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Committee	Name/Chair	Lot#	Phone#	Co-Chair	Lot #	Phone #
Activities.....	<b>OPEN</b>					
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Bingo Callers	Cindy Sadusky	14	717-587-2498			
Bocci Ball.....	Phil Tursi	195	727-754-1606			
Dominoes	Jan Wisdom	70	214-336-6834			
Ladies Lunch.....	Nancy Bilcheck	184	203-913-9450			
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Library.....	Cindy Sadusky	14	717-587-2498	Nancy Bilcheck..	184	203-913-9450
Mah Jongg.....	Nancy Barnes	157	727-799-2434			
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Potluck	Ciel Gordon	182	952-486-1507			
Remembrance	Helen Dennison	210	727-754-6977			
Corner						
Shuffleboard	Elaine Ranck	134				
Rummikub.....	Rose Leduc	160	727-797-8026			
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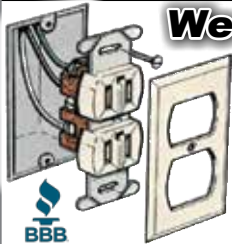
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If you would be interested please contact Bev via email  
or Monthly Media at 727-484-7488

### FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year and welcome to the first issue of 2023. I am returning to work and we need a new editor for this publication. Please contact me through my email below or Messenger if you are interested in volunteering. It is not difficult, just update the calendar and write an article or two. I will train anyone in the neighborhood who is interested in becoming the new editor.



Thanks,  
Bev Bears  
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy 2023! I hope to see you at the January Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7pm. We will be providing updates on current issues and discussing plans for the next year. Paid members can watch the meeting on Facebook Live on The Official IITS HOA 2023 page.

Don't forget to renew your HOA membership for the New Year. We have held the annual membership at \$15 per household in order to keep participation accessible to everyone in the neighborhood.

**Robert Bears**  
IITS HOA President  
rbears.iits@gmail.com

## Activities Committee Meeting – Now on Tuesdays at 7pm

The Activities Committee Meeting has moved from Saturdays to the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Please attend and help plan or volunteer for future events. We always need volunteers to make our community events happen. Please stop in and hear what we have planned and consider Hosting a future event.



## January Birthdays

- 3 Tom Thostenson
- 10 Robert Burke
- 12 Cindy Sadusky
- 14 Brenda Gerry
- 21 Donald Blue
- 23 Susan Ceuvels
- 27 Theresa Amato
- 28 John Meyn



## January Anniversaries

- 3 Harry & Terry Black

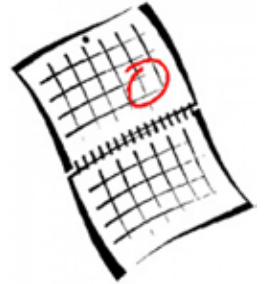


We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to bev.iits@outlook.com so your friends and neighbors can help you celebrate your special days!

Please help me keep this list up-to-date. If you notice a resident listed who no longer lives in IITS, please give me a heads up. Thanks!

## STAY UP TO DATE ON IITS EVENTS

Our two **Facebook** pages are great resources for finding information about community events:



**The Official Island in the Sun HOA** – This page is available to those who have a paid IITS HOA membership (\$15 annually per lot for two members) and features information on HOA issues, meetings and activities. The IITS HOA Board meetings are streamed live on this page the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Please contact a Board member or attend an IITS HOA Board meeting for membership cards.

**Island in the Sun Social Group** – This page is a fun, informal way to interact and find information about people and activities in our community. Members include current and former residents of IITS who like to stay connected.

Attend an **HOA Board Meeting** on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse.

Attend an **Activity Committee Meeting** on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse.

Check out the **Marquee** at the park entrance by the clubhouse - upcoming events are updated regularly.

Sign-up for our **Robocall** phone messages for upcoming events. Please email Mike Malliet at [mmal1974@yahoo.com](mailto:mmal1974@yahoo.com) and provide your name, lot number and your phone number with area code.

If you provide a cell number, please add 877-333-9336 to your contacts so the call is not blocked.

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Finally, this publication, *Island in the Sun Sentinel*, also referred to as the Monthly Media, contains names, contact information, community articles and information, an activities calendar as well as general interest articles. IITS residents can contribute ideas, articles and photos to the publication. Contact Bev Bears at [bev.iits@outlook.com](mailto:bev.iits@outlook.com).





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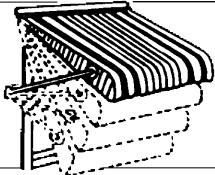
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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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				3	6			1
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8	7	2	4	3	6	5	9	1
4	1	5	7	9	2	6	8	3
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There was once an old and unhappy woman who lived alone in a small house. Her life had been fraught with many disappointments. Her husband had left her with two small children to raise, her children had grown and gone off to college and rarely visited — and she didn't have much money.

One day she noticed that a tiny stick of a tree had pushed its way up from underneath the house's crawl space and had threaded through a small hole in the floor. The old woman took note of the tree, but didn't think it would be there long, because it was weak and somewhat sickly looking.

Every day the woman checked on the sapling and expected to find that it had died. She was surprised to see the little tree clinging to life, despite that it did not have an ideal environment.

Now, the old woman began to bring a little watering pot and a bit of plant food for the tree. She also got a friend of hers to come and remove some of the boards of the floor and build a little frame for the tree so that it would have room to grow. And it began to grow and unfurl in ways that the old woman could not have imagined earlier. It grew so healthily that eventually the old woman had to tie up some of its new branches to help support it until it got bigger.

The little tree grew so beautifully in the light by the picture window in the woman's living room that she brought in a circle of chairs and took to inviting people in so that they could enjoy her tree with her.

People stopped by to ask about the tree, and the old woman told the story of the tiny tree that pushed up out of the crawl space and through the tiny opening in the floor. The old woman made friends with some of these visitors, and she no longer felt lonely. She spent the rest of her life planting trees around her little town and they grew like no others. She always gave them plenty of love and encouragement — especially to the seedlings that looked like they were not likely to make it. And her life was rich and full because of it.

### ***What you should worry about***

*Some people are worried about the difference between right and wrong. I'm worried about the difference between wrong and fun.*

—**P.J. O'Rourke**

### ***Just deserts***

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—**Fran Lebowitz**





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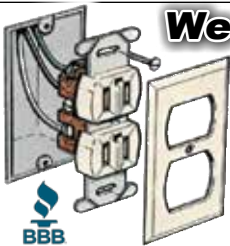
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<i>Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</i>		
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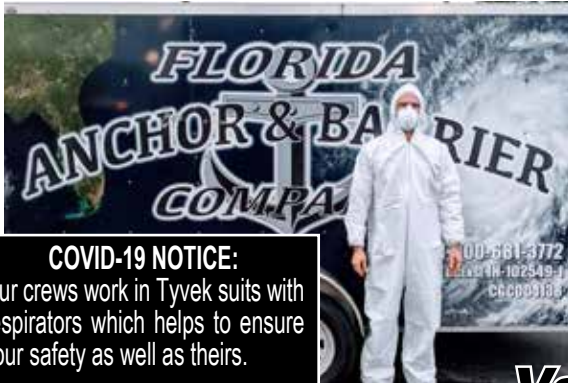
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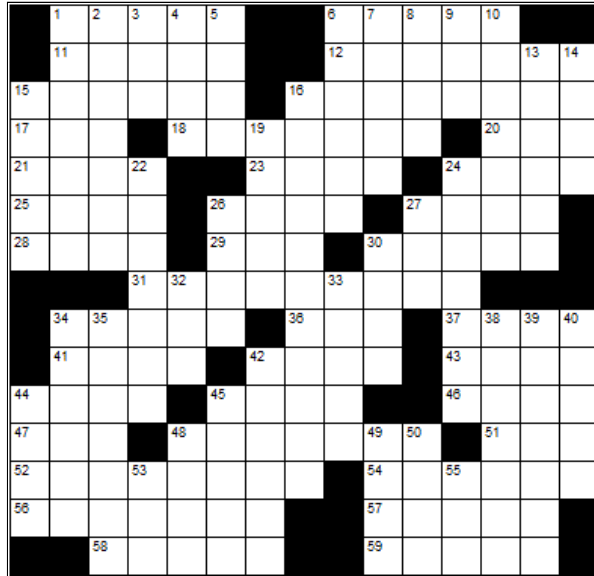
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- 15. Victor
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- 18. Noteworthy
- 20. Martini ingredient
- 21. Infinitesimal amount
- 23. Regulation
- 24. Heredity unit
- 25. Pretentious person
- 26. Musical phrase
- 27. Blow a car horn
- 28. Apprentice
- 29. Play a role
- 30. Parental sisters
- 31. Lovelorn
- 34. They connect points
- 36. Before, in poetry



**DOWN**

- 37. Chooses
- 41. Prefix meaning "Within"
- 42. Russian emperor
- 43. Entice
- 44. Rodents
- 45. A gathering or event
- 46. Winglike
- 47. Big fuss
- 48. Museum wing
- 51. 54 in Roman numerals
- 52. Related to unskilled tasks
- 54. First-aid item
- 56. Exact
- 57. Pilotless plane
- 58. Discourage
- 59. Durable fabric

- 1. Payment to an ex
- 2. Legislator
- 3. Greek god of flocks
- 4. Smooth or level
- 5. Adopted son of Claudius
- 6. Safe to eat
- 7. Fine thread
- 8. Being
- 9. C
- 10. Trigonometric function
- 13. Smells
- 14. Slave
- 15. Midsection
- 16. Fearlessly
- 19. Ceasefire
- 22. Teems
- 24. Venetian boat
- 26. Chits
- 27. Color
- 30. Affirm
- 32. Modern
- 33. Give a speech
- 34. A person who rules
- 35. Chanted

- 38. Tugging
- 39. Rookie
- 40. Wait on
- 42. Bank employee
- 44. Wheelchair access
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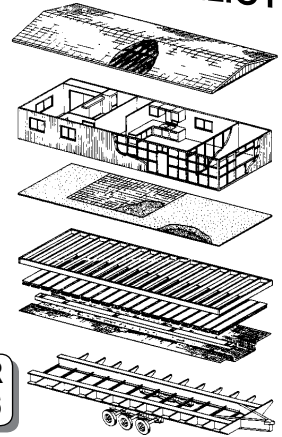
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1	National Spaghetti Day	Jan 4th
2	National Bird Day	Jan 5th
3	National Milk Day	Jan 11th
4	National Pharmacist Day	Jan 12th
5	National Youth Day	Jan 12th
6	Kiss a Ginger Day	Jan 12th
7	National Bagel Day	Jan 15th
8	National Hat Day	Jan 15th
9	Martin Luthur King Jr. Day	Jan 17th
10	Winnie The Pooh Day	Jan 18th
11	National Popcorn Day	Jan 19th
12	National Penguin Day	Jan 20th
13	Squirrel Appreciation Day	Jan 21st
14	National Hugging Day	Jan 21st
15	National Pie Day	Jan 23rd
16	National Compliment Day	Jan 24th
17	National Opposite Day	Jan 25th
18	National Spouse Day	Jan 26th
19	National Chocolate Cake Day	Jan 27th
20	National Puzzle Day	Jan 29th
21	National Croissant Day	Jan 30th



## Holidays

Holiday date	Holiday Name
Sat, January 1	New Year
Thu, January 6	Epiphany
Mon, January 17	Blue Monday
Mon, January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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*I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying.*  
 — **Woody Allen**

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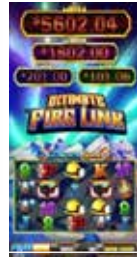
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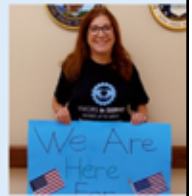


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## Go ahead, be an optimist

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**M**.J. Ryan, life coach and author of *The Happiness Makeover*, says that it's possible for just about anyone to revamp their thinking. "Training your brain is like training a puppy," she says. "It wanders everywhere, but you need to keep bringing it back to the upside."

So the next time things don't go your way, try not to fall into your usual way of thinking. If you get steamed over small things, like waiting in a long line, the next time it happens tell yourself that this is a great opportunity to stand still and close your eyes while you wait. Or keep a magazine with you and read about something you are interested in so that you don't feel like you are wasting your time.

It might surprise you how little changes can make you feel better in a big way.

## A few packing dos and don'ts for the frequent traveler

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**I**f you're required to travel for your work, you might want to remember this: The root word of "luggage" is "lug." So it's a good idea to buy the right size suitcase and pack lightly.

The largest bag that is allowed as a carry on is a 22 - inch tall suitcase. If you don't have to check any bags, you'll save time and hassle at your destination. You'll want to look for one that has a retractable handle and wheels for convenience as well. Recessed wheels are also a good feature, because they're less likely to cause a problem when you check your bag or try to fit it through security devices.

When you're packing it's good to keep in mind that most people usually overestimate the amount of clothing and products they will need on a trip. Try to cut back on what you take. Doing so will cut back on the chaos and discomfort of traveling. For instance, you might want to buy a travel-size bottle of combined shampoo/conditioner. Take small amounts so you won't have to deal with unwieldy and potentially leaky bottles. It's also a good idea to pack anything that could possibly leak in heavy-duty zip-lock bags. Additionally, you should try to pack these bagged items away from any clothes that could come into contact with them. You might also want to purchase a plastic-lined cosmetics bag that can easily be taken to the bathroom with you when you travel.

Savvy travelers also know that buying and packing items of clothing that have the intentional wrinkled look can save time and hassle and keep you looking great while you are on your trip. When you actually put your clothes into your suitcase here's a good regimen to follow. Put your underclothes in first. Lay flat items on the bottom and line the edges of the suitcase with items like rolled socks or bras. Layer your daily wear on top of these items, and last pack in your finery like ties and scarves, etc.



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<p><b>ARTICLES FOR SALE</b></p>	<p>East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village Annual Parkwide Carport Sale Saturday February 4 and Sunday February 5, 2023 from 8 AM to 2:30 PM both days. 601 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33771 And 2505 East Bay Dr, Largo, FL 33771</p>	<p>BINGO Lake Seminole Resort - 10245 110th Ave. - Largo. Monday, Jan 9th, 2023. Bingo starts @ 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Cards on sale until 6:30 pm.</p>
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## Camping with Holmes

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are going camping. They pitch their tent under the stars and go to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes wakes Watson.

“Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you deduce.”

Watson says, “I see millions of stars, and if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it’s quite likely there are some planets like Earth, and if there are a few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life.

Holmes replied: “Watson, you idiot, somebody stole our tent!”



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- I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
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- If at first you do succeed, try not to look astonished.
- If at first you don’t succeed ... blame someone else and seek counseling.
- How many roads must a man travel down before he admits he is lost.



## A technology lexicon for ruralities

Here’s a little techno-jargon from the boonies:

- Backup — what you do when you run into your girl-friend’s angry ex-boyfriend.
- Bug — that’s why you’re calling in sick.
- Byte — what your dog done to the mailman.
- Chip — something in a field you try not to step in.
- Terminal — time for a visit from the undertaker.
- Crash — when you show up to a party uninvited.
- Digital — counting with your fingers.
- Fax — what you lie about when you get pulled over.
- Hacker — somebody who’s been a longtime smoker.
- Mac — a delectable fast food.
- Megahertz — how your head feels after too much Jack Daniels.
- Modem — what you have to do when the grass gets too high.
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“Why are you bothering?” the disciple asked the monk. The young disciple looked at the large number of starfish that were succumbing. “It won’t make any difference.”

The monk stopped for a moment, and looked down at the starfish in his hand. “It will to this one,” he replied.



### ***Great irony***

*Human beings who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

### ***On airports***

*It can hardly be a coincidence that no language on Earth has ever produced the phrase, “as pretty as an airport.” Airports are ugly. Some are very ugly. Some attain a degree of ugliness that can only be the result of a special effort.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

### ***On perspective***

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