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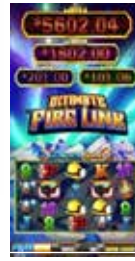
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Library Jeannr Hunter .....Coach 1314

Paige Andrews .....Coach 113

Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers. The library is especially looking for large print books. All donations are accepted. We always have more books than we can shelf. Extras are donated to AMVETS and the Largo Library book sales.

**Ambulance Fund**, Evelyn Hale, Coach 1364    **727-403-6434**

**December:**

**322 Brock, Florence**        **12/11/22**

**191 Klapak, Tom**            **12/24/22**



**Continue to pay your Ambulance fund membership during the pandemic.**

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.

## Managers Moment

*Carol Alvey*

**G**arbage: The garbage problem has gotten out of control!!!

Remember in the rules it is states:

Garbage in the Park is collected via dumpsters located in the Park. Before being taken to the dumpsters for disposal, all garbage must be places in a garbage container and securely closed at all times and containers are to be placed in an area not noticeable from the street. Yard trash and cuttings must be put in plastic bags. Limbs must be tied in bundles, none over 3 feet I length. Residents are responsible for transporting their yard trash to the dumpster. Large or bulk items, especially those items which are beyond regular household waste, may not be disposed of in Park dumpsters. Homeowners must arrange for removal of these large or bulk items on their own and at their own expense. Cardboard boxes must be broken down.

Items such as but not limited to sanitary napkins, condoms, metal, rubber, clothes, plastic, paper towels, fabric, grease, disposable diapers, tampons (including those labeled flushable), and the like are not to be disposed of in manufactured or Park toilets or drains. Expenses of purging stoppages of sewer lines of such, or similar foreign objects shall be the burden of the Home Owner whose manufactured home occupies the space from which the foreign object originated.





## FROM THE RESIDENTS' CLUB

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**W**e are going to start accepting donations for some of the less fortunate in our community for the holidays. We are accepting: Money, food, gifts, hygiene, household or even pet items. For more information see Paigge at Lot 113.

Card Bingo will be on the 7th and 21st.

6:30 and 12 quarters, and you is all you need.

Karoke will be on the 14th and 28th

Starting around 6:00) to 6:30 ish. Even if you don't sing, we have many great singers to come out and enjoy listening to.

I'm told you can bring your own bottle, because they sound even better as your bottle gets lower! Seriously come on out and enjoy or participate and enjoy the free show and conradere.

December 31st will be our Winter Wonderland themed New Years Eve celebration. \$15.00 per persomn or \$25.00 for two. Music provided by a DJ who will take requests, so have yours ready. We will have raffles, food, picture opportunities, dooe=r prizes and a 50/50. 8-12 PM. Tickets are available now.

## FROM THE EDITOR

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**I** was asked to pass on the following from one the fine people who deliver our Review every month:

From time to time, we have to get the residents written information or the Monthly review magazine. Some residents have a mailbox attached to the house. With these it is very easy to place information in the box. If there is no box, then where do we place fliers to make sure that the residents get this? You can also place a bucket, basket on a table so we know where to place these articles.

One more tip\_ I just cleaned out some space in my freezer for the holidays. It just sounds so much better than I just polished off another pint of ice cream. Just thought it might help someone else out there.

Phone numbers: It seems more residents want the phone numbers back in the directory. I need your help!!! On the board in the clubhouse is a listing of residents in alphabetical order. If you want your number in the next directory, simply go in and enter it after your name.



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Jeanne Hunter

I haven't had my turkey yet and here I am writing about Christmas. Guess I'm just keeping up with all the stores. The day after Halloween, they skipped right over Thanksgiving and went straight to the moneymaker holiday. I went to Publix yesterday. Wanted to spend \$50 so I could buy a \$50 gas card for \$10 off. That's a great deal, 20% off gas. In a blink of an eye and a swish of my credit card, I spent over \$100. Try to find something that only went up 8-9% like we're told is the inflation rate. I saw a couple of BOGO items that are still higher at half off than they were last year.

Anyway, have you noticed how many foods have gotten creative with health notes on their packaging to encourage us to buy them? Like a licorice package that says it's fat free. Wow, that's healthy, it's 95% sugar, but no fat!! I saw a box of crackers with big letters “plant-based snack.” Really? What else would a cracker be made out of? Do they make hamburger crackers or pork chop crackers? I picked up Pup-peroni dog snacks which were “original beef flavor” and saw a package next to it “lean beef flavor.” Can you picture your dog saying, “oh, no, I don't want that snack, it's too fatty.” This is an animal that eats meat, fat, gristle, bone, shoes, toilet paper and anything else resembling an edible object. And what the heck is a lean flavor? Is that healthier for your tastebuds?

## More animal education for you: HOW TO WASH A CAT

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet – the cat is actually enjoying this.
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a “power wash” and “rinse.”
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Make sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back behind the toilet and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak out of the bathroom and run out of the house, where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Author – The Dog







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## Funnies

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**W**ell, I'm afraid you Snowbirds are going to be disappointed this year. We had winter in mid-October. For a week, it was in the seventies and fifties at night. Yep, I'm pretty sure that was it. Whew, it was a tough one, but we managed to get through it with sweaters and jackets and furnaces on in the mornings.

Quick cooking tip: if you stir coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape into the trash.

One last story for you.

This article is true and was submitted to a 1999 Louisville Sentinel contest to find out who had the wildest Christmas dinner. It won first prize.


As a joke, my brother used to hang a pair of pantyhose over his fireplace before Christmas. He said all he wanted was for Santa to fill them. What they say about Santa checking the list twice must be true because every Christmas morning, although Jay's kids' stockings were overflowed, his poor pantyhose hung sadly empty.

One year I decided to make his dream come true. I put on sunglasses and went in search of an inflatable love doll. They don't sell those things at Wal-Mart. I had to go to an adult bookstore downtown. If you've never been in an X-rated store, don't go. You'll only confuse yourself. I was there an hour saying things like, "What does this do?" "You're kidding me!" "Who would buy that?" Finally, I made it to the inflatable doll section. I wanted to buy a standard, uncomplicated doll that could also substitute as a passenger in my truck so I could use the carpool lane during rush hour. Finding what I wanted was difficult. Love dolls come in many different models. The top of the line, according to the side of the box, could do things I'd only seen in a book on animal husbandry. I settled for 'Lovable Louise.' She was at the bottom of the price scale. To call Louise a "doll" took a huge leap of imagination.

On Christmas Eve, with the help of an old bicycle pump, Louise came to life. My sister-in-law was in on the plan and let me in during the wee morning hours, long after Santa had come and gone, I filled the dangling pantyhose with Louise's pliant legs and bottom. I also ate some cookies and drank what remained of a glass of milk on a nearby tray. I went home and giggled for a couple of hours. The next morning my brother called to say that Santa had been to his house and left a present that had made him VERY happy but had left the dog confused. She would bark, start to walk away, then come back and bark some more.

We all agreed that Louise should remain in her panty hose so the rest of the family could admire her when they came over for the traditional Christmas dinner. My grandmother noticed Louise the moment she walked in the door. "What the hell is that?" she asked. My brother quickly explained, "It's a doll." "Who would play with something like that?" Granny snapped. I had several candidates in mind, but kept my mouth shut. "Where are her clothes?" Granny

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continued. "Boy, that turkey sure smells nice, Gran," Jay said, trying to steer her into the dining room. But Granny was relentless. "Why doesn't she have any teeth?" Again, I could have answered, but why would I? It was Christmas and no one wanted to ride in the back of the ambulance saying, "Hang on Granny! Hang on!" My grandfather, a delightful old man with poor eyesight, sidled up to me and said, "Hey, who's the naked gal by the fireplace?" I told him she was Jay's friend.

A few minutes later I noticed Grandpa by the mantel, talking to Louise. Not just talking, but actually flirting. It was then that we realized this might be Grandpa's last Christmas at home.

The dinner went well. We made the usual small talk about who had died, who was dying, and who should be killed, when suddenly Louise made a noise that sounded a lot like my father in the bathroom in the morning. Then she lurched from the party hose, flew around the room twice, and fell in a heap in front of the sofa. The cat screamed. I passed cranberry sauce through my nose, and Grandpa ran across the room, fell to his knees, and began administering mouth to mouth resuscitation. My brother fell back over his chair and wet his pants and Granny threw down her napkin, stomped out of the room, and sat in the car.

It was indeed a Christmas to treasure and remember.

Later in my brother's garage, we conducted a thorough examination and found the cause of Louise's collapse. We discovered that Louise had suffered from a hot amber to the back of her right thigh. Fortunately, thanks to a wonder drug called duct tape, we restored her to perfect health. Louise went on to star in several bachelor party movies. I think Grandpa still calls her whenever he can get out of the house.

Merry Christmas, everybody, and I hope this leaves you with a laugh.

## Resident Club Election

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The election was held Tuesday the 8th of November. Results are as follows:

President: Kathy Trombini

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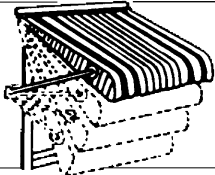


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### Canasta

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### Card Bingo

*Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264*

**1**st and 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. December dates are the 7th and 21st.  
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**Please sign up in the clubhouse** and bring 12 quarters

### Chair Exercises

*Sharon Van Horn 828-318-5937*

**S**haron has graciously taken on the task of leading us in chair exercises. Simply meet **at the clubhouse on Tuesday and Thursdays at 9am and “fit” right in.**  
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### Choir

**T**he Annual Bay Ranch Christmas Pageant will be held December 7th in the Club-house at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. . Hopefully Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance. Chorus practice is Wednesdays at 9 am in the clubhouse. New members are always welcome.

After the concert we will be having a social time with refreshments. Please bring some

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Christmas cookies or treats to share. We will also be taking up non-perishable food items to donate to the church, so please bring a can good or box of something to share. If interested, please contact Becky Webber Chorus Director at Lot 105.



## **Euchre**

*Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409*

**E**uchre will be played at 6:00 pm Tuesday. \$1. Sign up in the clubhouse. Beginners are welcome. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you.

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Chair Exercise <sup>6</sup> Sunshine Practice Maasta Euchre	Bay Ranch @ Park <sup>7</sup> Royale 10am Card Bingo 6pm Christmas Pageant 7pm  Pearl Harbor Remem- brance Day	9:00 Chair Exercise <sup>8</sup>	9:30 Swedish Weaving <sup>9</sup> 1:15 Bid Euchre 2:00 Stein Studs* *or Saturday 6:30 Bingo	1:00 Hoss Collar <sup>10</sup>
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The first shuffleboard meeting was on Wednesday November 2nd. There were 24 members in attendance. No activity around the courts for 6 months, so a lot of work was needed to be done to get them ready for playing condition.

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Hoss collar under the guidance of Paul Perling got us rolling on Saturday the 5th.

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**7th- Bay Ranch @ Park Royale**

**14th-Avalon @ Bay Ranch**

**21-Bay Ranch @ Fairway Vi**

**All matches starting @ 10Am. Come out and support our teams.**



## Swedish weaving/needlework

*Nancy Peterson*

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As our friends from the North come down, we will be looking for other opportunities to travel and cruise together.



## WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics has ended for the season.

## Residents' Club

*Roger Heil , Coach 104, 423-1264*

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**9**:00 a.m. Mondays, Clubhouse

This is the “official” meeting of/for Bay Ranch residents to hear about on-going and up-coming social events.

## Koffee Klatch

*Adam and Jan Pirhofer, Coach 1402, 623-7808/251-7985*

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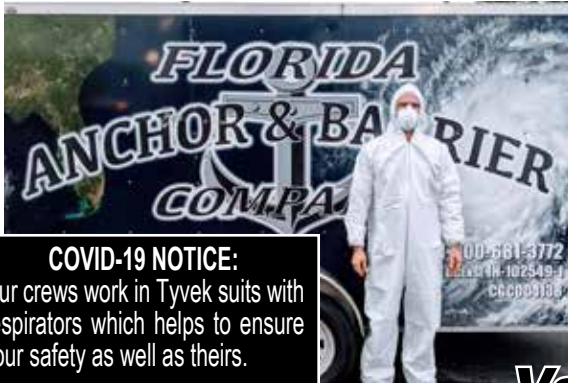
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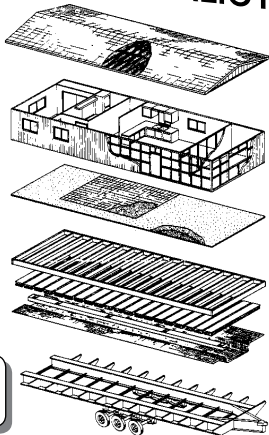
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# Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377

**D**o we have your December birthday? Please call Cindy with any changes

## December 2022 Birthdays

1. Robert Ricker
3. Shirley Hanright  
Susie Haugen
4. Debora Shirley  
Mkaela Ward  
Robert Spence
7. Kris Fick  
Cathy Seiders
8. Marlene Scutti
10. Thomas Dewey
11. Richard Daily  
Paige Andrews
12. Cindy Leeper
13. Eileen DeFrancisco  
Carmen McClintoch  
Patricia Warnett  
Linda Pariano  
Dave Andrews
14. Kimberly Gilkey
18. William Moore
19. Joan Haslem
20. Bruce Sharp
21. Ronald Hanright
25. Dorothy Murphy-Smith
26. Christine Cohen
27. Casey Berning
28. Don Peters
29. Carol Alvey
30. Richard Haley
31. Carol Braga  
Patricia Adair



## Anniversaries

3. Kip & Sharon Van Horn
14. Harry & Becky Webber
18. George & Susan Hill  
James & Loretta Howe  
James & Ione Jones
28. Don & Judy Peters
31. Benjamin & Patricia Adair



Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries continue to be very difficult to get correct, but in response to many requests, **The Bay Ranch Review** will continue to publish the list we have. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed in the **Review**, please give Cindy your information in

## Just thought this might a great way to help someone else out.

What a fun way to give this gift at the end of the month to a fellow community member or a charitable organization.

'Tis the season for giving, so maybe we can help give someone else a brighter day.

### Odd Christmas Trivia

The carol Joy To The World is a poem written by Issac Watsin 1719. It tells the story of Jesus return to the Earth, not his birth.

Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany and was originally spun from real silver, making it far from the chintzy decoration it is now. The U.S. government also once banned tinsel because it used to contain poisonous lead. But never fear; now it's just plastic. It should still be kept away from young kids and pets though, since they could still choke on it.

Brew a cup o' tea when trimming your tree this year to pay homage to its origins. When Prince Albert of Germany got a tree for his new wife, Queen Victoria of England, the tradition really took off across the pond. A drawing of the couple in front of a Christmas first tree appeared in Illustrated London News in 1848. To use modern par-lance, the idea went viral.

The Jamestown settlers created the first American batch of eggnog, although it likely Mistletoe is an aphrodisiac

The holiday decoration isn't just pretty. It's also an ancient symbol of fertility and virility—and the Druids considered it an aphrodisiac. So the next time someone cracks a joke about meeting you under the mistletoe, consider yourself warned.

This Christmas gift held a lifesaving secret

During World War II, The United States Playing Card Company joined forces with American and British intelligence agencies to create a very special deck of cards. They distributed them as Christmas gifts, but they also helped Allied prisoners of war escape from German POW camps. When wet, individual cards peeled apart to reveal maps of escape routes. Sometimes truth really is stranger than fiction.

Evergreens are an ancient tradition

The tradition of Christmas trees goes all the way back to the ancient Egyptians and Romans,

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- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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who decorated using evergreens during the winter solstice to signify that spring would return. So if you deck your halls with a green tree, wreaths or evergreen garland, you're honoring history.

The Dutch gave us the idea to leave cookies and milk

If your kids leave Santa a little snack to keep him sated on his journey, thank the Dutch. On St. Nicholas' feast day on Dec. 6, Dutch children leave him food and drink in exchange for the gifts he leaves overnight.

Hanging stockings started by accident

Legend has it, we hang stockings by the chimney with care thanks to a poor man who didn't have enough money for his three daughters' dowries. Generous old St. Nick dropped a bag of gold down their chimney one night after the girls had hung their freshly-washed stockings there to dry. That's where the gold ended up, and the tradition stuck.

Rudolph was a marketing ploy

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer first appeared in 1939 when the Montgomery Ward department store asked one of its copywriters to create a Christmas story for kids that the store could distribute as a promotion. The adorable movie featuring the island of misfit toys and Herbie the elf hit the airwaves (and our hearts) in 1964.

Christmas wreaths are religious symbols

The Christmas wreath first originated as a symbol of Christ. The holly represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion and the red berries stand for the blood he shed. So when you see a wreath this holiday, you'll remember the reason for the season.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the U.S. Postal Service delivered an estimated 910 million packages in 2019 — in addition to almost 15 billion pieces of mail. That includes gifts for loved ones, cards and Christmas letters, missives to Santa and those dreaded holiday credit card bills. That's why it's so important to thank our mail carriers. They are busier than Santa's elves.

St. Nick was more generous than jolly

You probably already knew that the idea of Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas. The saint wasn't really a bearded man who wore a red suit; that look came much later. In the fourth century, the Christian bishop gave away his large inheritance to the poor and rescued women from servitude. In Dutch, his name is Sinter Klaas, which later morphed into Santa Claus in English.

TheThore little resemblance to today's comforting tippie. The word nog comes from the word grog; or any drink made with rum. An early nog didn't have the rich, milky base we now ladle out of grandma's cut-crystal punch bowl.

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# CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

1. If the end of the year is on December 31st, what is the end of Christmas?
2. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
3. Two moms and two daughters went out for Christmas dinner, and each ate one portion. Only three portions were eaten, in total, how is this possible?
4. If it takes five elves, five minutes to make five dolls, then how long will it take 100 elves to make 100 dolls?
5. On Christmas Eve, when Santa leaves his workshop at the North Pole, what direction does he travel?

(Answers after recipes)



## Farmers Casserole

*Submitted by Evelyn Hale*

3 cups frozen hash browns  
3/4 cup shredded Monterey jack pepper cheese  
1 cup cubed cooked ham  
1/4 cup green onion, well chopped

4 well beaten eggs  
1 (12 ounce) can evaporated milk  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt

### **Directions**

Grease 2-quart rectangular baking dish.  
Arrange potatoes evenly on bottom of baking dish.  
Sprinkle with cheese, ham, onions.  
Combine milk and eggs and seasonings.  
Pour over potatoes and cheese.  
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## Riddle answers:

1. The letter S as it's the last letter in Christmas so it comes at the end.
2. In the dictionary.
3. IT WAS A Grandmother (who is a mother), mother (who is a mother and daughter) and daughter who went out for dinner.
4. It takes one elf five minutes to make a doll, meaning it would take 100 elves making 100 dolls at the same time as five minutes still.

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