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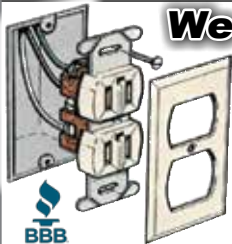


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President's Report

By Paula Bunevith #202

Hello everyone, well we missed the bullet again. Idalia went by and we are safe no damage to Golden Acres. Hope you are all enjoying the end of summer.

Weather here on Cape Cod, MA has been crazy. 70's most of the summer and rain and now 90's.

It has been brought to the boards attention that several coaches need their weeds, overgrown grass and shrubbery around their units taken care off. Several board members will be back in the park in October and will look at these coaches and letters will be sent to those residents who need to take care of this along with a completion date. We thank you in advance for your assistance in maintaining the excellent appearance of the park.

The Board has been currently reviewing the proposed budget for 2024. The Budget meeting for members is scheduled for Wednesday December 6th at 10:00 am in the clubhouse.

Take Care, and Safe Travels to all. Till we meet again in our little place of Paradise.

From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188

suebail999@gmail.com

On August 29th we were given a mandatory evacuation order from Pinellas County due to the threat of Hurricane Idalia. However, here at Golden Acres, we remained unscathed! We had lots of rain and winds, but no flooding, no power outages, and other than blowing leaves, no destruction. What a blessing that was for all of us. We returned to our park at noon on the 30th. Many thanks to Debra Farris #28 for the updates to our Golden Acres' Facebook page regarding Hurricane Idalia!

As experienced all over the country, Florida was not spared from the record breaking heat this summer, both in July and August. We're looking forward to some relief in September and October as I'm sure many of us all over the country are too. It's been so hot here that it's not even refreshing to go swimming. As I indicated in our June newsletter, we go from our air conditioned home to our air conditioned car to the air conditioned market or restaurant. No complaints, life is good!

Important dates in October include Monday, October 9th is Canadian Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving to our Canadian neighbours! Also on October 9th in the USA is Columbus Day. and Tuesday, October 31st is Halloween.

Quote of the Month: "And this is it. This is the life we get here on Earth. We get to give away what we receive. We get to believe in each other. We get to forgive and be forgiven. We

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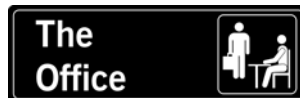
get to love imperfectly. And we never know what effect it will have for years to come. And all of it...all of it is completely worth it.” – *Nadia Bolz-Weber, author, Lutheran minister, and public theologian.*

Until next time,

May God bless and keep you well and safe...

Greetings from the Office

By Karin Desmone #1



- Please sign in at the office or the library when you arrive in the park. PMI will be sending out mailers the first week of November and they will need to have the correct mail to address. “Welcome Home”
- Effective October 1st – The access code to use the power tools in the workshop has changed. Please stop by the office to sign waiver and receive new code.
- 2023 -2024 Park Directory will be distributed in late October. Residents will receive the new directory when you arrive in the park.

Fact, Fiction , Folklore or Fairytale

By Paula Bunevith #202

Many years ago, Mary Heffernan, former resident of Lot# 90, (who passed away last spring) always said that the Native Americans were protecting us from Hurricanes. She used to say, “Just heard this, not sure if it’s true”. Well, she and the Natives are now protecting us and here is an interesting article which one of our community members Maureen Shannon Lot# 200 found.

Local Legend has it that mounds built by the Tocobaga Tribe hundreds of years ago and a blessing from one of their Chiefs have protected our area from major storms for centuries.

From 900 to the 1500’s the tribe lived in small villages in a 15 mile stretch along the Bay in Pinellas County from what is now Safety Harbor to the Gandy Area, The Tocobagans village capital was where Safety Harbor is today, but their mounds are found from Gandy Bridge along the peninsula to the Gulf Coast. In those villages the tribe built mounds made of layers of shells and sand. These mounds were used as temples, home and burial ground making this sacred land.

There have only been 2 hurricanes known to have made a direct hit on our area. The “ Great Gale of 1848” which make landfall in Clearwater in late September, 175 years ago and the Tarpon Springs hurricane that struck the region in 1921, 102 yrs. ago.

Fact, Fiction, Folklore, or Fairytale, we all should be grateful for the blessing over a century of good weather fortune.



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Recreation Report

By Debbie Douthit #60

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Much like the birds, it won't be long time until many of our snowbirds begin flying south. We wish each of you good health and safe travels. It will be wonderful to reconnect with everyone and hear what has been going on in everyone's lives over the summer. With our many new residents we would like to welcome each of you, getting involved is key when embracing the full Dunedin / Golden Acres experience.

It was reported Eagle Scout courts are converting to Pickle Ball Courts. This is wonderful news for our many Pickle Ball players. If you haven't played in the past feel free to reach out to Staci Boyd and Bruce. I'm sure they will be happy to embrace and walk you through how to join in.

As for the Rec. Committee we thank each of you. Your diligence and efforts do not go unnoticed.

Blessings and good health... until next time.

21 Days in Ireland

By Eleanor & Gerald Saunders #76

Enjoying every minute of our journey. This picture was taken at the Sieve League cliffs near Donegal Ireland.



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The Moose Can't Be on the Loose

By Bruce and Stacy Gunter #46

Bruce and I recently returned from an incredible 3-week camping trip which has been on our bucket list for some time, the ruggedly beautiful island, the Province of Newfoundland.

We arrived on the Island after a 16-hour ferry ride and soon began exploring the city of St. John's with the many coves and fishing villages snuggled along its boundaries. Bruce, while there, was determined to get "Screeched In" and become an honorary Newfoundlander. He successfully kissed the cod, ate flaming fried bologna, and let the screech burn down his throat and he now has the certificate to prove it!

By following the craggy coastline, we visited places like Bonavista, Brigus, Dildo, Fogo Island, Rocky Harbor, and the fjords of Gros Morne.

The people of Newfoundland embrace everyone who arrives to explore their lands. They're happy to meet you, will chat you up and then head you out to experience the most incredible views and to discover tiny, welcoming villages lost in time. These folks surprise you with home made bread and firewood and want nothing in return.

We crossed their lands from east to west, awed by their picturesque coastlines and those mountains cut by glaciers and we fell in love with the people themselves.....but we didn't see a Moose! This Province of Newfoundland boasts one Moose or Caribou for every 3 square kilometers of land, but nope not a one.

Our journey home was much shorter and those big leather recliners made the 7-hour ferry ride a breeze. So, if you have the chance, visit this land. You'll have no regrets.



Retiring from Airport Transporting

By Carol Spinney #187

After 16 years of helping my Golden Acres' friends to and from the airport, I am retiring. I have loved driving you and getting to know you better over the years. Some of you started when my husband Will began. I have assisted him and continued on after he died.

Thank you to all for your love and support.





Community 50th Anniversary Celebration

By Paula Bunevith #202 and Kathy Schmitt #217



Just a friendly reminder if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary at our Community celebration on Sunday February 11, 2024, at 1pm in the clubhouse. Please bring memorable pictures from your wedding. A table will be set up to show the pictures. Any questions please contact Kathy Schmitt #217 at 607- 437-7935 or Paula Bunevith #202 at 508-826-1562. Hope to see everyone there to help celebrate.

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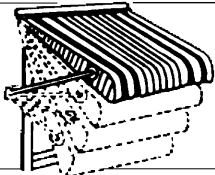
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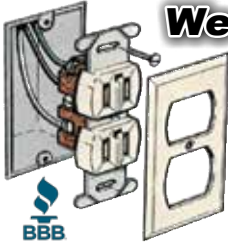
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What You Should Do

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- Get written estimates and compare bids from multiple contractors before starting any work.
- Ask contractors for references and check them.

Pay no more than a third of the total cost prior to the work beginning, and then only when materials arrive.

Editor's Note: As a Golden Acres Resident, you are protected from this kind of scam because no soliciting is allowed in our park. It is noted on the signs at both entrances to our park. If someone comes to your door soliciting, tell them that it's not allowed and ask them to leave. If they refuse, call the Sheriff's Office.

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Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember

Please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

- Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.
- Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.
- Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128
- Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.
- Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
- Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.
- Brian Karhoff (US Army Major) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.
- Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.
- John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.



So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

For changes to the list of soldiers, please contact Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Norma Moore #54

Golden Acres October Anniversaries

Gerry and Gayle Kavanagh	October 6
James and Anne MacDonald	October 8
Judy Fitzpatrick and Tony Gaspar	October 9
Dave and Lynn Roselli	October 11
Pete and Bethany Chorba	October 19
Gerald and Marleen Baker	October 21



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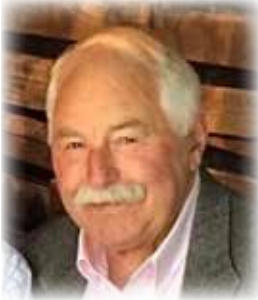
We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our very best wishes.

Larry Douthit	October 1
David Orman	October 1
Theresa McGrory	October 2
Peggy Slapak	October 2
Thomas Fleming	October 4
Samuel Cali	October 5
Eric Duling	October 5
Alcide Godin	October 5
Ron Baylor	October 6
Gary Duff	October 7
Sheryl Houston	October 12
Dave Roselli	October 13
Constantine Argona	October 15
Dan Peters	October 15
Grant Nieszewski	October 16
Judy Pillion	October 16
Andrew Bragg	October 17
Jerry Janes	October 17
Rennie Wittenbols	October 19
Kathy Spadafore	October 20
Helen Kamerer	October 24
Leon Collins	October 26
Bob Dean	October 26
Maureen Piurowski	October 26
Robin Jewell	October 28
Wayne Bettridge	October 29
Cheryl Smith	October 29
Della Hurst	October 30
Richard Zakala	October 30
Cynthia Kenney	October 31
Peter Modny	October 31



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ZIMMER - Earl H

August 10, 2023, of West Seneca, NY. Loving husband of JoAnne (nee Hassler); dearest father of Deborah Zimmer, Jim (Patty) Zimmer, Sue (Robert) Smith, RoAnne (Kevin Pickering) Reczek, Ken (Cheryl) Zimmer, Ron (Holly) Zimmer and LeAnne Gerth; beloved grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Editor's Note: Earl and Joann Zimmer, Lot# 73, have been seasonal residents since 2005, loved coming to Golden Acres for the winter and both looked forward to their return each season.



In Loving Memory of
Dr. Brian S. Spooner Sr.
1937 - 2022

Brian Sandford Spooner, Sr., of Manhattan, Kansas departed this world on June 4, 2022, at the age of 84 after a long battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Mary-Rita and his four children: Brian Sandford (Jeanie) Spooner, Jr. of Quincy, IL; Beth Ann (Doug) Logsdon, and Megan Sloan (Trent) Peters of Overland Park, KS; and Matthew Sloan Spooner of Manhattan, KS. He is also survived by his grandchildren Zachary Spooner, Jacob Spooner, Eleanor Spooner, Tyler Logsdon, Dylan Logsdon, Sloan Logsdon, Halo Peters, and Tate Peters.

Born on December 27, 1937, in St. Louis, MO, Brian was the eldest of six siblings, who affectionately called him "Sandy". He is survived by his siblings, Sharon Mattera, Dennis Spooner, Kevin Spooner, and Guy Spooner. Brian was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Dottie Spooner, and his sister, Sydney "Timmie" Spooner, (former resident of Lot# 129).

He went to Quincy College on a scholarship and while at school, he met a young woman named Mary-Rita Sloan. They were married in August 1963 and at the time of his death, were preparing to celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary.

After graduating Quincy College, he pursued a higher degree receiving his Ph.D. in cellular and developmental biology from Temple University in 1969. He arrived at Kansas State University in 1971. He was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Faculty award in 1991 and the Outstanding Department Head award in 1997. He was named a University Distinguished Professor in 1999, K-State's highest career academic title. He was awarded the title of Emeritus Dean in Spring 2022.

Brian's life was saved in 2016 by a clinical trial at the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

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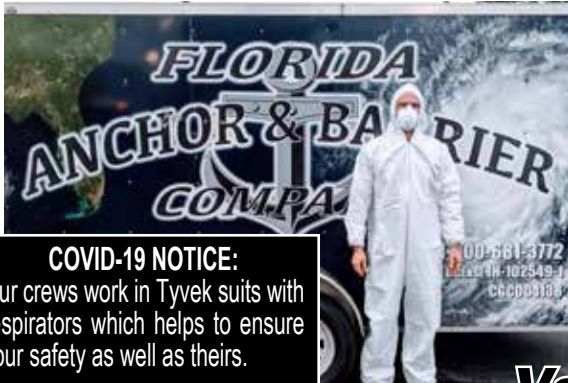
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Editor's Note: Brian and Mary-Rita Spooner are Golden Acres' Residents at Lot# 214 for many years.



October Sudoku

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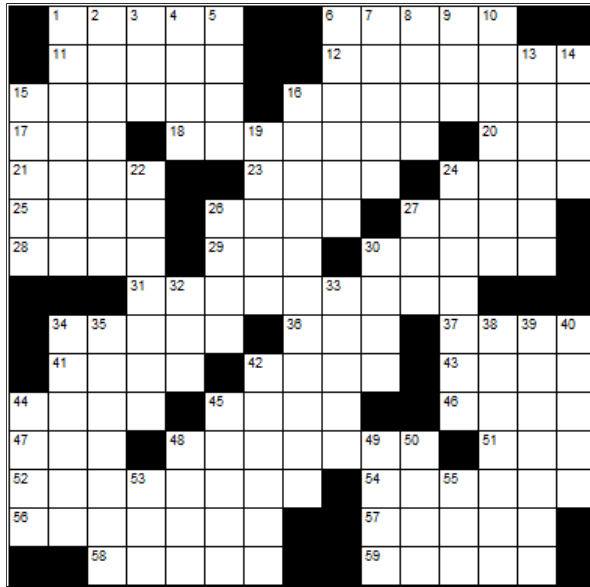
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4	3	5	2	7	6	8	9	1
9	1	6	7	3	5	2	8	4
8	4	3	9	6	2	1	7	5
5	7	2	1	8	4	9	6	3





ACROSS

- 1. Without delay
- 6. Days in a week
- 11. Nigerian money
- 12. Cut in thirds
- 15. Affectionate
- 16. Break
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Surround completely
- 20. Golf ball support
- 21. Scottish lake
- 23. Codlike fish
- 24. Streetcar
- 25. Leg joint
- 26. Anger
- 27. Unit of paper
- 28. Burn the surface of
- 29. Before, in poetry
- 30. Gelatin
- 31. Overburdens
- 34. Most important
- 36. Chemist's workplace
- 37. Chits
- 41. Be suspended from above
- 42. Young woman
- 43. Anagram of "Care"
- 44. Mark down
- 45. Not early
- 46. Marsh plant
- 47. Petroleum
- 48. Think likely
- 51. Label
- 52. Large masses of ice
- 54. Annul
- 56. Clear up
- 57. Fatuous
- 58. Primitive weapon
- 59. Daisylike bloom



DOWN

- 1. Windflower
- 2. Greek goddess of healing
- 3. Assist
- 4. Algonquian Indian
- 5. Deserve
- 6. Golf shot
- 7. Delete
- 8. Moral weakness
- 9. Estimated (abbrev.)
- 10. Indifferent
- 13. Smooth
- 14. Abound
- 15. Speaks
- 16. Scourges
- 19. Small trout-like fish
- 22. Female protagonist
- 24. Early communications satellite
- 26. Coral formation
- 27. Crimson
- 30. Quick short straight punches
- 32. Chill (out)
- 33. Desert watering holes
- 34. Pick
- 35. Bareheaded
- 38. Common solvent
- 39. Wave
- 40. Marsh plant
- 42. Bigger
- 44. French for "Black"
- 45. Stage between egg and pupa
- 48. Expunge
- 49. Diva's solo
- 50. Cravings
- 53. Clobber
- 55. Tank



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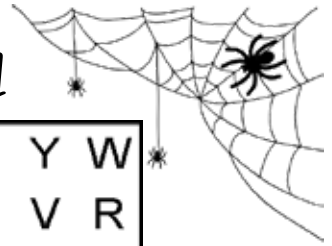
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