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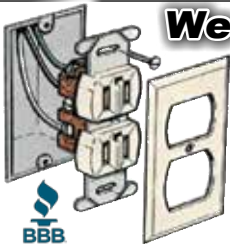
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Home Owners Association

Bob Campbell

Hi everyone. Want to thank all those who attended our meeting on April 8, 2024. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on June 10, 2024@7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. We are hoping to have a draft of our revised HOA by-laws ready for your approval and finalization. We intend to get a pre-meeting copy to members in good standing (who are current in their dues) for review and finalization. This effort involves several moving parts, so we will keep you posted. If you want to join or renew your membership, just let me or Elsie Bonarrigo know and we'll get you signed up.

Residents' Club

Karen Stancick

The park seems to be getting a little emptier every day! I hope all our snowbirds have a great summer. We look forward to them returning in the fall. Our last breakfast will be Saturday, May 4. We had tried last summer to have a continental breakfast in the summer, but we had very little participation and decided not to continue it. We will see you in the fall. Most likely October for the first breakfast of the new season. In the fall we are going to try having one table set up at each breakfast for our crafters to sell some of their things. We thought people might enjoy that to be able to look for the perfect gift for someone else or for yourself. If you are interested in selling some things during one of these breakfast dates, please contact one of the crafters. They meet every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8 PM and every Friday morning from nine till noon in the Clubhouse. Have a great summer and keep an eye out in the messenger for summer activities.

Activities Committee

Laurie Stone, Maureen Dunham

Happy May Day! The adult Easter egg hunt and spring fling dance were both a success. Since this article went to the publisher before Italian Night, we hope you all enjoyed it. We were very excited to put this event together.

Events to look forward to in May, our breakfast on 5/4/24 which will be the last one until the fall. We also will be having a Kentucky Derby event on 5/4/24. This was a big hit 2 years ago. You can go to craft day or evening to make your derby hat.

Thank you to the crafters for making our Italian night centerpieces.

As always, thank you all who attend /participate in our events. Check out the Oakcrest/Acorn Activities page for more information on all our events.



I Need That!

Roberta Zanol

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock in the clubhouse. The game is called "I Need That" and is like Bingo, and lots of fun. You'll need two dollars in nickels. Come out and have some fun and meet your neighbors. You are more than welcome to bring a snack to share.

Neighborhood Watch

Joy Emmons

My personal thanks to Joy for attempting to gather volunteers and mount a neighborhood watch. Unfortunately, without volunteers, it can't happen. The Community has spoken, and a neighborhood watch is not needed.

Canadian Club

We wish all our Canadian neighbors safe travels, and a (less) warm summer. We look forward to seeing you all again in the Fall. The Community feels incomplete without you.

Memorial Day Picnic

If you are planning on attending the Memorial Day Picnic on Monday, May 27th, please bring a dish or dessert to share. Also, your own plates, plasticware and drinks. The grill will be available for your use if you bring hamburgers or hotdogs for yourself. We will be putting the food inside of the clubhouse so that nothing spoils in the heat. You are welcome to eat either inside or outside. We will start to meet at noon. Everyone is welcome to be outside to play Shuffleboard or cornhole.

My Care Grocery Bags

Jill Chambers

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THRIVING THURSDAY AT THE TABLE



Growing a family of four children, dinner time was a popular time! The children would stand by the refrigerator and look at the posted menu. No one was excused from dinner and everyone was expected to converse. We talked politics, the Bible, books and learned values all around our family table. “What was the best thing that happened today?” “Mom, this is great! How did you make it?” “Don’t tell her you like it; she’ll lose the recipe,” laughed Chet.

One by one the children left for college and made their own families. Soon it was Chet and Joy missing the children, but enjoying each other’s company and sharing the happenings of the day. April 24, 2022 Chet left the table for the Father’s Feast in heaven.

A year and a half later, I sat on my living room coach one day where Chet and I use to sit together. Looking at my empty dining room table I breathed the words, “Lord, I can’t take eating alone anymore.”

He’s a good friend and answered, “Why don’t you invite some friends over to lunch or dinner?”

“I can’t! I don’t have time. Besides, Chet’s not here to help setting the table, prep, and clean-up!”

I love God. He’s so practical! “Set aside one day a week and do nothing but prepare a meal for a few friends!”

I thought about the idea and the more I thought, the more I realized I really could do this. So, the following Thursday I had my first dinner with five or six people. It was so much fun, and I wasn’t a bit tired. I invite friends from outside and inside the community. Some I’ve known for more than 50 years and others are strangers I haven’t met.

The evening needed a name so between the friend of over 50 years and my Granddaughter we agreed on THRIVING THURSDAY AT THE TABLE. It was interesting to watch strangers fall into friendly conversation. Then getting up at the end of the meal saying, “and really good conversation. This was fun!”

We’ve enjoyed a ham dinner. The husband came to help me get the ham out of the oven said, “Look Nancy! She made it just like my mother use to make it.” One night I served Chicken Marsala and no one seemed to notice I forgot the wine! Served the same meal the following week with the Marsala! My children told me I should never serve Meatloaf, but the guests that week agreed that it is something you don’t make for yourself often. If your mouth is watering for

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If you want to know a neighbor, meet new friends, or just have some great conversation around the table, call Joy and ask, "What's for dinner? Acorn 615 is becoming a popular place. Joy will be back in October.

Editor's Note

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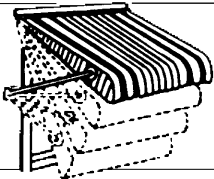
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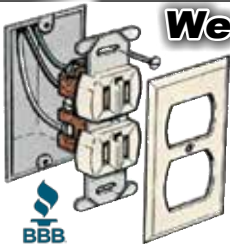
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<p>1 pm Bingo 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:45 H2OAerobics 6 Hand & Foot</p>	<p>9:45 H 5 pm F 6:30-8</p>
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Oscar Levant was famous for his music, movie appearances and having a wildly self-destructive personality — even for Hollywood. He was known as a brilliant wit and a gifted concert pianist. Levant popularized the notion of being “neurotic.” He appeared on national television on The Jack Paar Show and delighted the audience with his dark wit. According to *A Talent for Genius: The Life and Times of Oscar Levant* by Sam Kashner and Nancy Schoenberger, when he and Paar began to discuss his experiences as a mental patient Levant said, “I was thrown out of one mental hospital because I depressed the patients.” Later he said, “There is a thin line between genius and insanity, and I have erased that line.”

The audience loved him. But some viewers and critics thought he crossed the line of good taste by talking about his mental illnesses on television.

Mind your manners

According to *The Wit and Humor of Oscar Wilde*, edited by Alvin Redman, Oscar Wilde was much more concerned about manners than about morals. Wilde was known for his kindness to others and rarely spoke unkindly—but he would correct what he thought were poor manners exhibited by others. Once an enthusiastic noblewoman came up and slapped Wilde on the back while he was talking.



“Why, Oscar,” she said, “You are getting fatter and fatter!”

Without looking at the woman Wilde said, “And you are getting ruder and ruder.”

The fastidious diner

Joke retold from *Laughter Incorporated* by Cerf Bennett

A man entered a diner and ordered a steak. The man was well-known for being a fastidious diner, and when his steak arrived he became enraged and complained to the waiter that the steak had not been prepared the way he had ordered it. The man had the waiter take the steak back to the kitchen. Soon the waiter came trotting back with the man's steak. The waiter reported that the chef said to tell him that the steak was perfectly fine just the way it was and he would not prepare another.

“Is that what he says, ay,” the angry diner said. “Well, you just take that steak back to the chef and tell him to ram it down his own throat if he likes it so much!”

But in a few moments the waiter was back with the same steak and said “I'm sorry, sir, but the chef says there are two steaks and four lamb chops ahead of you.”

On health food

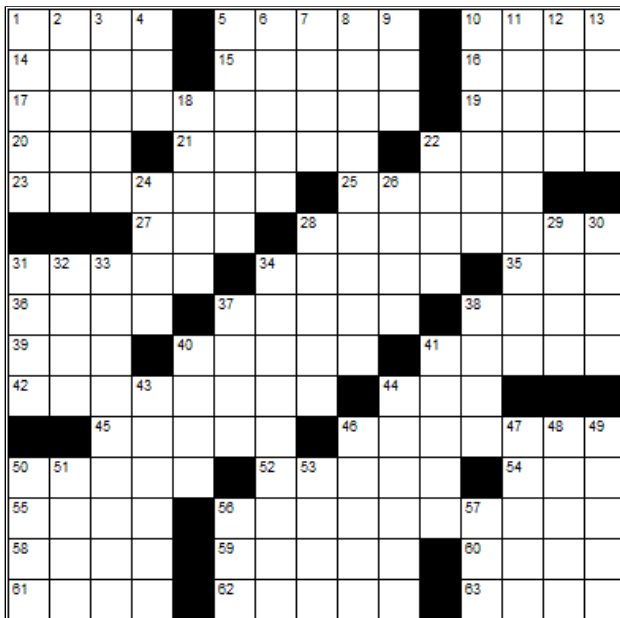
Old people shouldn't eat health food. They need all the preservatives they can get.

— **Robert Orben**



ACROSS

- 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
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- 50. Bleats
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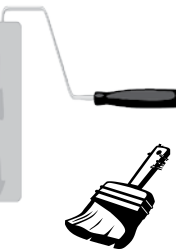
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- Sudden weakness or numbness of the arm, leg or face—especially when it occurs on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, or trouble understanding or speaking.
- Problems with vision, in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache without a known cause.

If you, or someone you know is experiencing symptoms, call 911 immediately. Lost time can be devastating in stroke treatment.

If you want to begin the work of reducing your risk for stroke, a health care professional can help you devise a safe and effective plan. The following is a list of risk factors for stroke that can be controlled or treated: high blood pressure, tobacco use, diabetes mellitus, carotid or other artery disease, atrial fibrillation, other heart disease, transient ischemic attacks or “warning strokes,” certain blood disorders, sickle cell disease, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity and obesity, excessive alcohol use, illegal drug use.

For more information: American Stroke Association <https://www.stroke.org/en/help-and-support/for-family-caregivers/stroke-family-warmline>.

Slowing the effects of aging

According the Discovery Health Web site, if you want to be a lively 80 or 90 year old some day—then you need to start following an anti-aging program. Here are some of the recommendations:



- Follow a low-fat, high complex carbohydrate diet. Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables and three servings of whole grains every day. Drink five to eight glasses of water per day. Derive only 30 percent to 35 percent of your diet from fat—20 percent of which should be unsaturated (examples are 1 percent milk, canola and olive oil.) Fifteen percent of your diet should be protein, with the rest having an emphasis on complex carbohydrates (examples are wild rice, whole wheat bread and oatmeal).
- Develop and follow a regular exercise routine. Regular aerobic exercise will help slow down the aging process, experts say. Strength building is also important. Consult a health professional to adopt a routine that will be right for you. Good exercise programs should help prevent the loss of stamina, strength, balance and bone density.



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Potatoes are a little on the finicky side when it comes to how they must be cared for. They require just a little more care than your average vegetable. And if you don't mind your caretaking manners, you may find yourself eye-to-eye with some pretty unsightly pommes de terre. Follow these tips from eHow.com for keeping your potatoes from becoming “eye” candy:

- Never rinse your potatoes before storing.
- Store your potatoes in a brown paper bag, burlap bag or plastic bag with holes in it.
- Make sure you store potatoes in a cool, dry, dark place. (The basement or cellar is ideal if you have one.)
- You want the temperature to hover around 45 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Don't store potatoes in the refrigerator, as they may become too sweet.
- Don't store potatoes with onions—because when the two are stored closely together, gases can be produced that will spoil them both.
- If you have “mature” potatoes, you can store them for up to two months. If your potatoes are “new,” you can store them for only about a week.
- Visit your potatoes occasionally, and toss out the ones that are going bad and those that have sprouted.
- To avoid sprouting, keep your potatoes from being exposed to heat or light.
- Don't freeze your uncooked potatoes.
- Sweet potatoes can only be stored for about a week.

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We all know someone we refer to as having a “strong” personality, but what is meant by this label and how do you manage someone who is potentially high voltage?

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It is a well-known truth that once you get to know someone's story, it's hard to dislike him or her. What is this person's story? Do you know? Would it help to know?

On weight loss

You can't lose weight without exercise. But I've got a philosophy about exercise. I don't think you should punish your legs for something your mouth did. Drag your lips around the block once or twice.

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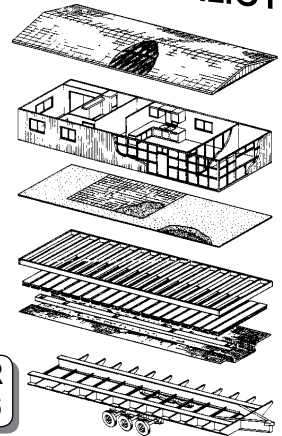
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