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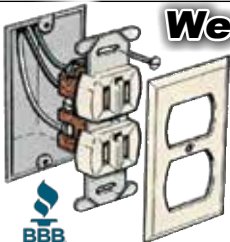
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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Bob Mozingo, Lot 511



Hello Everyone

Welcome to 2024. Hopefully, it's going to be a fun, happy, healthy, and productive year for everyone. I always have a tinge of sadness when I see the wonderful Christmas decorations being taken down and put into storage for another year. It seems that each year Kenny and his crew manage to surpass their previous years accomplishments.

It's good to see all the traditional activities back in full swing along with the new ones like karaoke, billiards, ping pong and pickleball coming on strong. I've also been told that there have been some record amounts won lately at bingo so there truly is something for everyone. Our 1st Craft Show was a great success and something I am sure we'll be repeating in years to come. The dances and parties are as successful as always, due in large, to the devotion and hard work of the people putting them together. If there are any parties or activities that you would like to see that we haven't covered, and there is significant interest, please be sure to let us know. Just because we haven't done something doesn't mean that we can't or won't.

You have probably noticed changes to our lending library which is located in the Rec Hall. Our Librarian, Shirley Murphy of 329 has been hard at work securing an extra bookshelf and categorizing all the bestselling new hardback books graciously donated by Jerry and Penny Christian of 501. We are grateful for the gift and for Shirley's hard work.

**YT Residents Association of Largo, FL** is the name of the Facebook group that we should all be subscribed to. That group is closely monitored by Tanya Golding McKellar against spam and other unwanted advertisements. It's where you'll find most of our meeting notices and other items of importance posted, in addition to both bulletin boards of course.

Here's to a great and happy 2024 to all.

# ACTIVITY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Stephen Ford, Lot 601



Wow, it's hard to believe we are already into February. The time is going by so fast. Our January calendar was filled with fun activities, and February will continue as well.

In January we resumed our ballroom dance lessons with Bruce Marshall as our instructor. Please come and join us. It's fun not only to learn but to watch other couples laugh at themselves.

Karaoke is back, approximately once a month, watch for flyers.

We also enjoyed our first pancake breakfast of the season with "homemade" pancakes. We had a great turnout, and we plan to make this a monthly event, with February 10th as our next one with a time change – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM. Thank you Craig Bowman for sponsoring this event in the past as well as thank you Dave and Sally Little for taking it over.

As always, our spaghetti supper had a great turnout as well, with two settings for supper, great tasting spaghetti and great service as well. A big thank you to all those involved in making that a great evening.

Sumo Wrestling – took place this year with our own Keith Bailey ("Keith the Killer")

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participating. What a “Hoot”!

February 4th, we will have our annual “Mini Golf”, now sponsored by Dave and Beth Cole. Thank you, Tony Sarvo, for your sponsorship in the past.

Don’t forget our NFL SB party in the Rec Hall, February 11th, NFL SB Sunday. Bring your own drinks and an appetizer or snack to share with the group.

Valentine’s dance will actually be on WEDNESDAY, Valentine’s Day, instead of our usual Saturday dance, tickets to be sold on Saturday, February 3rd in the Rec Hall.

Our annual “Pie / Cake, and Homemade Goodies” auction (not limited to pies and cakes only, but whatever your “specialty” is), scheduled for Saturday, February 17th. This is one of our largest fund raisers for the park, so get your favorite recipes out and come join in on the fun. There are always a few surprises as well.

We also have another “Jam Session” scheduled on February 18th in the Rec Hall for everyone to enjoy.

Drive-in Movie Night will be February 23rd, in front of Lot 601. Come and enjoy the nostalgia, bring your “sweetie” and your popcorn.

February 24th is our infamous “Flamingo Derby”, something you don’t want to miss. So much fun!

As always, if you have ideas for activities, or you’d like to help with one, please come see me. Remember, we all have too few candles left in the box. Smile and be Happy!

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Mary Lantz, Lot 431



**G**reat to see the Park back in full swing. So many activities happening, be sure to keep a close eye on the calendar and bulletin boards so you don’t miss out on anything!!!

And don’t forget, I am always looking for ideas for things to include in the Gazette, so if you have anything you would like to share or stories, events, etc. that you think others would enjoy, drop me a note before **February 13, 2024** at [mplantz5029@gmail.com](mailto:mplantz5029@gmail.com) or come see me on Lot 431 and I will get them published in the next Gazette.

## YANKEE TRAVELER DIRECTORY

Sally Skene, Lot 529



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## MyCARE FOOD BANK

Zayna Williams, Lot 337



MyCare will hold their food deliveries in the Rec Hall on the following dates:

February 7th – 10:30 am

March 6th – 10:30 AM

There are no strings attached, and everyone is welcome to come and get a wonderful bag of food items. Don't miss out!

These dates are also posted on the bulletin boards and reminders will be on the “YT Residents Association of Largo, FL” Facebook page.

## LENDING LIBRARY



Do you like to read? If so, you may be interested in the Lending Library located on the back wall in the Rec Hall. (Sometimes hidden behind the black curtains.) There are so many books available to borrow, you will surely be able to find something that interests you. When you are done, just return them to the “Return Books” spot on the shelf. Have a book you have read, but no longer want to keep? The library also accepts donations of books that are in good condition. Just place them in the donation basket. Happy Reading!

## A GENTLE REMINDER



Please do your part to help keep the park clean by not tossing cigarette butts on the ground. It may *seem* insignificant, but besides being unsightly, did you know that cigarette filters can take as long as 10 years to decompose while releasing toxins into the environment? Let's keep the park beautiful!

If you are having an event or participating in an activity in the Rec Hall or the Card Room, please clean up when you are through. All trash and recycling should be taken to their proper place and the room tidied. In other words – leave the room as you found it.

Also, please **check your mail** on a regular basis as the mailboxes fill up fast. If mail is not picked up for awhile, we will assume you are not here, and the mail will be sent back.

## CAN CRUSHER

Dave Cowell, Lot 339



The can crusher can be found in the main dumpster area behind the Blue Recycling Bin. You must clean/rinse your cans before crushing them, so we do not get a swarm of Bees. Please crush your own cans, but if you cannot, just leave them by the crusher and someone will take care of them. This is where those that are able can help. If you see uncrushed cans and you have an extra minute or more lend a hand and crush those too. It will be very much appreciated. This is a great source of revenue for the Association. Thank you in advance for your support.

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## RECYCLING

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Help the Park recycle! There are many reasons why recycling is essential. Not only can it help reduce your carbon footprint, but it also helps reduce the need for harvesting raw materials, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gases, prevents pollution, and more. By improving our recycling habits, we can help keep the environment clean and preserve our natural resources. So that we can all do our part, you can find a recycling bin at the intersection of Row 1 and Row 6 right here in the Park. Let's fill it up!

But please be mindful of what and where you are putting your recycling items. It only takes a minute to break down a box and put bottles and cans in the proper place. All items must be clean and dry.

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- Paper, Milk, or Juice Cartons

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If you take your recyclables to the dumpster in a plastic bag, please remove them from the bag and put the bag into the regular green trash dumpster. Plastic bags jam up the sorting machines at the recycling center.

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## GAMES

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### BINGO Insert Pic #10

Cindy Fox, Lot 417

We are so happy that all our Yankee Traveler residents have arrived safely. We are enjoying all the activities. With that note, Bingo is a big success as usual. Come one come all and enjoy. Yelling Bingo is a rush for me. Many are so excited to win. Looking forward to a lot of players this season.



# February

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Tuesday	Bid Euchre	Rec Hall	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Cribbage	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Dominos	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Poker	Card Room	7:00 PM
Thursday	Hand & Foot	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Nickel Nickel	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Friday	Euchre	Rec Hall	7:00 PM



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# MENS GOLF

Tony Sarvo, Lot 319

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The results for December play are in:

12/5/23

Low Scores

Darrell Reboul - 70

Charlie Gladwin - 70

Dan Hensley - 72

Joe Nadock - 73

Carter Hutt - 77

Low Putts/2nd Shot

Darrell Reboul - 24

Joe Nadock - 27

Charlie Gladwin - 29

Ray Seifert - 29



12/12/23

Low Scores

Ron Moore - 65

Darrell Reboul - 65

Charlie Gladwin - 69

Tim Roach - 70

Carter Hutt - 74

5 Hole Poker

Charlie Gladwin - 4-4's

Darrell Reboul - 4-3's

Tony Sarvo - 3-4's

Dave Cowell - 3-3's

12/19/23

Low Scores

Charlie Gladwin - 69

Joe Nadock - 79

Tony Sarvo - 79

Dan Hensley - 78

Steve Gladwin - 78

Closest to Pin 1st Shot

Tony Sarvo - Hole #4

Charlie Gladwin - Hole #8

Derek Adams - Hole #12

Dan Hensley - Hole #16

12/26/23

Low Scores

Charlie Gladwin - 64

Derek Adams - 68

Joe Nadock - 77

Steve Gladwin - 77

Rick Adams - 78

Closest to Pin 2nd Shot

Rick Adams - Hole #5

Ray Seifert - Hole #9

David S. - Hole #13

Steve Gladwin - Hole #17

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## MIXED GOLF

John & Bev Sprague-Chestnut, Lot 526



**W**hen: Every Wednesday  
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Where: The Landings Golf Course

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The sign-up sheet will be posted in the breezeway by Friday and taken down on Tuesday afternoon. Please arrange for your own transportation.

The Ladies will tee off first followed by the Men. Bring \$1.00 for a game. Notify us at Lot 510 if you have signed up and cannot attend.

Great turn out for our first time out in 2024. We have five groups in total.

The Game was poker.

Ladies' winner was Marcy Baker with 3 Fours and 2 Fives

Men's winner was Blaine Walsh with 4 Fives

Top 3 scores

Ladies: Bev Sprague-Chestnut – 88

Karen Walsh - 92

Jeannie Gladwin - 92

Men's: Steve Skene - 76

John Chestnut - 78

Charlie Gladwin - 79

## CLASSES, CLUBS

### LINE DANCING

Ann Miller, Lot 338



GOTTA DANCE

**F**or those people who would like to learn to line dance, we invite you to come join us for an hour (or 2) of fun and exercise. Anyone can learn even if you think you have two left feet.

All classes take place in the Rec Hall.

Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays.

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Wednesday, February, 28th 1:00 PM in Rec Hall

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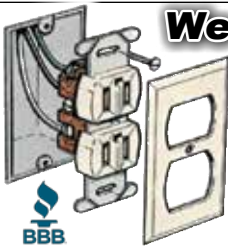
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<p>11</p> <p>NFL SB Party 6:00 PM-Rec Hall</p> <p>Bring your own Beverage and a Appetizer/ Snack to Share</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall</p> <p>Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall</p> <p><b>Bingo 7:00 PM-Rec Hall</b></p> <p>Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Card Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lincoln's Birthday</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>Quilting 12:00 PM</p> <p>Ballroom</p> <p>Lessons 3</p> <p>Rec Hall</p> <p>Bid Euch</p> <p>Rec Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>M</i></p>
<p>18</p> <p>JAM Session for All to Enjoy 2:00 PM-Rec Hall</p> <p>Court Whist 7:00 PM-Rec Hall</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall</p> <p>Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall</p> <p><b>Bingo 7:00 PM-Rec Hall</b></p> <p>Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Card Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>President's Day</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Quilting 12:00 PM</p> <p>Ballroom</p> <p>Lessons 3</p> <p>Rec Hall</p> <p>Bid Euch</p> <p>Rec Hall</p>
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# Yankee Traveler

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1                      Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Horseshoes 1:00 PM                      Nickel Nickel 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Poker 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>2                      Euchre 7:00                      Rec Hall                       Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3                      Valentine Dance Tickets 9:00 AM-Rec Hall</p>
<p>6                      9:00 AM-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Line Dance                      3:00 - 4:00 PM-Rec Hall                      6:45-7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>7                      Arts &amp; Crafts 1-3 PM-Rec Hall                      Cribbage 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Dominoes 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      JAM Practice 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>8                      Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Horseshoes 1:00 PM                      Nickel Nickel 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Poker 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>9                      Karaoke 7:00 PM-Rec Hall</p>	<p>10                      Pancake Breakfast 8:00 - 9:30 AM-Rec Hall                      (New Time)</p>
<p>13                      9:00 AM-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Line Dance                      3:00 - 4:00 PM-Rec Hall                      6:45-7:00 PM-Card Room                      Mardi Gras</p>	<p>14                      Valentine's Dance 7:30 PM-Rec Hall                       Ash Wednesday                      Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15                      Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Horseshoes 1:00 PM                      Nickel Nickel 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Poker 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>16                      Park Coffee 8:30 AM Rec Hall                      Euchre 7:00-7:30 PM-Rec Hall</p>	<p>17                      Pie / Cake Homemade                      Goodies Auction 2:00 PM-Rec Hall</p>
<p>20                      9:00 AM-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Line Dance                      3:00 - 4:00 PM-Rec Hall                      6:45-7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>21                      Cribbage 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Dominoes 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      JAM Practice 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>22                      Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Horseshoes 1:00 PM                      Nickel Nickel 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Poker 7:00 PM-Card Room                       Washington's Birthday</p>	<p>23                      Drive-In Movie Night In Front of Lot 6016:15 PM                      Euchre 7:00-7:30 PM-Rec Hall</p>	<p>24                      FLAMINGO Derby 7:00 PM-Rec Hall</p>
<p>27                      9:00 AM-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Line Dance                      3:00 - 4:00 PM-Rec Hall                      6:45-7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>28                      Arts &amp; Crafts 1-3 PM-Rec Hall                      Cribbage 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Dominoes 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      JAM Practice 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>29                      Beginners Line Dance 10:00-11:00 AM-Rec Hall                      Advanced Beginners Line Dance 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Horseshoes 1:00 PM                      Nickel Nickel 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Hand &amp; Foot 7:00 PM-Rec Hall                      Poker 7:00 PM-Card Room</p>	<p>PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ANY CHANGES TO EXISTING ACTIVITIES</p>	

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### KARAOKE

*Bill Miller, Lot 338*



The next round of Karaoke will be held on February 9th at 7:00 PM in the Rec Hall. A signup sheet will be by/in the Rec Hall. You don't have to be a seasoned singer to participate. Can't sing? That's okay, come on over anyway. It's a lot of fun, and there are plenty of sing-a-longs too! It's a fun time no matter how you choose to participate.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Dave & Sally Little, Lot 138*



Mark your calendars now! You don't want to miss the next Pancake Breakfast, with great "homemade" pancakes, and sausage, coffee, juice, pastries at the next event on February 10th in the Rec Hall from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM. (Note, this is a time change from previous breakfasts.) Hope to see you then.

### STEAL - A - GIFT

*Pat Rainey, Lot 416*



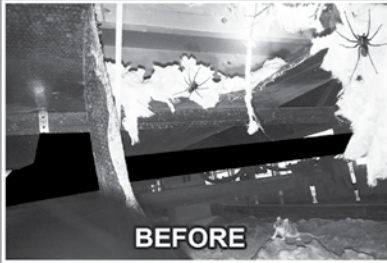
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I want to thank Tony and Carol Sarvo and Willy Redner for helping me. Also, thanks go out to Tom and Troy Frecker for helping with the tables and to all of you who attended.

Until next year –  
Pat

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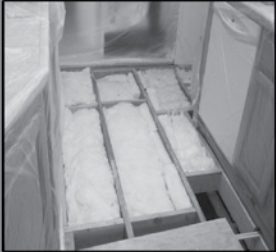
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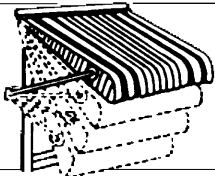
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## DANCES

*Lynda Robichaud, Lot 524*

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The dates for dances in the new year are:  
February 14, 2024 - Valentines Dance on a Wednesday  
March 16, 2024 - St. Patrick's Dance



Valentine's dance tickets will be sold on February 3rd, which is a Saturday. Tickets for the St. Patrick's dance will be sold on the March 9th, the Saturday before the dance.

Tickets are sold on a first-come basis. There are two tickets available for each unit. If you have others staying with you there may be tickets available but only if we haven't sold out. If you are unable to use tickets you have bought, please return them to me (Lynda Robichaud Lot 524). If we have a waiting list your tickets are passed on to the person on top of the wait list.

## OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

*Steve Ford, Lot 601*

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Winners of the very first outdoor Christmas decorating contest were announced at the Park Coffee on January 12th. Lot #327 and Lot #709 respectfully, were declared the 1st and 2nd place winners and will receive a Dinner for Two at the Longhorn Steakhouse.



It was so fun to see so many wonderful decorations around the park. A big thanks to all of you!

## MINI GOLF & SOCIAL

*Dave & Beth Cole, Lot 528*

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Y<sup>T</sup> 9th Annual Mini Golf & Social  
Sunday February 4, 2024 @ 2 PM  
Tickets are \$7 each and go on sale Saturday Jan 27, 2024, in the Rec Hall 9 -10 AM.  
Available after that date from Dave at Lot 528.



Mini Golf consists of nine mini putting greens. Putters and balls are available but bring your own if you have one. Each player will have three chances to putt the ball in the hole.

Score is determined by the number of shots taken to sink a putt. No need to be a golfer. Low score is good. This game can be played by anyone.

The theme is the Wild West so wear your best western attire.

BYOB. There will be punch and munchies provided.

At about 5 PM, after the golf is completed, we will serve a chicken burger plate and present the prizes. Prizes will be for finishing in 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for both women and men. Extra playoff holes will be used to break ties.

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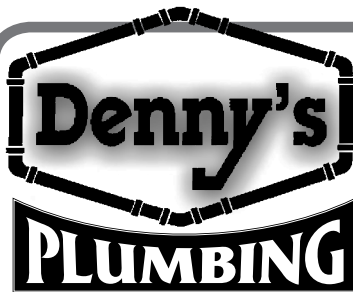
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# PIE/CAKE/HOMEMADE GOODIES AUCTION

Darley Perlakowski, Lot 430



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Just understand, it is NOT just pies and cakes. We have advanced over years past and we now have yummy other foods to bid on. I won't tell you what, so again this is a must attend auction. Also, gift cards from numerous establishments. One never knows what you, the bidder, will have to choose from. Last year, for the first time ever, we made over a thousand dollars for our park.

If you have enjoyed the fun before, come again. If you are new to our park, this is an activity you won't want to miss. SOOOO, grab a pen and mark your calendar for February 17th. Bidding will start at 2 o'clock.

**IMPORTANT!!!!** If you are bringing items for the ale, please have them to the Rec Hall no later than 1:30 PM. This will give the workers time to set up the tables and give interested buyers time to inspect all the goodies and prepare to bid and buy.

Let's work hard to beat last year's total.

Also, make sure you invite your neighbor or someone that is new to the park to this auction. Thanks.

# FLAMINGO DERBY

Jerry Rzepka, Lot 421



Is everyone ready for derby day, Saturday, February 24, 2024?

The ten lucky owners were chosen January 26th from all the lottery entries. Thanks to everyone that purchased a ticket to be a flamingo owner. The lucky owners are now planning their outfits and training their flamingo. Rumor has it some are running the course around the pond to get ready for the races.

Remember to save your dollar bills so you can place the bets you want on each race. There is a \$5 maximum bet for each race of the evening.

There will be a parade of flamingos at 6:45 PM and the first race will start at 7:00 PM. Voting for the best dressed flamingo (\$1 per vote) will take place through the fourth race. Judging for the best derby outfit both women and men will take place the first part of the evening.

Looking forward to a great evening of races, tomfoolery, and a successful flamingo derby.

# PARK PICNIC AND PARADE



The dates for the 2024 Annual Park Picnic and Parade are March 22nd and 23rd. The theme will be "WILD WILD WEST." There will be contests and lots of activities. The Picnic will be on Saturday the 23rd. There will be something for everybody. Let the planning begin for your costumes and floats. Partner up with your friends or go solo but be ready to participate and have the best time of your life. We want to make this one of the most amazing parades in Yankee history!



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## NB DAY PICNIC



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I hope you all have renewed your CSA memberships. The CSA keeps us all well informed with travel news & guidelines and continues the fight in assisting our retirement travelling needs.

So, please circle the third Monday of February 2024 on your calendars. We are really looking forward to seeing you all together again. Take care / be well.

**INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW...maybe**

## Play Ball!!

*Author-Darley Perlakowski, Lot 430*



Take me out to the ball game, take me out with the crowd; buy me some peanuts and cracker jacks, I don't care if I never get back. Let me root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame, for it's one, two, three strikes, you're out, at the old ball game.

This is just a brief prelude into the lives of Rick and Patti Bosetti.

Rick was born in Redding, California, and Patti in a small town close by. However, it wasn't until high school that Patti's hometown had to send their grade school students to Anderson High. It was there that Rick and Patti met and became high school sweethearts. They married in 1978 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anderson, CA.

Now before Rick began his baseball career, he worked hard at various jobs. THEN, he got that "we would like to have you come and play with our team" from the Philadelphia Phillies. Oh yah, he was ready. Baseball, here I come!!

Now at that time, his good friend Jim Bunning, was playing for the Phillies as well. This would not be the only team to have Rick and Jim together. They were both drafted to the St. Louis Cardinals. Played there temporarily and then Jim was drafted to the Toronto blue Jays. Rick received another welcoming call. It was from the Toronto Blue Jays. Jim and Rick together again. Rick played in baseball's major league from 1976-1982.

One might wonder why the Bosetti's chose Florida to become their home away from home. Well, since the Phillies practice field is here, why not? So, he and Jim decided to find a place to live during the spring training season. They purchased a condo in Clearwater. This allowed them the opportunity and the comfort of not having to put in a lot of travel back and forth from CA.

When Rick finished his baseball career, he returned to Redding, his hometown. For a time, he went into politics and became mayor of Redding. I am sure we all know how stressful politics can sometimes be, so he chose to leave that lifestyle behind. On a side note, his best friend Jim became a U.S. Senator. O.K., how about business? Good idea. Also, how about being an author? Good idea. Let's see, how about coaching? Ok, he coached the Simpson University baseball team.

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Now we certainly cannot forget about the love of his life, Patti. She has a busy life as well. A strong supporter of her husband and his career and handling the motherly job of raising four children. (Not alone of course). Patti was also a registered dental hygienist.

During this time, Patti was involved in a horrible car accident. At the beginning her recovery prognosis was not a favorable one. There was the possibility that she would never walk again. Despondent? Yes. Perhaps being confined to a wheelchair. Did she allow herself to slip into a self-pity situation? NO! She became a fighter. It was then that she took on a new career. She studied hard and received her real estate license. She did that for a time. However, God still had other plans for her. He touched her body and set her on another path.

NOW, Rick and Patti, in my eyes, are the "Dynamic Duo". During the summer, back home in Redding, they sometimes spend 14 hours a day preparing for their summer jobs. Rick as the general manager of the Colt 45 baseball team and Patti as the head of staffing for all the details regarding the refreshment stand, purchasing supplies etc. The Colt 45 baseball team is made up of college students from all over. It is a 10-week session of training and hard work. One can only hope that they can see the rewards of all the time they put into helping young people achieve a personal dream.

Now of course Rick and Patti had the best of opportunities in deciding where they would spend their winters. After all, living here when Rick was in spring training, he knew how wonderful this area could be. It didn't take long after looking around and checking out other parks in the area to choose the best. Yep. Yankee Traveler. We are so fortunate to have them here.

You see, life can be productive after retirement. It all depends on the individual. When you talk to Rick and Patti, you know RETIREMENT is only a word. As I have often said in my other bios, I can never do justice to all those I have worked with. It is up to you, the reader, to take time to sit with these two inspiring individuals and learn more about their lives and be inspired by them. Believe me, there are many stories to hear.

## **FUN CELEBRATIONS**

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Here are just a few things we can celebrated in February:

- Great American Pie Month
- National Bake for Family Fun Month
- National Bird Feeding Month
- National Cherry Month
- National Embroidery Month
- National Fasting February
- National Grapefruit Month
- National Hot Breakfast Month
- National Library Lover's Month
- National Snack Food Month
- National Weddings Month



# SHORT FUNNIES

adapted from [bestlifeonline.com](http://bestlifeonline.com)



- Why aren't koalas' actual bears? They don't meet the koalafications.
- Why did the M&M go to school? Because he wanted to be a Smartie.
- Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs.
- What do you call a rooster staring at a piece of lettuce? A chicken sees a salad.
- Why couldn't the leopard play hide-and-seek? Because he was always spotted.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.
- Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.
- What do you call an apology written in dots and dashes? Re-Morse code.
- Why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other slide.
- Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? Because she was stuffed.
- Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? Because Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
- What did one traffic light say to the other? "Stop looking at me, I'm changing."
- What do you call bears with no ears? B.
- Why do ducks have feathers on their tails? To cover their butt quacks.
- How do you count cows? With a cowculator.
- How do billboards talk? Sign language.
- What type of sandals do frogs wear? Open-toad.
- What's a snake's favorite subject in school? Hiss-tory.
- What's a foot long and slippery? A slipper.
- How did the baby tell his mom he had a wet diaper? He sent her a pee-mail.
- What goes up and down but doesn't move? A staircase.
- Why are snails slow? Because they're carrying a house on their back.



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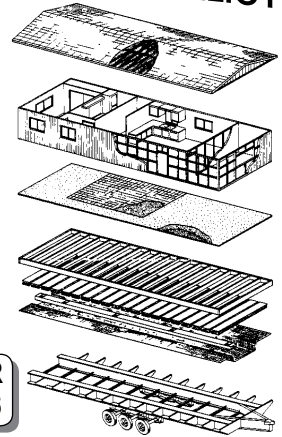
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<p><b>EVENTS &amp; PROGRAMS</b></p>	<p>Doral Village Yard Sale Bazaar, Saturday, February 24th, 8am-1pm. 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, clothing, linens, books, electronics, glassware, jewelry, kitchen items, baked goods, lunch and great raffles and prizes!</p>	<p>The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, having survived COVID, is regrowing to continue supporting local Veterans, and providing social activities for new and existing Canadian Legion Members. Join us for our monthly Membership Meetings, Remembrance Ceremonies, VSO visits, raids, invasions, MLB game, dinner/theater, museums, etc. For information, email: info@relpost144.org.</p>
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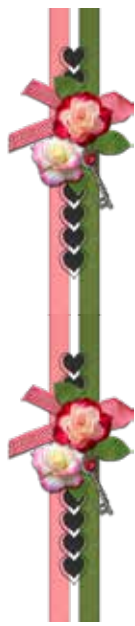
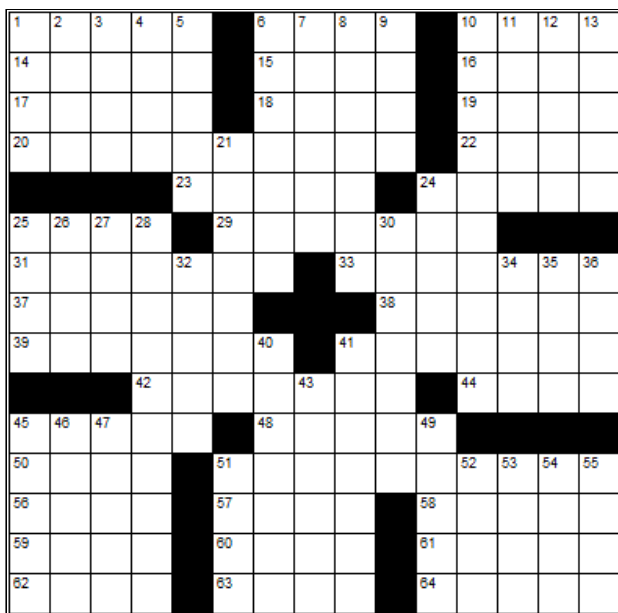
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Reliance
- 6. Taxis
- 10. Raindrop sound
- 14. Eagle's home
- 15. Affirm
- 16. Wealthy
- 17. Sail supports
- 18. Hindu princess
- 19. Aware of
- 20. Poulting
- 22. Average
- 23. Grin
- 24. Pal
- 25. Stops
- 29. "Hush!"
- 31. Spotted feline
- 33. Cuddle
- 37. Ravel classic
- 38. Trader
- 39. Intestinal
- 41. Type of pony
- 42. Heat-related
- 44. Poi source
- 45. Thick-growing
- 48. They connect points
- 50. Nitpicky to a fault
- 51. In a slow, laborious manner
- 56. 5280 feet
- 57. Rodents
- 58. Red Sea peninsula
- 59. Sounds of disapproval
- 60. Curved molding
- 61. Economic down time
- 62. Hotels
- 63. Flippant
- 64. Affirmatives

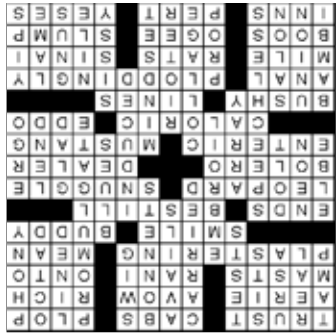


**Down**

- 1. Pack down
- 2. Genuine
- 3. Celestial bear
- 4. Seats oneself
- 5. Quizzes
- 6. Toted
- 7. Services
- 8. Types of hat
- 9. Large and hurried swallow
- 10. Proclaim
- 11. Delineated
- 12. Group of eight
- 13. Fake
- 21. Involve deeply
- 24. Music genre
- 25. River to the North Sea
- 26. Used in advertising signs
- 27. Buffoon
- 28. Too shocked for words
- 30. Brought on
- 32. Impressive display
- 34. Pleased
- 35. Extend credit
- 36. Therefore
- 40. Montage
- 41. Way of thinking
- 43. Violent troublemaker
- 45. Famous baby deer
- 46. Labor organization
- 47. Beauty parlor
- 49. Pantywaist
- 51. Brace
- 52. Egyptian river
- 53. Wildebeests
- 54. Hardly believable
- 55. Puppy sounds



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