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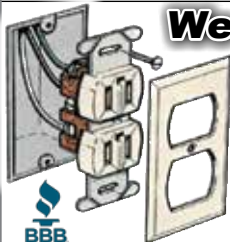
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FROM THE EDITOR



If you have any suggestions for articles you think would interest our community, please feel free to reach out to me. We love to hear good news! In addition, if you come across an article that you think would be of interest, please share. I will need the original source as well.

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at iits.sentinel@gmail.com or stop by Lot 297 If you would like to be highlighted or have a resident event highlighted in an upcoming edition for any of our sections, please let me know. See you all soon!

Thank you,
Tammy Blaisse

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 Tammy Blaisse at iits.sentinel@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy May Everyone!

I am pleased to announce the Activities Committee has 2 chairwomen to help steer the committee into success, Pattie McDonough and Chrissie Riley. They hosted our first Community Breakfast and the food was outstanding! The fellowship was amazing and I got to meet a lot of new people! We have the Dream Team of Pattie, Chrissie, Jeff and Karen Sopak, Sharon Cranes, Ciel Gordon, Cheryl Di Amico, Melissa Lynch, Jill Norwick and Rusty Leslie. If I missed anyone, I am sorry! The next activity they all have planned for us is a Cinco de Mayo party. I am so looking forward to what Jeff and Karen have planned for us. FYI, I hear we may be getting Sundae Sunday back soon! Can't wait for that!

Thank you to all who attended the last HOA meeting, lets keep up the tempo and continue to have meaningful meetings. May's meeting has been moved to May 14th, so I can attend and brief everyone on my discussion with our lawyer. Then we will have our summer hiatus of no meetings May ~ August, the board will still be available for any needs or questions. We will return full speed in September.

Tammy Blaisse
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2. Remembrance Corner - OPEN - Need this person to report obits to **Rusty Leslie** for adding to Media Guide and so we are able send a card from the community.
3. Neighbor Helping Neighbor – OPEN - need Volunteers.
4. Bocci Ball - OPEN - Need Volunteer
5. Media Guide – Need a Volunteer soon

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 5 Jerald Cardin
- 13 David Simmons
- 13 Debra Lindstrand
- 21 Nancy Wooten
- 27 Shirley Fennell
- 27 Marcy Shiels
- 31 Marijill Zembry-Williams

May Anniversaries

- 11 Bruce & Rosemary Logan



We would love to add your birthday and anniversary to our list! E-mail your name and date to iits.sentinel@gmail.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!

 Mother's Day

FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:



4 ways to find out all about our events:

1. Make sure you sign up for the robocalls as well, as event information is being sent via robocall, too. Contact Jill Norwick at jillnorwick@yahoo.com with your lot #, telephone number and name to join the list. These numbers are shared with no one.
2. Check out the Marquee at the park entrance by the clubhouse for upcoming events. HOA Events and announcements are located on the front and Resident Sponsored Activities are located on the back, if you would like your activity listed on the back please let Tammy Blaisse know.
3. The calendar is kept current in the glass case at the Clubhouse.
4. Please join any or all of these IITS FaceBook Groups, we post activities on these pages only.
 - a. Island in the Sun Social Group
 - b. IITS uncensored, sort of
 - c. The Official Island in the Sun HOA - 2022 (HOA Members only) This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities you would like to start at iitsactivities@yahoo.com. We will provide you with help to get started. The activities committee will remain as a committee and no longer has a chairperson. The committee works as a group, if you email the above address the emails will be brought to each meeting for discussion and action.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

These activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led. The Boys who Brunch are meeting monthly the restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.

Like to shoot pool? Every Saturday at 10 am there is a group who play 8 ro 9 ball at the clubhouse. They are always looking for new players.

Texas hold 'em Poker is played in the clubhouse on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:30 pm. Come prepared to have fun.

Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Tammy Blaisse.

See the calendar in the Media Guide or on the clubhouse board for upcoming daily activities, HOA activities and Cal-Am activities.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE HOA EVENTS

Hi everyone.

Thank you to all the people who came to our 4/6/24 activities meeting

The more people, the more ideas and the more fun we can have.

Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Rusty know if you would like to help out at any of these events. Lot 310, 865.232.972 kohanadancer@gmail.com

Thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make these events a great one for our community.



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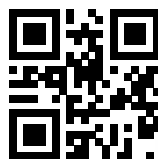


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July TBD

Game night

August

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Rusty Leslie

WELCOME WAGON CORNER

by Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

W elcome to my little corner of the world. May is here and the days are getting hotter. If you are new to our community and manufactured home living, I will be happy to give you information on how it all works here and answer any questions you might have.

I hope you take advantage of all the activities we offer and that you love living here as much as I do.

Have a wonderful May!

Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

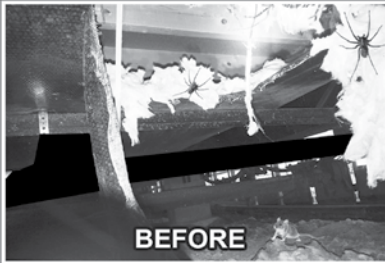
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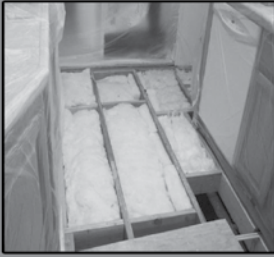
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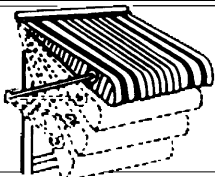
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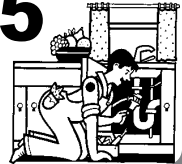
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May Fun Facts



The name May is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word Maius, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or Maius) after the Greek goddess of growth.

A Roman poet by the name of Ovid had different ideas surrounding the etymology of the naming of May. He claimed that it was from the word Maiores, the Latin for “elders,” that the month gained its name.

The word May wasn’t actually used until the middle ages were on their way out, around the 15th Century AD. Up until then, the Roman word Maius was still used.

May used to have a very different name in Old English. Back then, the month was referred to as the “month of three milkings.” Unsurprisingly, this meant that during this month, you could milk your cows up to three times per day!

May was once considered an incredibly ill-omened time to get married. There’s an adage for it actually, which goes: “Marry in May and you’ll rue the day.” It’s not clear where exactly the saying comes from, but there must have been a pretty good reason not to get married in one of the most beautiful months of the year!

May isn’t just a bad time to get married, though. There’s the Cornish superstition that buying a new broom in May is unlucky. Oh, and apparently, you shouldn’t wash any blankets either!

May is the month that the Eurovision song contest is held every year. For those not in the know, Eurovision is an international song contest that has been held every year since 1956. Some of the contest winners over the years have gone on to be incredibly successful groups, with the most notable being ABBA!

May is a special time for Star Wars fans worldwide and always a good reason to re-watch the movies. May the 4th is celebrated as Star Wars day, due to the way the date sounds similar to “May the Force.” We won’t start the debate over whether the old movies are better than the new ones, because we all know the answer to that!

Every year there is a particular meteor shower in May called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower. Discovered in 1870, this meteor shower passes by Earth between April 19 and May 28. It’s easiest to view it from the equatorial regions of the world and can be glimpsed passing by just before dawn.

It is said that those born in May have a greater chance of being more successful in life and experience more love. While this may not be scientifically factual, it has been noticed that people born in May understand the importance of love and success more than others.

The Empire State Building opened its doors on May 1, 1931. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world. Many other sky-high constructions have since dwarfed it, but it’s still an awe-inspiring feature of the New York cityscape!

Back in the day in Europe, it wasn’t a good May if you didn’t celebrate it with a maypole. In the UK, at least, they were present since at least 1350 AD. Celebrants would erect a long pole and attach flowers, garlands, and strips of fabric to it, around which certain dances would take place.

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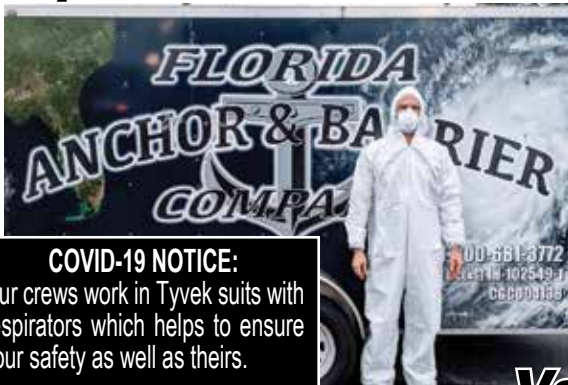
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The birthstone for May is the emerald. Emeralds are a type of stone called beryl and typically range from a deep-sea green to a lighter color. Emeralds are symbols of fertility and rebirth.

May actually has two birth flowers – the Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn. The Hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope, while the Lily-of-the-Valley represents the return of happiness and sweetness.

May also has two Zodiac signs, Taurus and Gemini. People born under the sign of Taurus are said to be ambitious and smart, yet trustworthy. Those born under the sign of Gemini are said to be passionate, adaptable, and smart.

May has some pretty interesting month-long observances. In the U.K., May is National Pet Month and National Smile Month. In the US, May is National Burger Month, Older Americans Month, and National Military Appreciation Month.

May also has some pretty wacky days! Hawaii celebrates Lei Day on the first of May, which also happens to be May Day. Utah celebrates Golden Spike Day on May 10th after the First Transcontinental Railroad was completed. May 29th is celebrated as Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day!

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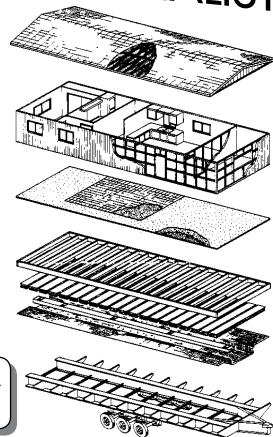
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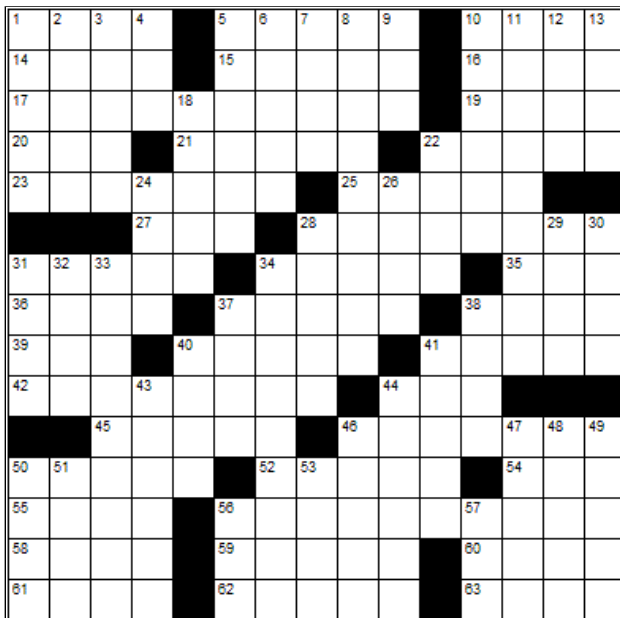
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- 1. Letters and postcards
- 5. Elbowroom
- 10. Toot
- 14. Coastal raptor
- 15. Lone Star state
- 16. Spindle
- 17. Affection
- 19. Bridge
- 20. East northeast
- 21. Dispatches
- 22. Colossal
- 23. Think likely
- 25. Occurrence
- 27. A rotating disk
- 28. Earaches
- 31. Noble realm
- 34. Cigarette remains
- 35. Avenue (abbrev.)
- 36. Black-and-white cookie
- 37. Distributes
- 38. Put away
- 39. Petroleum
- 40. Roof overhangs
- 41. Scenes
- 42. Avoid responsibilities
- 44. Bowling target
- 45. Not over
- 46. LA baseball team
- 50. Chimes
- 52. Eagle's home
- 54. Grassland
- 55. Largest continent
- 56. Soil and plant sciences
- 58. Against
- 59. Had in mind
- 60. Decorative case
- 61. Sow
- 62. Donkeys
- 63. Anagram of "Rent"



DOWN

- 1. Doled
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Not outer
- 4. Light Emitting Diode
- 5. Brook
- 6. One cent coin
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Magnetic tape containers
- 9. S
- 10. Establishing
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Distinctive flair
- 13. Confined
- 18. English exam finale, often
- 22. Colloids
- 24. Bounce back
- 26. Tanks
- 28. Not inner
- 29. Affirm
- 30. Stitches
- 31. Ruination
- 32. Murres
- 33. Lumpy deposits of body fat
- 34. Drinks
- 37. A magician
- 38. Croon
- 40. Terminates
- 41. Not audio
- 43. Decorated
- 44. Sharp ends
- 46. Pilotless plane
- 47. Gentry
- 48. Happen again
- 49. Antelope of India
- 50. Bleats
- 51. Anagram of "Seen"
- 53. Ages
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