered is the most frustrating aspect of health care to 28%, along with finding someone to answer their questions (20%), and determining whether a physician or hospital is or isn't in their network (20%).

*A healthy outside starts from the inside.*

— *Robert Ulrich*

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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**Black History Month.** During Black History Month, Americans reflect on more than 400 years of Black history and heritage in communities and national parks across the country. Use this month to find special places, historic moments, and personal journeys that contribute to conversations about Black representation, identity, and diversity in our nation's history and today.

**National Embroidery Month.** No one is quite sure how this celebration of the art of embroidery got started, but it remains an opportunity for embroiderers everywhere to share their love of the craft. Many museums or local stores have events during this month.

**National Time Management Month.** During February, the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals emphasizes the importance of improving time management to achieve a more balanced life.

**Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.** This campaign strives to follow the wisdom of young people as they work to prevent teen dating violence, advocate for healthy relationships, heal from trauma, and engage in social justice.

## FEBRUARY WEEKLY

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**Women's Heart Week, Feb 1–7.** Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women. Recognizing symptoms and risks, making lifestyle changes, and getting timely care can save a woman's life. Women's Heart Week is a national outreach campaign aimed at improving women's outcomes from this deadly disease.



**Children's Mental Health Week, Feb. 7–13.** This year's theme is "Growing Together," encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

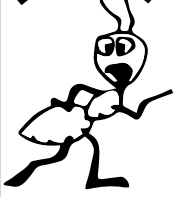
**National Entrepreneurship Week, Feb 12–19.** Celebrating America's entrepreneurship ecosystem, National Entrepreneurship Week is a nonpartisan, congressionally chartered initiative founded in 2006 that takes place the third week of February annually.

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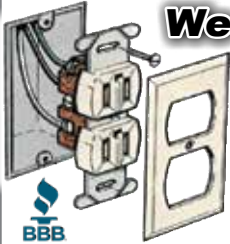
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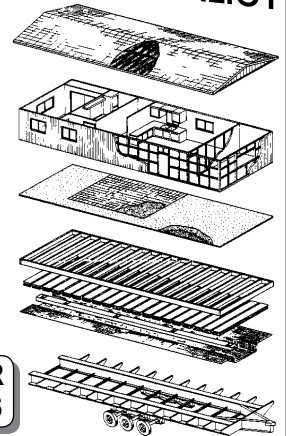
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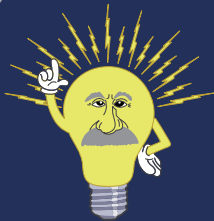
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## Keep your diet balanced with this simple advice

Staying healthy, especially during the winter months, requires commitment, but it's not all that complicated. Just remember these health and wellness tips from the Savvy Mom website:



- **Eat breakfast every day.** Eating something in the morning helps kick your metabolism into gear. A piece of toast, some oatmeal, or a smoothie can help you wake up and feel energized for the day.
- **Practice moderation.** You don't have to starve yourself or deny yourself your favorite foods. Just keep things in the right proportion. Eat slowly, and resist the temptation to binge. You'll find yourself just as satisfied if you give your body a chance to digest without stuffing your stomach.
- **Stay hydrated.** Water helps flush things through your system and makes you feel full. You can add some flavor to it with a slice of lemon or a drop of orange or cranberry juice if plain water is too boring.
- **Monitor your emotions.** Depression and anxiety can push you into overeating. Don't wallow in guilt for having a good meal. Put it behind yourself and focus on maintaining a healthy balanced routine going forward.
- **Keep a food journal.** Write down everything you eat. This helps you keep track of habits and patterns so you can make better choices during and between meals.

## A hero of the pandemic

Many heroes stepped up to raise money to help people during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of them, as told on the Baxter Restoration website, was Captain Tom Moore, a 99-year-old British veteran of WWII. Wanting to support Britain's National Health Service, he announced he would walk laps around his garden to encourage people to pledge money to his cause. Moore promised to do 100 laps by his 100th birthday, hoping to raise \$1,000.

Much to his surprise, Captain Moore became a hit on the internet, raising \$33 million. He's still doing his laps.



*Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can't remember who we are or why we're here.*

— Sue Monk Kidd

## Find the sweet spot

Some people know exactly what they want to do with their lives at an early age. Not Rebecca Stephens. The first British woman to summit Mount Everest came to mountaineering in her late 20s, after graduate school and years of working as a journalist.

A magazine assigned her to cover an expedition to the Himalayas. There she realized that her true goal in life was to climb to the peak of the highest mountain in the world. So she quit her job and spent years working to fund a climbing expedition. The fear of dedicating herself to such a goal without a job, during a recession, and with a mortgage to pay was daunting, but she didn't let it stop her from pursuing her dream.

Since reaching the peak in 1993, Stephens has gone on to summit the "Seven Sisters," the highest peaks on every continent. Her advice to people still looking for their calling? "Don't panic. It's OK to explore. It's OK to try different things," she tells the Insider website. "It's a question of finding the sweet spot. But quite often if you follow what it is that really fulfills and interests you, the rest falls into place."



## Still a champion

Charlie Boswell was an all-American athlete who was offered professional contracts in both football and baseball. But when WWII erupted, Charlie enlisted in the military and was assigned to a tank division.

During a battle in Europe, a shell hit Charlie's tank. As the tank burned, he made sure everyone else got out safely, but then a second shell hit, throwing him 50 feet, breaking his bones and burning his body.

After a weeklong coma, Charlie woke up in a hospital and learned that he'd be blind for the rest of his life. Refusing to be discouraged, he worked hard at his rehabilitation, learning to live in a world of darkness.



One day a friend came to visit him. "Would you like to play some golf?" he asked.

"How in the world can I hit a golf ball when I can't even see it?" Charlie asked, but the friend was persistent. He took Charlie to a golf course, showed him how to hold and swing a club, and let him hit the ball.

Charlie's first drive traveled 200 yards straight down the fairway.

Charlie began training, and slowly his abilities improved. Ultimately Charlie won a world championship, shooting a 38 on nine holes.

The moral, as the Conscious Panda website puts it: There is always an alternate route if you just have the will to find it.

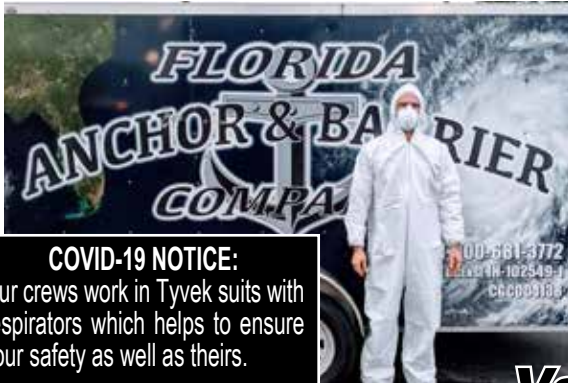
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-Monthly Media Staff



## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET - Four Seasons Estates MHP, Largo. Saturday, February 26, 8am-1pm. \$1.00 early bird 7:30. Furniture, clothes, tools, jewelry, linens, books, baked goods, raffles and more. 13225 101st Street, Largo, off Ulmerton (east of Largo Mall).

Carport Sale - Sugar Creek Manufactured Home Park, 10265 Ulmerton Rd, Largo. Saturday, February 12th. 8:00am-1:00pm.

Shady Lane Oaks Bazaar - Shady Lane Oaks - 15777 Bolesta Road, Clearwater. Saturday, February 5th - 9am-2pm. A huge variety of items for sale! Raffles, Chinese auctions, bake sale, breakfast & lunch and more!

East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village Annual Carport Sale: Saturday, February 19, 2022, 8AM to 2PM. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. Largo, FL 33771

Lake Haven, Park 2 Clubhouse - Treasure Island Annual Community Sale. 1415 Main Street Dunedin - Saturday, Feb 12, 2022, 8am-1pm. Huge Bake Sale and Raffle with 50/50.

## EVENTS & PROGRAMS

White Elephant & Bake Sale: Sat., March 5, 8am-1pm. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, dishes, linens, jewelry, baked goods and lunch. Lake Highlander Park, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin.

Carport Sale, Sat., Feb. 26th, Clearwater Cascades MHP, 9790 66th St. N., 8am-12pm.

Oakcrest Acorn Community Carport Sale: March 12th from 9am - 2pm. 9925 Ulmerton Rd and 16th Ave. SE. Furniture, collectibles, tools & lots more.

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Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 19th, 8:00am-2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

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## Entrance requirement

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**A** Sunday School teacher was testing the children in her class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"No!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "No!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "No!"

Bursting with pride, she asked, "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You have to be dead!"

## Drawn to the light

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**A** man walked into a brain surgeon's office in the hospital. "Can I help you?" the surgeon asked.

"I keep thinking that I'm a moth," the man replied.

"Well, you probably want to see a psychiatrist for that," he said. "I'm a brain surgeon."

"Yeah, I know," he replied.

The surgeon looked confused. "Then why are you here?"

"The light was on."

## Divine intervention

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**A**fter starting a new diet, a man altered his commute to work to avoid driving past his favorite bakery. One day he accidentally drove by the bakery and saw in the window a wide selection of chocolates, donuts, and cheesecakes.

The man prayed. "Lord, it's up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

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