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and will not be collected for bulk pick up. Cardboard boxes should be broken down and placed in the recycle dumpster. Items that may be collected for bulk pick up include large dressers, mattresses, sofas and other over-sized items. Chemicals and electronics should be collected by Pinellas County.

Each household can receive up to four free bulk waste pick ups per year. After you request your free bulk pick up, remember to place items at least ten 10 feet away from overhead wires and 3 feet from any other objects including: \*Garbage and Recycling Dumpsters \*Mailboxes \*Vehicles \*Storm Drains \*Fences or other structures. For more information on bulk waste collection, and to request service call 727-587-6760.

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here will be a monthly food giveaway at the Clubhouse sponsored by WeCare Medical. Please see notice on the bulleting board for date and time. Mark this on your calenders. . . they bring a TON of food.

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ob and CC Doty in lot 59 won the 50/50. They gave all the prize money back to the recreation fund. Thank you CC and Bob!!













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#### ST PADDY'S DAY

at, drink and be Irish! Join us for a wee bit of fun on Friday, March 17th 2023 from 4:30pm to 10pm at the clubhouse. Light refreshments will be served.



#### FIRST FRIDAY

nother delizioso First Friday at the Clubhouse. Italian was the menu of the day. We all enjoyed pasta with alfredo sauce and marinara sauce. There was lasagna, turkey meatballs, cheese tortellini, stuffed garlic knots, garlic bread, ceasar salad, pasta salad, banana chips and ghiradelli brownies! *tempo molto buono*!! (A very good time) Please join us for First Fridays at the clubhouse on the first friday of every month. The menu changes month-to-month with mouth watering food, great friends, spectacular sunsets, and a heated pool. This is what living in the Sunshine State is all about. Outdoor living in the middle of the winter. *Ciao* 

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#### Sunday, March 26 at 2pm

Renowned jazz, blues and gospel singer Leonard Patton teamed up with the critically acclaimed Danny Green Trio to form LP And The Vinyl. LP And The Vinyl has performed at notable festivals including the Telluride Jazz Festival, the Vail Jazz Festival and the Laguna Festival of the Arts, to name a few. Their debut album features music by The Beatles, Quincy Jones, Tears for Fears, David Bowie, Oasis, jazz standards, and original songs. \$19.50-34.50

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Feb 1, 2023 - May 24, 2023

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#### For the Pups

Dog Parks for small and large dogs at Eagle Lake Park, 1800 Keene Rd., Largo Please remember to pick up after your dogs here in the park.

#### **CLEANING TIP:**

lot or you probably already know, I clean houses for a living. I thought I'd include some cleaning tips in the newsletters. Just some things I've figured out to make cleaning jobs a lot easier. As well as products (mostly from Dollar Tree) that I find work really well. I was asked who writes these cleaning tips. It's me . . . your newsletter editor. Norma Rowe @ Lot 136.

I'm going to recommend a product that is not available at my beloved Dollar Tree, but works sooo well on wood. Bona (pronounced .. yes Bone-ah) It's a product for cleaning wood and laminate flooring and it does a bang up job for that. Also, if you have wood cabinetry, not painted, spray it on your cabinets and wipe with clean dry cloth. Oh baby do they shine!! I don't suggest using it too often. Just as most products, if you use it often it will build up.

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#### **BIRDS AND BLOOMS – THE FLORIDA SCRUB-JAY**

ood day neighbors! Ihope all is well! This month we will focus on the only Florida native bird, the Florida Scrub-Jay. The oldest recorded Florida Scrub-Jay was at least 15 years old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in Florida in 1990. The round-headed, blue and gray Florida Scrub-Jay is the only bird species that lives solely in Florida, where it occurs in patches of low-growing scrub oak in sandy soils. It perches tall with its long tail hanging down or brazenly hops on the ground burying acorns. This



social bird forms extended family groups: the young from previous years help their parents at subsequent nests until they can get a territory of their own. Extensive development and habitat fragmentation in Florida threaten this bird's already small population, placing it on the federal endangered species list. If you have a bird or a bloom you want me to discuss, please give me a shout at 727-200-8917 or wvbkrwmn@gmail.com. By Aimee Stuyvesant

#### **JOKE**

farmer had five female pigs. Times were hard, so he decided to take them to the county fair and sell them. At the fair, he met another Farmer who owned five male pigs. After talking a bit, they decided to mate the pigs and split everything 50/50. The farmers lived sixty miles

a bit, they decided to mate the pigs and split everything 50/50. The farmers lived sixty miles apart. So they agreed to drive thirty miles each, find a field in which to let the pigs mate. The first morning, the farmer with the female pigs got up at 5 A.M., loaded the pigs into the family station wagon, (which was the only vehicle he had) and drove the thirty miles. While the pigs were mating, he asked the other farmer,

"How will I know if they are pregnant?" The other farmer replied, "If they're lying in the grass tomorrow morning, they're pregnant. If they're in the mud, they're not." The next morning the pigs were rolling in the mud. So he hosed them off, loaded them into the family station wagon again and proceeded to try again. This continued each morning for more than a week. Both farmers were worn out. The next morning the farmer was too tired to get out of bed. He called to his wife, "Honey, please look outside and tell me whether the pigs are in the mud or in the grass." "Neither," yelled his wife.

"They're in the station wagon and one of them is honking the horn."



#### **RECIPE:**

#### **EASY BEEF STIR FRY**

Ingredients

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 pound beef sirloin, cut into 2-inch strips

1 ½ cups fresh broccoli florets

1 red bell pepper, cut into matchsticks

2 carrots, thinly sliced

1 green onion, chopped

1 teaspoon minced garlic

2 tablespoons soy sauce

2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

Directions

Step 1 Heat vegetable oil in a large wok or skillet over medium-high heat; cook and stir beef until browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Move beef to the side of the wok/skillet and add broccoli, bell pepper, carrots, green onion, and garlic to the center of the wok. Cook and stir vegetables for 2 minutes. Step 2 Stir beef into vegetables and season with soy sauce and sesame seeds. Continue to cook and stir until vegetables are tender about 2 more minutes.

If you've got a recipe you think we'll all like, I would LOVE to include it in the newsletter. Email: shangrilalargo@gmail.com or my cell: 352-807-3232











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#### **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR – Gary Deutschmann**

ary Deutschmann, lot 94, was born January 9 in St. Louis, Missouri. The oldest child, he has a sister, stepsister and stepbrother living in Missouri. He attended and graduated from Ross Elementary and Parkway North High School in 1991. "My first job was cutting grass as a teenager." Right out of high school, Gary started working for Media Works Advertising Company. Twenty years later, he resigned and started his own firm "Midwest Marketing Agency" in April 2010. In March 2022 Gary bought Americas Favorite Coupon Book. He states: "It's always been my passion to help people save money". He keeps several coupon books available in the clubhouse. In



1994 Gary met his wife, Annemarie, at a bowling alley. They married May 25, 1996. They have a daughter Ava and a son Vince, both Honor role students at college in Missouri. They have a family pet, Gonzo, a Shih Tzu dog, that lives with them. "A great pal he's getting quite old now but doing good for being 18 ½ years old." Gary moved to Shangri La in March 2022. "I looked at several parks and found this one more reasonable with a heated pool which impressed me the most". "As I'm an avid swimmer, and I swim laps nearly every day". He also enjoys water skiing and is learning how to ride an electric unicycle. An active member of Generation Church in Largo, Gary is also a board member of International Fellowship of Christian Businessmen. He volunteers at Christ Evangelical Fellowship for Good News Clubs in St Pete. This is one active man! He owns two companies, volunteers in two communities and still swims every day! I'm impressed! Go forth and conquer, Gary.

Your Roving Reporter Polly Pifer

#### FLORIDA GARDENING - MARCH



ome tips for March gardening here in Florida. March begins our growing season here on the Gulf Coast. \*Check sprinkler systems for efficient use of water. \* Plant summer bulbs, tubers, etc. to ensure great summer color. They're excellent choices for small areas where your grass won't grow. Best choices include lilies (blood, crinum, day, rain, spider), caladiums, cannas, elephant ears, amaryllis and society garlic. Your yard will grow rapidly this month! Take advantage of the natural growth and fertilize well. \* Be certain ample iron is part of your mix to keep the area looking green and lush. \* Start replacing cool weather annuals with spring and summer varieties and now's a great time for tomatoes, cantaloupes, watermelon, corn and even pumpkins! \* Finish up remaining citrus on your trees and remove any uneaten fruits



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as they continue to draw nutrients that are needed for next year's fruit. \* It's tropical season, but cold spells can happen. Be prepared. \* Begin transplanting warm season vegetable seedlings outdoors when the soil has warmed and night temperatures stay above 50 degrees F. \* As the weather starts to change, it's tempting to start pruning! It's fine for evergreen shrubs and summer bloomers, but spring blooming plants already are preparing their blooms many times where you can't see them. For these items, wait for now! \* Get perennials in the ground to establish them.

#### **OLD AGE**

oday I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today, I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it. When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!" Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance." The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends. The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL. The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble. Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs" Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved. Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable. Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth. May you always have: Love to share, Cash to spare, Tires with air, And friends who care.





#### DAY TRIPPIN' ~ SARASOTA ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM

he Sarasota Classic Car Museum is recognized as the second oldest continuously operating antique car museum in the Nation! As you stroll through the museum, travel back in time and into the future of man's greatest invention, the automobile. Antique, exotic, European and one-of-a-kind classics are featured in our rotating exhibits throughout the museum, seven days a week. Here you will view an impressive variety of classic and muscle cars all on display side by



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#### FLORIDA FISH AND WILDL IFE

'd like to highlight a different fish/wildlife species native to Florida each month.

ALLIGATOR GAR - Atractosteus spatula

#### **Appearance**

Alligator gar are long, slender fish with bony, diamond-

shaped scales. They are distinguished from other gar by a heavier body and a relatively shorter, broader snout filled with two rows of canine-like teeth. Alligator gar generally have a dark, olive green body that fades into a white belly, and their fins are often a reddish-pink.

#### Habitat

Alligator gar once inhabited waters throughout the Mississippi River Valley, occurring as far north as Iowa and west to Kansas. They have a modified swim bladder that allows them to obtain oxygen from both water and air. This ability, along with the highest salt tolerance of any gar species,

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allows the alligator gar to survive in almost any water condition. However, habitat loss has limited its populations to the Gulf Coast states. In Florida, alligator gar are only known to inhabit coastal rivers in the Panhandle from Gulf County to Escambia County.

#### **Behavior**

Alligator gar spawn from April to June, when water temperatures reach 77 degrees Fahrenheit, which typically coincides with seasonal flooding of bottomland swamps. Females release eggs that attach to the flooded vegetation and one or more males fertilize the eggs. Hatching occurs within two to three days, and larval fish stay attached to vegetation for several days. Juveniles grow quickly and typically reach 12 inches within their first year.

#### **State Record**

The largest recorded alligator gar in Florida is a 132-pound fish captured in the Yellow River in 2011 by researchers with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the FWC. No state angling record exists because only those with a scientific collector's permit can possess and harvest this species in Florida.

#### World Record

In 2011, a commercial fisherman accidentally caught the largest alligator gar on record in Mississippi's Lake Chotard. The gar was 8.5 feet long, weighed 327 pounds and was believed to be 94 years old.

#### **PAUL NEWMAN**

nly women of a certain era will fully appreciate this.... True story.

A Michigan woman and her family were vacationing in a small New England town where Paul Newman and his family often visited.

One Sunday morning, the woman got up early to take a long walk. After a brisk five-mile hike, she decided to treat herself to a double-dip chocolate ice cream cone.



She hopped in the car, drove to the center of the village and went straight to the combination bakery/ice cream parlor. There was only one other patron in the store: Paul Newman, sitting at the counter having a doughnut and coffee. The woman's heart skipped a beat as her eyes made contact with those famous baby-blue eyes. The actor nodded graciously and the star struck woman smiled demurely. Pull yourself together! She chides herself. You're a happily married woman with three children, you're forty-five years old, not a teenager! The clerk filled her order and she took the double-dip chocolate ice cream cone in one hand and her change in the other. Then she went out the door, avoiding even a glance in Paul Newman's direction. When she reached her car, she realized that she had a handful of change but her other hand was empty. Where's my ice cream cone? Did I leave it in the store? Back into the shop she went, expecting to see the cone still in the clerk's hand or in a holder on the counter or something! No ice cream cone was in sight. With that, she happened to look over at Paul Newman. His face broke into his familiar, warm, friendly grin and he said to the woman, "You put it in your purse."

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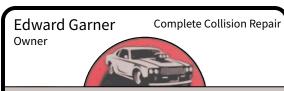
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#### **ELS SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT**

n Tuesday, February 7h the ELS Tournament was held at the Clearwater Shuffleboard Courts in Clearwater. This is an all-day event starting at 8AM till about 4PM. After coffee and donuts, the days schedule was discussed. In the AM 3-8 frame games are played. After we break for a lunch of grinders, chips, cookies and soda or water and have the 50/50 ticket drawing. In the afternoon 3 more 8 frame games are played for a total of 6 games for



the day. There were about 100 players participating. Shangri La had 6 people play in the event. They were Larry Byrd, Team Captain. Carol Byrd, Club President, Lou Desorchers, Diane Desorchers and two new players Trish Lasisompone and Tim Bier, HOA President. There were 6 players that won all 6 games and each received \$40.00, 12 players won 5 games and received \$30.00 and 5 players that won 4 games received \$10.00. Shangri La players won at least one game and Larry Byrd won 5 out of 6 games. A real nice day was had by all. We would like to thank ELS for hosting the tournament.

#### TIN CAN CAMPING

The opening of highways to the southern states during the second decade of the twentieth century allowed newly mobile northerners and adventurous men and women from around the nation to see the unique sites and communities of Florida's interior, away from the more developed cities and destinations on the east and west coasts. In 1915, the Dixie Highway Association and interested state officials began planning a network of paved roads that would eventually stretch from Miami to the northern border of the United States. A number of other auto trails, including the Atlantic Highway, Lone Star Trail, and Mississippi River Scenic Highway, also terminated in Florida. The number of automobile tourists visiting the state increased dramatically every year, and Florida's rural areas and small towns began to change as well. From early automobiles, modified to carry sleeping quarters, kitchen equipment, and barrels of water, to the sophisticated campers as luxurious as nice homes, Florida's vacationer-explorers used their beloved vehicles to find out-of-way locations of interest and comfortable places to live for a few days or weeks. The original tin can tourists of the 1920s pioneered camper travel, and the practice became ever more popular among the booming families after World War II and increasingly-mobile retirees journeying south. Trailer parks developed to cater to the waves of new visitors bringing their accommodations with them. Roadside attractions and amusement parks likewise developed facilities to meet the needs of the expanding variety of campers and trailers. Snowbirds, young families, and mobile workers all found Florida welcoming, and more permanent trailer parks appeared recreating the familiarity of village life, only with movable structures comprising its residents' homes. The Tin Can Tourists of the World (T.C.T.) was an organization of camping and "trailering" enthusiasts founded at a Tampa, Florida campground in 1919. The goals of the group were to provide its members with safe and clean camping areas, wholesome entertainment,

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and high moral values. The origin of the term "tin can" in the name is not clear. Some have suggested that it refers to the campers' reliance upon canned foods. Others have asserted the name refers to the small Ford automobile of the era, the Model T or "Tin Lizzie," which was a popular and affordable automobile option among middle class Americans from which the majority of T.C.T. members came. The modified automobile driven by Tin Can Tourists often included large metal barrels for carrying water attached on the vehicles' exteriors. The original recognition emblem of the T.C.T. was a tin can soldered to the radiator cap of a member's car. The T.C.T. usually held at least two meetings a year. A winter meeting was held at a campground in Florida and a summer meeting was held at a campground in Michigan. The Florida meetings were held in various places, including Tampa, Sarasota, Ocala, and Eustis. These meetings provided the opportunity for transacting official club business and taking part in the numerous social activities offered. For many years these club gatherings provided places of exhibition to the manufacturers of trailers, mobile homes, and camping gear. This aspect of the gatherings continued until after World War II when manufacturers' trade shows took the place of exhibiting at T.C.T. Meetings. Although some of the early communities popular among Tin Can Tourists resisted the large gatherings of visitors and considered them unruly, Floridians soon began to realize the benefits of a new stream of tourists. The influx of car tourists helped spur further development of better roads in Florida, and inspired the creation of new roadside attractions and other service industries such as restaurant and visitor travel centers. After World War II, more and more Americans took to the open road to explore the nation and spend vacations in their vehicles. Although the increasing number of hotels and resorts eventually caused a decline in camper-traveling, ever-more-sophisticated trailers and campers allowed people more comfort and convenience as they sought to combine leisure with their love of traveling. By the middle of the century, state and national parks equipped themselves to accommodate various types and sizes of camping vehicles. Resorts and villages catering to camper travelers and seasonal residents offered amenities such as art classes and music and dance lessons, as well as leisure and sport facilities such as exclusive covered swimming areas and shuffle board courts. The fondness of many of Florida's millions of visitors and new residents for leisurely accommodations and vacationing helped establish new communities that catered to people looking to stay for extended periods without living in one location year-around. Still other places, such as trailer parks, offered both the chance to put down roots and to pick up stakes and move on when the time was right. Florida is a state well-suited for those who choose impermanence as a lifestyle. In some cases, however, trailer parks and resort camping areas became so well-established that they constituted new towns in themselves. Florida cities that experienced tremendous growth, prosperity and popularity as vacation and relocation destinations, such as Sarasota, also benefited from their trailer parks which helped draw visitors and new residents. Trailer parks proved particularly attractive areas for the thousands of retirees that annually chose Florida as their new homes. Successful parks such as Briny Breezes in Palm Beach, on famous Highway A1A, gained enough population and established enough infrastructures to be incorporated as distinct towns. Trailer parks also provided necessary housing for the droves of new workers brought to areas of Florida transformed by new industries such as Cape Canaveral, the center of United States space-age development in the late 1950s and 1960s.

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During the current times we wanted to let you know that we are taking as many precautions as we can to ensure not only our workers safety but yours as well. We check workers' temperatures each morning and have limited the amount of contact our crews have with each other. Our crews work in Tyvek suits with respirators which helps to ensure your safety as well as theirs.

As a company, we want your business and there is no need for any contact if you so choose. Our business is deemed an "Essential Business" and we are here for you when you need us. You can schedule your inspection by calling 1-800-681-3772.

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