



OFFICE: 100 Hampton Road • Clearwater • FL 33759 • (727) 796-0500

ISLAND IN THE SUN

• S E N T I N E L •

E

February • 2025

Issue 12
48th Year

happy
VALENTINE'S
day

Thank you Sandy
from Park Royale
for this photo!

Delivered Door-to-Door by
Community Residents
FREE Every Month

Monthly Mania Winner!
\$100 • Deborah Farris
Boss Electric Corp.

view this newsletter on-line at www.monthly-media.com

FOR AD RATES & INFO 727-484-7488 • info@monthly-media.com

Island in the Sun Community Newsletter

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 Linda Olone at 727-214-7334, email linda.olone@gmail.com, or Lot 73

Manager Editor: Linda Olone
Media Delivery Team: Nancy Bilcheck, Ernie Grow, Roy and Jan Wisdom, Sudie Borders, Cheryl D’Andrea; Sue Morley; Steve Marshall, Mike & Cynthia Sadusky, Phil Tursi, Sonny Dumlao and Cecile Morock

March 2025 Media Deadline February 4, 2025
Please e-mail articles and photos submissions to: iits.sentinel@gmail.com
 You can also drop off articles not sent via e-mail at Lot 297.

Representative to the Federation of Manufacturers Home Owners (FMO):
 Need Volunteer
 Please submit corrections to linda.olone@gmail.com or report to an HOA Board member.

Island in the Sun HOA Board

President.....	Tammy Blaisse	Lot 297	580-301-4828	tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com
Vice-President.....	Rusty Leslie.....	Lot 310	865-232-9072	kohanadancer@gmail.com
Treasurer	Cathy Ralston.....	Lot 184	203-257-3376	iitshoatreasurer@yahoo.com
Secretary	Ken Gonska	Lot 313	303-704-5555	
1 yr	Steve Malara	Lot 202	732-977-4867	smbombers@aol.com
2 yr	Pattie McDonough	Lot 266	727-475-0360	mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com
3 yr	Trish Kurinsky	Lot 251	609-339-0346	

Non-Board Positions

Robo Call	Chrissie Riley	Lot 290	404-353-1801	chrissiegriley@gmail.com
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	OPEN			

2025 Committees

Committee.....	Name/Chair	Lot#	Phone#	Email
Activities Committee	Pattie McDonough ..	266	727-475-0360	
	Chrissie Riley	290	404-353-1801	
Bingo.....	Linda Olone.....	73	727-214-7334	
Bingo Callers	Linda Olone.....	73	727-214-7334	
Dominoes	Teresa Amato			
Ladies Lunch.....	Cindy Sadusky.....	14	717-587-2498	
Library.....	Cindy Sadusky.....	14	717-587-2498	
	..co chair .. Nancy Bilcheck	184	203-913-9450	
Media Delivery	Nancy Bilcheck	184	203-913-9450	
Membership	Tammy Blaisse	297	580-301-4828	tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com
	Rusty Leslie.....	310	865-232-9072	kohanadancer@gmail.com
Phone Book.....	Tammy Blaisse	297	580-301-4828	
Pickleball.....	Paul Ranck.....	134		
Potluck	Ciel Gordon	182	952-486-1507	
Remembrance Corner	OPEN			
Shuffleboard	Elaine Ranck.....	134		
Rummikub.....	Rose Leduc	160	727-797-8026	
Sign Board	OPEN			
Texas Hold’Em	Rick Morabito.....	174	303-704-9772	
	..co chair... Rose Leduc	160	727-797-8026	
Welcoming	Rusty Leslie	310	865-232-9072	kohanadancer@gmail.com
Yoga	Kathy Bowen			

SCREEN & SUN ROOMS - CARPORTS

LIC #
C-11631
SP-00005



"Ask your Neighbors
About Us"
Financing

727-547-8300

**FREE
ESTIMATE**

Aluminum specialty contractors, Inc
7420 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park FL 33781



**TRANSFORM YOUR
HOME WITH PREMIUM**

ENCLOSURE

36

ASK about financing



32



Philippians 4:13

Other services:

- Patio covers
- Awnings
- Windows
- Shutters
- Doors

- PINELLAS COUNTY
- HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
- PASCO COUNTY



www.ascaluminum.com

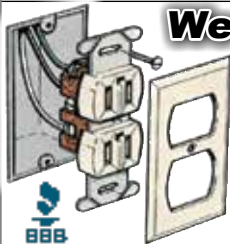


[ascaluminum](https://www.facebook.com/ascaluminum)



[@ascaluminum](https://www.instagram.com/ascaluminum)

Boss ELECTRIC



**We Specialize in
MOBILE
HOMES**

**EMERGENCY
SERVICE AVAILABLE**

- Family Owned & Operated
- Surge Protection
- Ceiling Fan Wiring
- Panel Upgrade & Repair

FREE ESTIMATES

791-1308

Senior & Military DISCOUNTS

www.bosselectriccorp.com

22



Lic. EC13005634
Bonded & Insured

15

**10% OFF
LABOR**
with this ad*
*Discount does not apply to estimated work
only service calls, can't be combined

MODERN AIR CONDITIONING

& HOME SERVICES, Inc.



Special!

Expires 2/28/25

**A/C & Heat
Inspection
or Service Diagnostic**

\$50⁰⁰

Coupon required at time of service during regular business hours & cannot be combined with other offers.

- HONEST and FAIR •
- FREE Estimates on A/C Installations •

50



541-5541

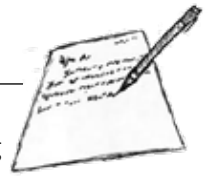
27

www.modernac.com

ALL BRANDS • Since 1976 • CACO 21320

FROM THE EDITOR

Linda Olone



Hello IITS!!

It's the month of love! Wouldn't it be nice if everyone did something nice for one of your neighbors this month? There are so many going through so much. Please show some love to your neighbors! After all, they put up with you all year! Love to all!

Please send any articles, suggestions, or photos to me at linda.olone@gmail.com or stop by Lot 73. 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.

Thank you - Linda Olone – linda.olone@gmail.com – 727-214-7334.

From the HOA president:

Residents Message

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 Chrissie Riley at chrissiegriley@gmail.com or Tammy Blaisse at tammy.blaisse@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 (HOA Members only) This page is only for HOA business.

Please contact the activities committee for activities you would like to start at mcdonoughpattie@gmail.com, chrissiegriley@gmail.com We will provide you with help to get started.



AMS

WC INC.

Family Owned & Operated Since 1977

Call Today!
800-282-3572
727-471-0820

SPECIALIZING IN ALUMINUM ROOF OVERS



DO YOU NEED A NEW ROOF?
Our Weather-Lok Roof Over System
Exclusively from AMS is:

- Energy Star Rated
- Quiet
- Maintenance Free
- A Full Sheet Blanket of Protection
- Lifetime Warrantied & Transferable



"This is simply the best roof over system available. We love our new roof.
Thanks you and your staff."

- J. Howard, Pinellas County

100% FINANCING AVAILABLE
(with approved credit)

22



FREE ESTIMATES
Evening & Weekend
Appointments Available

22

Serving your community for over 35 years.
Great Price • Great Products • Great Workmanship
Your neighbors have used us. How About You?

Visit www.AMSOFFLA.com and view our informative video
FL State Certified • Licensed & Insured • Roofing Contractor CC C1329853

SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY CALLING US TODAY TO GET YOUR PROJECT STARTED!



AMS

WC INC.

Family Owned & Operated Since 1977

WINDOW REPLACEMENT

LOOKING TO REPLACE YOUR WINDOWS?

AMS carries a wide range of windows designed to fit your home and are energy efficient. Standard features include:

- PVC Vinyl Frame
- Insulated, Double Pane Glass
- Low E MAX
- Manufacturer's Lifetime Warranty



"Our new energy efficient windows installed by AMS are beautiful. Everything from start to finish was great."

C. Wallace
Pinellas County

23



23

Visit www.AMSOFFLA.com for more info.

800-282-3572 • 727-471-0820

FL State Licensed & Insured • General Contractor CG1515749



AMS

WC INC.

Family Owned & Operated Since 1977

VINYL SIDING

WANT TO UPGRADE YOUR HOME EXTERIOR?

Our premium vinyl siding offers:

- Many Color and Style Choices
- Insulation Package
- Beauty and Durability
- Manufacturer's Lifetime Warranty



23



23



Visit www.AMSOFFLA.com for more info.

800-282-3572 • 727-471-0820

FL State Licensed & Insured • General Contractor CG1515749

SUB-FLOOR & FLOORING EXPERTS!

Flood Damage???
We can HELP!!!

Sub-Floor Repairs

Laminate Flooring

FREE
ESTIMATES

30
YRS
EXPERIENCE

STATE CERTIFIED
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
CGC# 004138

STATE LICENSED
MOBILE HOME INSTALLER
IH# 102549/1

LICENSED
INSURED
BONDED

FLORIDA
ANCHOR AND BARRIER
COMPANY



A+ Rated
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS



727.237.6772

800.681.3772

11590 US HIGHWAY 19 N CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33764

17



17



OPEN POSITIONS:

We have a few open positions if you are interested in volunteering for anything.



NON-Board Positions

1. We need volunteers for Bingo. Please call Linda at 727-214-7334.
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. Sign Board – OPEN - need someone to update the sign board as needed.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE HOA EVENTS

Hi everyone.

The Activities committee has the following activities planned for each month this upcoming year.

Volunteers are always needed to host, set up and tidy up – please let Pattie, Chrissy or Rusty know if you would like to help out at any of these events.

Thank you to all those who volunteer their time to make these events great for our community.

February 15th 7pm Can-Am Appreciation - More to come.

March - Community Yard Sale Date will be provided once approved by Cal-Am

March – March Madness Game Day, Date TBD There will be numerous fun and different games to play with prizes. Popcorn/Snow Cones and chips to be provided.

April – Community Scavenger Hunt Items will be hidden around the community - More to come.

April 5th – Community Craft Show – Residents can purchase a table for \$10.00. Our last craft show was a great success! Come join the fun!

May –Kentucky Derby Party and Memorial Day picnic If we can get a host for the Memorial Day picnic!

June – Pool party with Games - More to come.

July – Back to School Pizza Party - More to come.

August - Breakfast at the Clubhouse - More to come.

September 1st, 11 am Labor Day Cookout - More to come.

October 31st 6:30 PM Halloween Golf Cart parade and Party immediately afterwards

November – Arts & Craft Fair with lunch for sale

November –Collecting items for our Veterans, will be taken to the Veterans before Thanksgiving

December 31st New Years Eve Party - More to come.



We need hosts for many of these events or they cannot happen as planned. The HOA cannot afford to continue to support events without hosts and participation. I know many people are unable to host, but we have a lot of able-bodied people who can host or co-host. Once you try it, you'll find it is not as tough as you would imagine, the activities committee will always be there to help and guide you through the process.



RESIDENT ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

- These activities are not HOA or Cal-Am sponsored activities. They are resident led.
- The Boys who Brunch - meet monthly. The restaurant, date and time are announced on various IITS Facebook pages, sign up is online or at the Clubhouse.
 - The Ladies who Lunch - meet 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 or 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.
 - Bingo – NEW DATES PENDING in the clubhouse.
 - LRC – 3rd Tuesday of every month – bring your dollars!
 - Anyone wanting a resident activity to be spotlighted in the Media Guide please contact Linda Olone.

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

Please note: the 2 calendars don’t always sync up, so if in doubt, please call Rusty Leslie for HOA activities, and the Cal-Am front office for Cal-Am activities.

WELCOME WAGON CORNER

by Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

Welcome to my little corner of the world and to a cold February. Stay warm out there. If you are new to our community and manufactured home living, I will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Our activities are listed in the center of this media guide.

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 February!
Rusty (Rosalind) Leslie

I am in Lot 310 - corner of Nassau and Windward.
Just come to my screened porch and ring the bell.
Call or text me at 865.232.9072
Email me at kohanadancer@gmail.com



ROOF OVERS & REPAIRS

COMMUNITY *Free Estimates*



ROOFING OF FLORIDA, INC.

14042 66th St. N., Unit C
Largo, FL 33771
(727) 536-9999

Lic# CCC1330642

"Proudly Serving Your Community" Family Owned and Operated
100% Maintenance Free Roofs!

**We Do All
Roof Overs, Roof Coatings
Roof Repairs & Inspections on
all Manufactured Homes**

800-511-2517



Lifetime Warranty on Labor & Materials!
www.CommunityRoof.com

KEENAN Construction Inc.

State Certified, Licensed and Insured Aluminum Contractor
SCC131153124

(727) 455-0778
Call or Text

Free Estimates!

- * **Storm Damage**
- * **Patio Covers**
- * **Screen Rooms**

- * **Awnings**
- * **Carports**
- * **Rescreening**

New Construction & Repairs!

BigKeenanWorks@gmail.com

**Suncoast Family
Medical ASSOCIATES**

**NOW MORE THAN EVER,
YOU NEED A DOCTOR
YOU CAN TRUST**

Experts in Senior Primary Care
Dermatology Procedures
Minor Surgeries
Lab Work In-House and X-Ray On-Site
Heart and Lung Tests
Patient Education
Arthritis and Joint Care
Disease Management
Cancer Screening
& more!
On-Site Pharmacy Now Open!

 **727-588-9572**



SUNCOASTFAMILYMED.COM
12020 SEMINOLE BLVD. LARGO



Bingo!! Bingo!! Bingo!!

Bingo is scheduled for every other Monday. See you all soon! Thank you ~ Linda Olone



Local Business Recommendation

We need your help!!!! Which local businesses do you recommend?
What services do you offer to our residents? Are you a handyman, a painter, electrician, house cleaner? Let us know!!
We once had a list of those in the community who offer services to others.
Let's do this again!!
Send me your info – contact info below.
Please help get these lists going!!!
Send any information to Rusty - 865.232.9072
email kohanadancer@gmail.com
stop by 310 - message me on messenger - Let's help each other.
Thank you.
Rusty

Ride Share

Have an appointment at the following places and need a ride:
Mease Countryside Hospital
Mease Dunedin Hospital Campus
Morton Plant Hospital Campus



You can call CareLift for free transportation by Morton Plant Mease volunteers. You must be able to get in and out of the van without assistance, adhere to all safety protocols. The hours are Monday thru Friday 8am to 3:30 pm. Call 727-734-6107 to make your reservations.

If you would like to volunteer to drive the van, they are always looking for people.

FEBRUARY



Communications

Notice: Cal-Am will be communicating information to the residents via texts. Would you like to receive text messages? Just go into Rent Café and edit your profile and select text messaging. (no texting and driving please). If you need help setting this up please contact Katy at the office or Tammy Blaisse, we will be happy to help you.

HOA will continue to use Robo call.

SIGN UP FOR IITS ROBOCALL TO STAY INFORMED

Cal-Am has a new way of communicating information to the residents. Would you like to receive text messages? Just go into Rent Café and edit your profile and select text messaging. (no texting and driving please)



HOA will continue to use Robo call.

The phone messaging service is used to:

- Remind residents of HOA meetings
- Announce/Remind/Poll activities and events
- Communicate information to specific groups (Bocce, Shuffleboard, etc.)
- Announce safety concerns in the community and surrounding area
- Other uses approved by the IITS HOA Board of Directors.

Please provide your information to Tammy Blaisse at 580-301-4828 or at tammy.blaisse@yahoo.com. Your information will be used strictly for this messaging service and will not be shared with anyone else.

Lot # _____ Telephone Number _____
Name(s) _____





13 ★ 9

Mobile Home
2nd
Generation
Specialist

Quality Workmanship Honest Pricing

- Vapor / Moisture Barrier
- Underhome Encapsulated Insulation
- Hurricane Tie-Down Anchors **10 Yrs Exp.**



We Keep rodents, snakes, spiders, bugs, mold, mildew, and damaging moisture out of your home!



LIC. # IH-1110636
INSURED
FAMILY OPERATED
FL State General
Contractor Lic. # 1531303

Office Location:
12355 62nd St N
Unit B
Largo, FL 33773



**ESTIMATES &
SMILES ALWAYS FREE**

(800) 377-7885 or (727) 282-2045

Better Hearing Makes Every Day Better

Your hearing matters. Hearing care is not only important for your ears, but also for your overall health and well-being

Only a licensed hearing care professional has the technology and expertise to:

- Diagnose your specific type of hearing loss
- Guide you throughout your journey to better hearing
- Identify the best hearing aid options for you, if needed

DEMO
The Latest
Hearing
Technology



**Call Today! Schedule
Your FREE Hearing Screening**

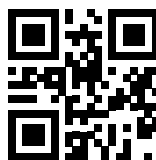
727-584-9696

MedRx[®]

HEARING CENTER

medrxhearingcenter.com

*MedRx Hearing Center is not in-network with Humana.
We accept most other insurance plans!*



hover over code
with your smartphone
camera to call us

1200 Starkey Rd, #105B, Largo, FL 33771

Amanda Kluzynski, Au.D.

CCC-A, ABAC, F-AAA
Board Certified
Doctor of Audiology



Lake Seminole Square

Want to live the easy & good life?
Come see what we're all about!

- Independent senior living
- Cruise ship style amenities
- Waterfront with no evacuation
- All levels of care

Call, click or attend!

727-392-3932

LakeSeminoleSeniorLiving.com
3rd Tuesday Lunch & Learn

**DAILY TOURS
AVAILABLE!**

8333 Seminole Blvd
Seminole FL 33772

Managed by Life Care Services 

HILA
DENTAL

GENERAL & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

**CLEARWATER'S HIDDEN GEM:
WHERE DENTISTRY MEETS HOSPITALITY**



Dr. Virginia M. Melmed

**WE ACCEPT MOST
MEDICARE
ADVANTAGE PLANS**

727-443-7353
1243 LAKEVIEW RD CLEARWATER, FL 33756

MOBILE HOME WASHING

Protect Your Health!
Eliminates Mold & Mildew

\$85⁰⁰ Awnings, Carports
& Screen Rooms
Included

Cleaning also available for...
• Driveways • Patios • Walks

Ron Wyngarden INSURED



587-0876



Recipe Row

This is an easy cake that's perfect for Valentine's Day. The recipe also includes directions for a great icing recipe. My family makes this every Valentine's Day, and it's a favorite!

Easy Valentine's Day Cake

Ingredients

Cake:

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract (Optional)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk

Icing:

- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8-inch square pan and an 8-inch round pan.
2. Make the cake: Beat sugar and butter in a bowl with an electric mixer until creamy and smooth. Mix in eggs, vanilla, and almond extract. Stir in baking powder and baking soda until just combined.
3. Stir in 1 cup flour until just combined, then mix in 2/3 cup milk until well combined. Continue adding 1 cup flour and 2/3 cup milk, alternating until all flour and milk are used and batter is smooth. Pour batter into the prepared pans.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of each cake comes out clean, 30 to 40 minutes. Cool cakes completely before removing from pans, at least 2 hours.
5. Make the icing: Beat confectioners' sugar, butter, and vanilla in a bowl with an electric mixer until fluffy and smooth.
6. Remove cakes from the pans. Place the square cake onto a work surface so it resembles a diamond. Cut the round cake in half; place one half adjacent to the top left side of the diamond and the other half adjacent to the top right side, creating a heart-shaped cake. Spread icing over the assembled cake.

ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR AUTO INSURANCE?

Coverages:

Bodily Injury\$100,000 Each Pers./ \$300,000 Ea. Occur.
 Property Damage\$100,000 Each Occur.
 Uninsured Motorist\$100,000 Each Pers./ \$300,000 Ea. Occur.
 Pers. Injury Prot.....\$10,000 Ea. Person, Wage Loss Excluded
 Medical Payments.....\$5,000 Each Person
 ComprehensiveACV - \$500 Deductible
 CollisionACV - \$500 Deductible
 Road Trouble Serv.All Reasonable Costs
 Additional Exp.....\$40 Per Day / \$1,200 Each Occurrence

Annual Paid In Full Premium.....\$1,652.92*



We Also Offer Mobile Home Insurance

Quote Details: -67 married male, vehicle driven for pleasure use, superior credit, 5 year clean driving record on all licensed household operators -2022 Ford Edge, garaged in Pinellas County zip code 33771, equipped with Air-Bags, ABS and Anti-Theft device

*NOTICE: Acceptability of all proposed applicants subject to underwriting approval, premium rates are subject to change. Rates will vary based on age of operator, driving record, credit history, garaging address and type of vehicle.

O & E Wilson Insurance Inc.
41 ★ 727-535-0524 20

SCAM ! ALERT



Romance Scams

www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes

Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- **Be careful what you post** and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- **Research the person's photo and profile** using online searches to see if the **image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.**
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual **seems too perfect** or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual **promises to meet in person** but then **always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't.** If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
- **Never send money to anyone you have only communicated with online or by phone.**

ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission

IT'S TERMITE SEASON! IS YOUR HOME PROTECTED?

FL TERMITE & PEST EXPERTS

Family Owned
& Operated



Serving Tampa Bay
Since 1993

31
★
19

Veteran Discount ★ Senior Discount

(727) 785-2552



PRICE MATCH

**★★★★★
GUARANTEE**

*Terms & Conditions Apply

- Tentless Termite Treatments
- Termite Bait Systems
- Rodent Service & Proofing
- Customized Pest Control Plans

Call now for a FREE estimate!

Visit us at FLPestExperts.com

LOOKED UNDER YOUR MOBILE HOME LATELY?

Flood Damage???
We can HELP!!!



BEFORE



AFTER

**OVER 10,000
VAPOR BARRIERS
INSTALLED!**

Insist on 8 Ft.
Wide Vapor
Barrier for a
Seamless Fit!



WE CAN FIX YOUR SOFT FLOORS!

WE ALSO SPECIALIZE IN MOBILE HOME FLOORING REPAIRS, AND LAMINATE FLOORING.



**STATE CERTIFIED GENERAL
CONTRACTOR**

#004138

**STATE CERTIFIED
MOBILE HOME INSTALLER**

#IH/102549/1

ESTIMATES ALWAYS FREE

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

727.237.6772

800.681.3772



SALE

**The Tarpon 2025
2 Bed/2 Bath**

**SAVE \$3,375 on select
package options**

Expires March 31st, 2025.

*Sale is only valid for new models
based off The Tarpon 2025.

Scan for
Virtual
Tours of
all models



www.MyJacobsenHomes.com

Schedule a Tour to Our Sales & Model Center



**6030 Ulmerton Road
Clearwater, FL 33760**

(1/4 mile East of US-19)



**JACOBSEN
HOMES**

(727) 535-5262

WE ARE FLORIDA'S #1 RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES PARTNER!



Senior Discounts You Probably Don't Know About, But Should Retail Discounts!! New ones are **bolded below**.

Check local stores to be sure they participate.

1. Amazon Prime - Amazon offers up to 50% off a monthly Prime membership for seniors who receive government assistance, including Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
2. Kohl's 15% every Wednesday. Senior Day
3. Bealls – 10% Tuesdays. Senior Day.
4. TJMaxx – 10% Mondays Senior Day
5. Ross – 10% Tuesday Senior Day
6. Walgreens - The first Tuesday of every month is Senior Day at Walgreens. Customers 55 and up who are enrolled in the MyWalgreens rewards program can get up to 20% off their purchase, which includes everything from toiletries to snacks. The discount is also available for online shoppers, and it usually lasts for the first week of every month.
7. Joann Fabrics – 20% one day per month. Call the local store 727-787-2088.
8. JC Penney - Join the rewards program! get a 30% off JCPenney coupon for your first order, plus you earn rewards for great deals on every purchase.
9. Michaels - Get your craft on at Michaels, where anyone over 55 can receive 10% off their purchase every day. Bonus: The discount includes sale items. Make sure to register to get your discount, which can be used in store and online.
10. Pep Boys - Car trouble can be a huge pain. Luckily, AARP reported that Pep Boys customers 55 and older can get 10% off their in-store purchase, which can help alleviate the cost of getting your vehicle in tip-top shape.
11. Sam's Club wants to give back to seniors, 50 years or older by offering seniors a special membership offer. Qualified seniors who join Sam's Club online as a new member will receive a 60% discount on a Club membership or \$50 off a Sam's Club Plus membership. Join as a Plus member and get free Curbside Pickup, free Delivery from Club on eligible orders of \$50 or more, free shipping on eligible orders of \$50 or more and early shopping at select locations.

Healthy eating Needs of People Ages 60+

Resident recommended locally owned restaurants.
Let's spend our money with the locals.



F E B R U A R Y

Did You Know?

Groundhog Day is actually based on a German superstition? Instead of a groundhog, Germany uses a badger.

Americans spend over 18 billion dollars every year on Valentine's Day!

February is the most commonly misspelled word in the English language.



AND... Your community receives this newsletter for **FREE because of these business sponsors!**



727-484-7488
220 Bahama St.
Venice, FL 34285
f @monthlymedia

When searching for home services, health care providers, insurance, and almost anything else... Reference your newsletter first!

These businesses choose to support your community newsletter, please let them know you appreciate them!

EXPERTS IN MANUFACTURED HOME REPAIRS!



**Remodeling & Renovations
We do it ALL, just CALL!**

SENIOR & MILITARY DISCOUNTS!



VeteransMHS.com 800.484.9421



Fully Licensed, Bonded, and Insured

STATE LICENSED MOBILE HOME INSTALLER # IH-1144505
CERTIFIED GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE # CGC1535315



SERVICES DIRECTORY

AIR CONDITIONING SALES/SERVICE

Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc. 727-586-6969
E & E Gliddon, Inc. 727-546-4343
Modern A/C Service Co. 727-541-5541

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

Lake Seminole Square 727-392-3932

ATTORNEY

Law Offices of Paul Herzfeld. 727-587-0009

AUTO BUY/SELL

Bill Your Car Guy. 727-729-2322
Stingrays Inc (CASH NOW) 727-798-2921

AWNINGS

Bay Area Aluminum Services, Inc. 727-585-4442
Century Awnings Co. 727-559-8811

BLINDS & DRAPERIES

Rod Runners 727-394-9534

CARPET CLEANING

Doll Brothers Carpet/Upholstery Clnrs. 727-596-2249

DERMATOLOGIST

Florida Dermatology & Skin Cancer 727-548-9196

DENTIST

Hila Dental - Dr. Virginia M. Melmed. 727-443-7353

DOCTOR - INTERNAL MEDICINE

Suncoast Family Medical Assoc. 727-588-9572

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Boss Electric Corp. 727-791-1308
Haseney Electrical Services, Inc. 727-441-8434
Palm Harbor & Dunedin Electric 727-773-1622

ESTATE SALES

BNG Treasures 727-484-0146

FLOOR REPAIR

Flatworks. 727-431-6875
Florida Anchor & Barrier Co. 727-237-6772
Perfect Repair & Construction, Inc 727-539-0852

FURNITURE & MATTRESS

AJ's Beds & Furniture 727-588-0406

INSURANCE: AUTO & MOBILE HOME

O. E. Wilson 727-535-0524

INSURANCE: HEALTH

Dawn-Rae Crutchfield 727-499-8461

HANDYMAN

1st Class Handyman Services 727-532-0709
Ron's Handyman Services. 727-657-2491

HEARING AIDS

MedRx Hearing Center 727-584-9696

HOME HEALTH CARE

Bayada Home Health Care 727-450-0767

KITCHEN CABINET REFACING

Swailes Re-Face It, LLC 727-804-1689

MANUFACTURED HOME SALES/NEW

Citrus Homes/Meadowood Homes 727-535-5262

MOBILE HOME SKIRTING

Atlas Mobile Home Services 727-515-0511
Mesh Guard LLC. 727-678-6569

MOBILE HOME SUPPLIES - RETAIL

Mobile Home Depot, Inc. 727-535-1100

MOBILE HOME WASH/WAX

Royal Enterprises. 727-394-7351
Wynyarden Mobile Home Wash 727-587-0876

MOBILE HOME WINDOW FILM

Royal Enterprises. 727-394-7351

PAINTING/INSIDE & OUTSIDE

Payless Painting Services 727-470-5876

PEST CONTROL

Buggin Out Termite & Pest Control 727-535-2629
Coby's Tentless Termite & Pest 727-462-0400
FL Termite & Pest Experts 727-785-2552

PLUMBING SERVICE

Denny's Plumbing, Inc. 727-530-1391
Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc. 727-799-0287
Largo Plumbing Co 727-596-0525

REMODELING/INTERIOR

Veterans Mobile Home Services. 727-435-0747

ROOF REPLACEMENT

All Weather Roofing. 1-800-297-3758
AMS Advanced MH Systems 727-471-0820
Community Roofing of Florida, Inc 727-536-9999

ROOM ADDITIONS

ASC Aluminum Specialty Contr. 727-547-8300
Bay Area Aluminum Services, Inc. 727-585-4442
Keenan Construction 727-455-0778

TIE DOWNS/MOBILE HOMES

Atlas Mobile Home Services 727-515-0511
Florida Anchor & Barrier Co. 727-237-6772
Underhome Armor. 727-282-2045

TRAVEL/TOURS

Travel Is Fun 727-347-1600

VAPOR BARRIER

Florida Anchor & Barrier Co. 727-330-7821
Precision Vapor Barriers 727-237-6772
Underhome Armor. 727-282-2045

VINYL SIDING

AMS Advanced MH Systems 727-471-0820
ASC Aluminum Specialty Contr. 727-547-8300
Mitchell Siding 727-586-6315

WINDOW REPLACEMENT

AMS Advanced MH Systems 727-471-0820
ASC Aluminum Specialty Contr. 727-547-8300

HURRICANE ANCHORS LEVELING & BLOCKING

- Add Anchors • Carport Strapping
- Longitudinal Stabilizing
- Replace Rusted Anchors
- Retro-fit to Current State Standards



16



16



Insured • Bonded
State Lic. IH/102459/1

727-237-6772

FLORIDA ANCHOR AND BARRIER COMPANY



BAY AREA ALUMINUM SERVICES, INC.

Since 1972

• Lic. # C2399 • Lic. # C6060

ROOM ADDITIONS

- Carports • Awnings
- Acrylic, Glass & Screen Enclosures
- And More! •

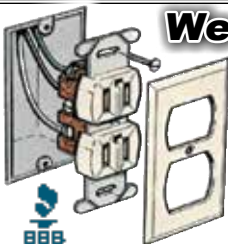
FREE ESTIMATES

727-585-4442

12350 Belcher Road • Bldg. #5-K • Largo

53 ★ • Bonded • Insured • Licensed • Free Estimates 43

BOSS ELECTRIC



**We Specialize in
MOBILE
HOMES**

**EMERGENCY
SERVICE AVAILABLE**

- Family Owned & Operated
- Surge Protection
- Ceiling Fan Wiring
- Panel Upgrade & Repair

FREE ESTIMATES

791-1308

Senior & Military DISCOUNTS

www.bosselectriccorp.com

22



Lic. EC13005634
Bonded & Insured

15

FEBRUARY • 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 6:30 pm Poker	3 1 pm Dominoes 6:30 pm Pickleball	1 pm F 6:30 pm
Groundhog Day		7 pm H
9 6:30 pm Poker	10 1 pm Dominoes 6:30 pm Pickleball 7 pm Bingo	1 pm F 6:30 pm
16 6:30 pm Poker	17 1 pm Dominoes 6:30 pm Pickleball	1 pm F 6:30 pm
	President's Day	7 pm L
23 6:30 pm Poker	24 1 pm Dominoes 6:30 pm Pickleball 7 pm Bingo	1 pm F 6:30 pm

Island in the Sun

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1
4 Rummikub m Pickleball HOA Mtg	5 10 am Yoga 6:30 pm Poker	6	7 1 pm Shuffleboard 5 pm Chit Chat 6:30 pm Poker	8
11 Rummikub m Pickleball	12 10 am Yoga 6:30 pm Poker Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 1 pm Shuffleboard 5 pm Chit Chat 6:30 pm Poker Valentine's Day	15 HOA Event
18 Rummikub m Pickleball .,R, C	19 10 am Yoga 6:30 pm Poker	20	21 1 pm Shuffleboard 5 pm Chit Chat 6:30 pm Poker	22 9 am Activities Mtg Washington's Birthday
25 Rummikub m Pickleball	26 10 am Yoga 6:30 pm Poker	27	28 1 pm Shuffleboard 5 pm Chit Chat 6:30 pm Poker	



PLUMBING SERVICES

Specializing in Mobile Homes for Over 53 Years!

**Water Heaters • Toilets • Drain Clogs • Leaks
Sinks • Faucets • Disposals • RePipes**

727-799-0287

www.jonesandsons-plumbing.com

Small Company = Lower Overhead = Lower Prices!

53 ★ 19

ROYAL "We Keep Your Castle Clean"

MOBILE HOME WASH N' WAX

- Apply Soap to exterior
- Hand brush mobile home
- Then light power rinse thoroughly
- No High Pressure
- No Bleach • No Chlorine



\$95⁰⁰

Any Size
Mobile Home

394-7351

27

★

27

Owner Operated - Over 25 Years Exp. • Licensed & Insured



Available Services

- Inside, Outside & Underneath
- Drywood & Subterranean Termite Treatments
- Flea, Tick, & Mosquito Control
- Rodent Control
- Bee Removal

24

★

24

Starting At:

Household Pest Control* \$35 every 2 months

* Does not cover all services



Licensed • Insured

727-535-2629

**PALM HARBOR
& DUNEDIN
ELECTRIC**
COMPANY INC.

SPECIALIZING IN SERVICE

- ◆ 35 Years Experience
- ◆ Licensed & Insured
- ◆ Free Estimates



37

★



State Lic.
EC13002291



32

www.dunedinelectric.com

773-1622

58

★

3



BILL is
YOUR CAR GUY!
SINCE 1966

ARE YOU SELLING YOUR VEHICLE?

- * Nobody pays more than BILL...**NOBODY!**
- * No Gimmicks - I'm a **SENIOR LIKE YOU**
- * **NEVER** Leave Home - I come to **YOU**
- * Tested Weekly For COVID-19
- * Free Appraisal - No Obligation
- * Any Year, Make, Model, Mileage
- * Get Paid Today: Cash or Bank Check

Free Removal of Junk Vehicles

Available 7 days a week

Call or email for an appointment:

727-729-2322

billyourcarguy@gmail.com

More Info: www.BillYourCarGuy.com

Flood Damage??? We can HELP!!!

LOOKED UNDER YOUR MOBILE HOME LATELY?

**Insulation Under Your Home Falling Down?
Holes and Tears in Your
Vapor /Moisture Barrier?**



**Photographs
Taken of
Damaged Areas**



Insulation and Vapor Barrier Repairs



Licensed by the
State of Florida
#IH/102549/1



- **Lifetime Vapor Barrier** • **Guaranteed for Life**
- Prevent Soft Floors • Keep Mold, Mildew, Rats, Snakes, Spiders, Ants, Roaches and Moisture OUT of Your House! • Lower Your Electric Bills

FREE ESTIMATES

727-237-6772
Toll Free - 800-681-3772

**MILITARY
& SENIOR
DISCOUNTS**

**Family Owned
& Operated**

- Insured • Bonded • Workman's Compensation Insurance
- Member: National Association of Mold Professionals

FLORIDA ANCHOR AND BARRIER COMPANY

16 ★ 11590 U.S. Highway 19 North • Clearwater • FL 33764

16

MOBILE HOME DEPOT

YOUR MOBILE HOME PARTS WAREHOUSE!

• Mobile Home Supplies • RV Accessories • Aluminum Products

32 ★ **Do It Yourself & Save!** **19**

• Largo - 13777 66th Street North • **535-1100**

• New Port Richey - 7118 U.S. Hwy. 19 • **849-4900**



Store Hours: M - F 8-5 • Sat. 9-3
www.mobilehomedepot.net

Largo **70** ★ **27**

FL State Lic. #RF11067210

PLUMBING

596-0525



Mobile Home Repairs



AIR MASTERS

of Pinellas, Inc.

• A Name Worth Repeating •

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

Comfortmaker

Air Conditioning & Heating

MOBILE HOME SPECIAL \$4595⁰⁰

3 Ton Package Unit

* 14 Seer * 10kw Heat Strip

* New Digital Thermostat

* **10 Year Limited Warranty On All Parts**

Savings Available on Other Sizes.

Call for Free Estimate

Incl. Tax

1562-D South Missouri Avenue • Clearwater

Lic. # CAC 1814176



727

586-6969



34

★

33

For Advertising Info Call or email:

727-484-7488

sales@monthly-media.com



Monthly Media
220 Bahama St.
Venice, FL 34285

TRAVEL IS FUN TOURS

(727)347-1600

www.tiftours.com



AMELIA ISLAND & FERNANDINA BCH FEB. 10, 3 DAY

2 nts. Hampton Inn Harbor Front with hot breakfast included each morning, Guided Historic tour, Cumberland Coastal Boat Tour near Cumberland Island (we may see the Wild Horses), enjoy this quaint town with great shopping, dining & more within reasonable walking distance at your leisure!

COST: \$489 per person double or \$639 single

BLOSSOMS OF THE SOUTH & Historic Macon MARCH 26, 5 DAY

INCLUDES: 8 Meals (4B, 4D), 2 night stay at Hilton Garden Inn in Macon during the Cherry Blossom Festival with 100 times more Cherry Blossom trees than Washington DC, with guided tour and dinner visit to the Hay House, Two Drury Inn Nights, Drury Atlanta Airport & Drury Valdosta GA. Each area we visit will be in full bloom with flowers indigenous to that region. Plus, a day at the Georgia Aquarium & World of Coca Cola & much more!

COST: \$1099 per person double or \$1429 single

PLUS Lots More on our Website or call for a list!

JOIN US AT OUR TRAVEL CLUB MEETINGS!!!

WEDNESDAY, 2/12/25, No reservations needed

At Freedom Square or Super Buffet and on Youtube

Prizes, Fun & Tour News. Call for details.



45

Also Cruises & Year Round Day Trips! - Call for full brochures!
Registered State of FL as Seller of Travel #ST12255

8



Living in an alternate universe

Rusty Leslie

I am currently living at a friend's house here in Knoxville and expect to be here for a few more weeks. It is so strange being back in the city I used to live in and in mid-winter. What was I thinking? I am truly living in an alternate universe right now.

I originally planned to fly up for a family Christmas but that changed when I realized that my grandsons needed help at the store they opened recently. So I packed up the car instead and headed North.

I now find myself with a part time job, interesting after all these years in retirement with my time my own to do with as I please. I work Monday through Wednesdays from 12 to 6pm and enjoy it other than the drive home in the dark on these twisty turny roads. Fortunately most of my drive is via interstate so not as bad as it could be.

I lived here for 16 years, and it is somewhat confusing as half of me is still in Florida and the rest of me is here in Knoxville. I keep wanting to go to Sprouts but that does not exist here. I am living out in the country, five miles from the nearest stores except for the gas station only 3 miles down the road. That is not unusual here in Knoxville as the city was built on an east west corridor along I40. When you head north or south from there you are out in the country in five minutes. The countryside is full of small two-lane roads with big ditches and lots of twists and turns and ups and downs sometimes very steep hills.

I hate the steep hills as I have a high profile SUV and when I get to the top, I cannot see the other side and have to trust that the road continues straight in the direction I am going. I always breathe a sigh of relief when it is there, and I am still on the road and not in a ditch. I love my SUV and love driving it except here on these tiny narrow roads where my vehicle is suddenly 10 feet wide and the road only 8 ft. lol

I am enjoying meeting old friends for lunch. A lovely way to spend a few hours and rekindling our friendships in person but I do miss the sunshine and my village back home. I have bought extra sweaters here and am contemplating a warmer coat with these frigid temperatures. Boots are out of the question as it is so hard to find boots that I can actually get my foot into with my extremely high arch. I forgot to bring the boots I finally found when I used to live here which were the only pair that worked after going to every possible shoe store in the mall. I did not think this out too well.

I am hoping to go dancing at some of our old haunts before I come home. We used to go dancing a lot here. I want to go to the Old Mill in Gatlinburg for lunch one day, a favorite place with a wonderful atmosphere, stairs worn down by a thousand feet and the best corn chowder I have ever had. The Smoky Mountains are also on my agenda if the weather will cooperate at some point. I am loving visiting my favorite thrift stores here and favorite restaurants too.

It is fun being back here as long as I know I can come home. I am relearning the road and interstates and where all my favorite things are. It is a blessing being close to family and spending time together. A fun adventure in this alternate universe. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Hugs and waves from the freezing north.



Ocean and Iron

We are full of ocean and iron,
From pre-Cambrian seas.
I navigate your meridians,
The currents of your heart,
By the stars in your eyes.
Your precious shores
And archipelagos
Are my ports of call,
Exotic as moons.
Restless, content, yet never alone,
Your private Magellan
I am forever.
Kenn Brody



February Fun Facts

February

February fluctuates between 28 and 29 days per year. The 29th day only occurs every 4 years during leap years.

The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar.

If you were born in February, your birthstone is an amethyst, and your flowers are violets and primroses.

The western zodiac signs in February are Aquarius which is until February 19th, and Pisces, which is until February 20th.

Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days.

In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. Between the North and South Hemispheres, February is the equivalent of August.

The name of February comes from the Latin word “februum,” which means purification.

February was named after a purification ritual which was like an early Roman spring cleaning festival.

In Welsh, February is sometimes known as “y mis bach,” which means “little month.”

February and January were the last months added to the Roman numeral calendar.

The Saxons called February “Sol-monath” which means “cake month,” because they would offer cakes to the gods during February.

Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word “February” before in a press release!

February is the only month where it’s possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

February has been Black History Month for over 40 years.

continued on page 31

Need affordable Medicare that's in step with your life?

Choosing the right Medicare coverage can be confusing.

I can help you find a plan that's right for YOU and YOUR BUDGET.



**health
markets**

Dawn-Rae Crutchfield
Licensed Insurance Agent



12 ★ 4

Call today for personalized service! 727-499-8461

HealthMarkets Insurance Agency Inc. is licensed as an insurance agency in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Not all agents are licensed to sell all products. Service and product availability varies by state. Sales agents may be compensated based on enrollment. No obligation to enroll. HMIA008253 5-2020

WINDOWS - DOORS - VINYL SIDING

LIC #
C-11631
SP-00005

ASC
ALUMINUM

Quality isn't expensive ~ it's priceless!

Aluminum specialty contractors, Inc
7420 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park FL 33781

TRANSFORM YOUR HOME

36

WITH STUNNING



NEW WINDOWS

32



Philippians 4:13

PINELLAS COUNTY
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
PASCO COUNTY



www.ascaluminum.com



[ascaluminum](https://www.facebook.com/ascaluminum)



[@ascaluminum](https://www.instagram.com/ascaluminum)

ASK about financing

Financing



Other Services:

- Awnings
- Shutters
- Screen Rooms
- Sunrooms
- Roofovers
- Carports

FREE

ESTIMATE

727-547-8300

VINYL SIDING

Complete Mobile Home Service

*"Workmanship
Makes the Difference"*

by **Mitchell**
Siding INCORPORATED

**Top Quality
Work At
Low Prices**

Licensed & Insured
Aluminum Contractor • PCCLB #C-7812



586-6315

Carpet Dry Cleaning

Furniture Cleaning
Leather Furniture Cleaning

Family Owned & Operated Since 1964
A family tradition for 3 Generations

**Trustworthy
Guaranteed
Workmanship**

We will Provide the Best
Possible Cleaning Experience
that you Ever had!

★★★★★
OVER 600 Customer Reviews
Google, Facebook, BBB, Angies List



Doll Bros
FAMILY OWNED
- 1964

727-596-2249
www.dollbros.com

Ron's HANDYMAN SERVICES

Odd Jobs • Home Projects • Installations
Licensed & Insured



727-657-2491

WANTED! We Buy!

Antique, Estate & Fine Jewelry
All Watches, Coins & Collections
Sterling Silver, Flatware & Vertu
Gold, Diamonds, Gems & Pearls
Antiques, Collectibles & Fine Arts

Free Appraisals - Expert Evaluations - Top \$\$\$ Paid

WE COME TO YOU! - (727) 484-0146

Visit Us Online @ www.bngtreasures.com
Shop / Studio - 1115 Ponce de'Leon Blvd. Clearwater, FL 33756

PAYLESS PAINTING SERVICES

Free Estimate C8369

727-470-5876

16 ★ 15



ROYAL "We Keep Your Castle Clean"

**SHATTERPROOF
YOUR WINDOWS**

**SOLAR
FILM**

27 ★ • Heat Reflection
• Old Film Removal
& Replacement

27

394-7351
FREE ESTIMATES

Owner Operated - Over 25 Years Exp. • Licensed & Insured
Ask About Our Other Cleaning Services



The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a “leaper” or “leapling.”

Unless it’s a leap year, February, March, and November start on the same day of the week as each other.

It was in February 1964 when The Beatles made their first American television appearance on the “Ed Sullivan Show.” Over 73 million Americans watched!

There are many U.S. states that entered the Union during the month of February. These include Massachusetts, Oregon, Arizona, and Mississippi, which were readmitted.

Sadly, on February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle “Columbia” broke apart in flight, which killed all seven crew members. The accident was believed to be a result of damage that occurred during lift-off. The tragedy occurred only 16 minutes before the shuttle was scheduled to land.

On February 2, 1848, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended their war. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million in exchange for California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.

So now you know, February isn’t all about Valentine’s Day.

This month is also about purification. It’s a month to prepare for spring: bringing the promise of longer days in the Northern hemisphere.

It’s also the only month that can go without having a full moon.

The Healing Power of Gratitude

source AARP

Gratitude is perhaps the most important key to finding success and happiness in the modern day. Knowing what we appreciate in life means knowing who we are, what matters to us and what makes each day worthwhile.

Paying attention to what we feel grateful for puts us in a positive frame of mind. It connects us to the world around us and to ourselves. Research demonstrates that focusing on what we are grateful for is a universally rewarding way to feel happier and more fulfilled.

As an important mental health principle, the benefits of gratitude extend far beyond what we may imagine. Scientific studies have found that gratitude is associated with:

- Greater happiness
- More optimism and positive emotions
- New and lasting relationships
- Better health
- More progress toward personal goals
- Fewer aches and pains
- More alertness and determination
- Increased generosity and empathy
- Better sleep
- Improved self-esteem



TIME TO SAVE MONEY

By Kenn Brody, 2024

Dorothea O'Connor worked as a cashier for a big box store in Greater Boston. She got paid \$20.25 per hour, which would not have been enough to make ends meet even if her manager did not twiddle her hours to make sure she never got a full work week. Closing time, she spread out her coins for a final count, but she was really looking for old coins, those minted before 1921. She pocketed those and replaced them with her own money. She never stole. Her register is always balanced.

She finished in time to catch the Forest Hills train to Jamaica Plain, where her grandparents had built a gabled home with a large porch that wrapped around three sides. She frowned at the weeds, at last year's leaf piles. But it was hers, having passed through three generations. Lights shone through the glass paneled front door. She threw her coat on the hall hook and her bag of coins on the coffee table in the living room. Her oldest, Marcy, 14, was studying and/or watching TV. Little Evan, age 4, was driving his Tonka truck along the wooden floor bordering the old rug, making engine noises. That left the middle girl, Beth. Dorothea found her upstairs in her room, reading and listening to something through pink earphones. She petted her hair, kissed her on her forehead. So far, so good. No mayhem, no injuries, no screaming arguments. She sighed. Wished it was that way every day.

"Beth, time for supper. Wash up and come downstairs."

Down the stairs, she yelled, "Marcy, Evan, suppertime. In the kitchen."

The kids showed up at about the time the mac and cheese were ready. She doled the sticky stuff into three bowls, making sure that little Evan had his special kiddy spoon. None for herself. Food was expensive. She would eat whatever the kids left over. There was a pitcher of cold milk. Evan had a milk moustache. She wiped his face clean.

Dorothea put the dishes in the sink, opened the cabinets where she stored food, frowned. Opened the refrigerator and scowled. They were out of things the kids would eat. They were out of nearly everything. Food was just so expensive nowadays! There was no way she could make ends meet. In the mail was a real estate tax bill, which was higher every year.

Next day, on her break, she went to the computer sales department and did a few Google searches. Just how expensive was food today? The answers were fascinating. The Consumer Price index started in 1913. Flat at about 25 until 1940. It rose, like an impending flood over low ground, year by year. By 1970 it was steep. By Dorothea's time it was a vertical cliff at 350.

She sighed. She knew what she had to do, but it would have to wait until the kids were asleep. She washed dishes, swept the floors, gritting her teeth. This was something she swore she would never do. Her mother and her gramma warned her about it. She picked up the real estate tax bill and swallowed the lump in her throat. If she paid it they would not have food. Twice she went to the cellar door. Twice she stopped in her tracks, turned and walked away. The third time she turned the key and the knob. The door opened like any door. She pulled the chain on the ancient light fixture and was surprised to see the light come on. The stairs, of course, creaked. The cellar floor was concrete, the walls were plastered cement over bricks. Planks covered the old coal scuttle at the far end. She pried off the boards, one by one. The nails made a screeching sound as they pulled out of the dry wood. She flung them aside, working up a sweat.

...continued on page 35

AJ's Beds & Furniture

BUY • SELL • TRADE

New & Used Furniture

Furnishings for the Whole Home!



- Over 10,000 Square Feet
- Dining • Living Room
- Bedroom • TV's
- Lamps • Pictures
- Plants • Rugs

Complete Line of New Golden Mattresses
"You'll Love Our Service - Family Owned"

12950 Starkey Road • Largo

20



588-0406

18

1st CLASS Handyman Service

Specializing In Mobile Homes

8

Licensed & Insured
#C-9146

20



FREE ESTIMATES!

Licensed Finish Carpenter
Misc. Repairs • Home Projects
& All Other Handyman Services

727-532-0709

jhandymanservice@aol.com



Are your Hurricane Anchors Rusted Out or Loose?

Toll Free: 1-(800) 429-5015

Licensed | Bonded | Insured | IH/1148437



ATLAS

Hurricane Anchors
Longitudinal Systems
Retrofits & Maintenance
Leveling

CALL US TODAY
FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

(727) 515-0511

www.AtlasMobileHome.com

State Licensed Mobile Home Installer

MASTER ELECTRICIAN

John Haseney

Haseney Electrical Services, Inc.

36 Years Pinellas County

• License #EC 13001677



441-8434

35 ★ 15



**10%
DISCOUNT**
1st Service
Call



UNDERHOME ARMOR

**TIE DOWNS
&
ANCHORING**

- Anchors and Strapping
- Re-fit to Current Code
- Longitudinal Stabilizing

9

★

13

LIC. # IH-1110636
FL State General Contractor Lic. #1531303

10 Yrs Exp.

(800) 377-7885 or (727) 282-2045

FLOOR REPAIR

MOBILE HOME SPECIALIST

- Any kind of damage to any kind of floor system.
- Small areas or whole homes.
- Replacement or deckover.

**Ask About Our
Other Services**

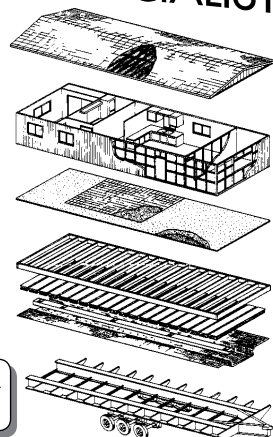
**OWNER OPERATOR
NO SUB-CONTRACTORS**

Perfect Repair & Construction, Inc.

33 ★ State Certified Building Contractor 28

FREE ESTIMATES • 539-0852

Licensed and Insured • State License # CBC050061



530-1391

35



Denny Ryder • Master Plumber • License CFC1426510

35

- Water Softeners - Natural Gas Work
- Water Heaters • Faucets • Sinks • Toilets
- Disposals • Sewer & Drain Cleaning

MOBILE HOME SPECIALISTS

ROD RUNNERS, INC.

Custom Window Fashions & Interiors

7671 Starkey Road • Seminole

Visit our showroom or call
today for an appointment

394-9534



- Blinds • Shades
 - Shutters • Drapes
 - Valances • Sheers
 - Factory Direct Vertical Blinds
 - Bedding and More
- ALWAYS ON SALE!**

FREE In-Home Estimates



42



WWW.RODRUNNERSINC.COM

MONTHLY MEDIA DISCOUNT 10% OFF Orders Over \$200.00

32



Inside, like a hole into another place, was a swirl of daylight colors.

Good enough, she thought, it was still there. She went back upstairs and changed her dusty clothes into an old frock, something her gramma would wear. She hoped it was enough. She fetched a flashlight, shook it when it refused to come on, grabbed her bag of coins and two old cloth satchels.

In the light of the flashlight she read the marks Liam O'Connor had scratched into the beam of the coal shuttle, "I built this house for Maisie. October 1922. Liam O'Connor." Dorothea, three generations removed, smiled. How old Liam knew about this...thing...was something she was never told. He found it on land he owned and built the house around it.

She poked a finger into the portal. She felt nothing. "What the hell," she mouthed, shrugged her shoulders and lunged through. She emerged behind a large oak tree in a meadow.

It was a short walk along a path through the meadow. There were horses and cobblestone streets, automobiles and hand carts. Everyone wore a hat. Dorothea did not wear a hat. People stared.

The main market was in the middle of the next block. Goods were piled on tables with signs on wooden splints, pickles and fish were in barrels, milk was in glass jugs with paper disks for covers, bread was warm, the loaves heaped in pyramids.

Eggs were 35 cents a dozen. Butter 52 cents a pound. Bread, and it was good bread, 5 cents a loaf. Cuts of beef and pork were carved to order and wrapped in paper. Naked chickens hung from hooks.

Dorothea was in heaven. Why didn't she do this sooner? She filled both her satchels and spent most of her coins, less than \$6. She had food for a week! She was light as a feather. She passed a sign advertising a nice room for rent overlooking a pond, \$60 a month with references. Maybe she should move here with the kids? No, that wouldn't work. Modern medicine, education, science – and wages here would be low enough to match the prices. No, it only worked if she earned at modern rates and spent at 1921 rates.

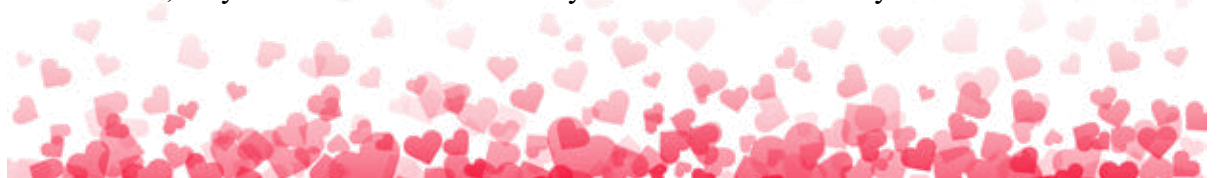
The satchels were heavy, but she would endure that, gladly. When she got back she would write a check for the damned real estate tax.

Just a few more minutes of trudging. Her arms ached. Her arches were bruised through her thin shoes over the cobblestones. The portal was just behind that huge oak, the same one that shadowed her house.

Dorothea stumbled through the portal. It was still dark in her time. The kids were still asleep. She was exhausted. She would put the meat in the refrigerator and leave the satchels on the kitchen floor. She went upstairs, flopped into bed and slept the sleep of the untroubled.

Sunlight streamed through her windows, as it did every morning, but the air was not fresh. There was a ruckus downstairs, kids screaming. She pulled on a robe and slippers and hurried downstairs. There was a stench in the kitchen. Two moldy satchels were leaking nasty fluids. The refrigerator smelled like a charnel house.

Marcy was trying to clean up. She picked up one of the milk jugs, filled with clotted murk, said "Eeewe, why is this here? The label says its over one hundred years old."





February



2			7		5			
5		7				1	2	
7	5							9
	2							
		1		7				
		2						1
			9				5	
9								8



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

Don't Replace It...

Have

Swail's

Since
1996

RE-FACE IT! LLC.

KITCHEN REFACING
50% OFF

We are a FULL SERVICE refacing company.
We can also add extra cabinets, pantries,
and so much more...

1000s of Satisfied Customers Since 1996
New Doors, Matching Laminate & Countertops
Why Pay Double • When You Can Pay Half

Roll-Out Shelves • Wine Racks • Specialty Molding • Flutes & Appliques • Islands



727-804-1689



CASH NOW

WE COME TO YOU!!

We Buy Clean Quality

Trucks, Vans, SUV's, & Cars

727-798-2921

NOBODY PAYS MORE

WeBuyNiceCars.com





**Checked under
Your Home
Recently?**

LIFETIME GUARANTEE

Toll Free: 1-(800) 429-5015



ATLAS
MOBILE HOME SERVICES

Vinyl & Wire Skirting

Leveling & Piers

Vinyl Siding

Many More Mobile Home Needs!

(727) 515-0511

Call Today for a FREE Estimate!

www.AtlasMobileHome.com

AllWeatherRoofing

Your #1 Mobile Home Roofing Company Since 1984



- **A+ Better Business Bureau Rating**
- **People's Choice Award Winner**
- **Celebrating 40 years in business**

1-800-297-3758

www.yourbestroof.com

CCC-058045 CCC-1330500

**We Offer
Financing!**

**FREE
Estimates**

Free video roof inspection

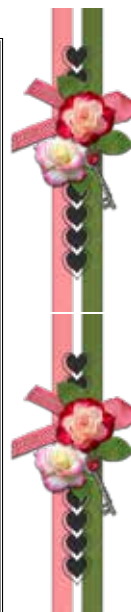
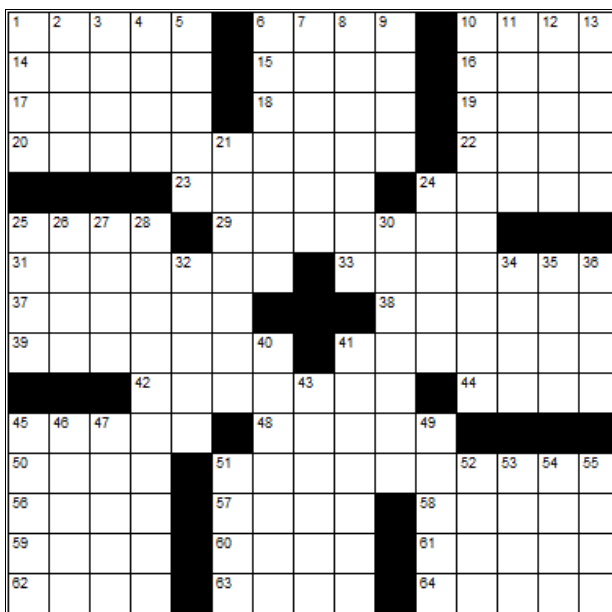
- **Energy Efficient**
- **Hurricane Rated**
- **Lifetime Warranty**





ACROSS

1. Radiolocation
6. Combines
10. Not yours
14. Lacquer ingredient
15. Highlands dagger
16. Computer symbol
17. Another time
18. African sheep
19. Fluff
20. Administration
22. Lascivious look
23. Kiss
24. Not clean
25. National symbol
29. Temporary
31. Beaming
33. Plane engine enclosure
37. Seek revenge
38. Keep in custody
39. Trigonometric function
41. Made broader
42. Intestinal
44. Overhaul
45. Ready for anything
48. Flower feature
50. Stinging insects
51. Highland native
56. Farm building
57. Border
58. Hesitate
59. Largest continent
60. Winglike
61. Expend
62. Exude
63. Colors
64. S S S



Down

1. Unit of paper
2. Seaweed
3. College bigwig
4. Dogfish
5. Finger jewelry
6. Unyielding
7. Frank
8. Intoxicated
9. Short theatrical episode
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. 9 person musical group
13. Door
21. Distinguished
24. Cut into cubes
25. Social group
26. Molten rock
27. Gulf port
28. Spicy cookie
30. Extreme
32. Go-between
34. Alley
35. Told an untruth
36. Prefix meaning "Within"
40. In a lukewarm way
41. Shrivels
43. West Indies music style
45. Old Jewish scholars
46. Rent
47. Spooky
49. Oversight
51. Noggin
52. Short sleeps
53. Member's fee
54. Slave
55. Crimsons

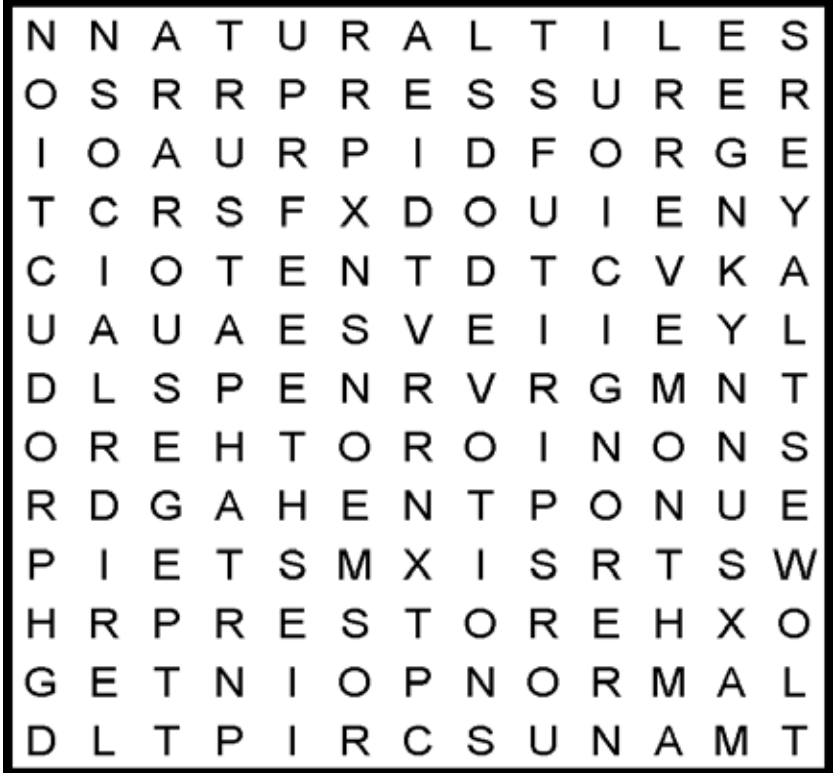


February Crossword





February Word Search



arouse

environment

ignore

other

service

cash

exist

layers

point

social

depend

forge

lowest

pressure

spirit

depth

great

manuscript

production

tent

devotion

highest

month

reduce

tiles

dire

natural

restore

trot

normal

retire

trust

riot

turn





*Protect Your Skin All Year.
Wear Sunscreen Every Day!*

Call To Schedule Your Free Skin Cancer Screening!

New Patients Only | Offer Expires 4/30/25 | Code - MM

Floridadermatology[®]
AND SKIN CANCER CENTERS

EXPERIENCE THE MOHS FELLOWSHIP DIFFERENCE

Trust is more than skin deep

www.FLDSCC.com

Belleair | 727.446.6217

609 Indian Rocks Rd., Belleair, FL 33756

Pinellas Park | 727.548.9196

6020 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, FL 33781



AVOID FLORIDA PROBATE COURT
**ATTENTION: OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS,
CANADIAN CITIZENS, AND FLORIDA RESIDENTS**

**Steps should be taken to avoid Florida
Probate Court on your Florida Home, your
Lease and your Park Share.**

Don't leave your family with a legal mess!

CALL 727-587-0009 for your
FREE CONSULTATION or if you just have questions.

**Living Trust
\$250**

Attorney Paul Herzfeld
1715 East Bay Drive, Suite C
Largo, FL 33771
email: paul@herzfeld.net
visit: noflprobate.com



**Last Will &
Testament
\$125**

EMPORIUM

10 WORDS for \$8.55 - Each additional word is 80¢
Your Ad Will Appear in 60 Mobile Home Park Newsletters
NO ADS ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR EMAIL

EVENTS & PROGRAMS	EVENTS & PROGRAMS	EVENTS & PROGRAMS
Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday Feb 1st, 8AM to 1PM- 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks, linens. Appliances, silent auction, breakfast, and lunch for purchase.	Community Carport Sales. Oak Crest MHP, 9925 Ulmerton Road, Largo and Acorn MHP, 435 16th St. SE, Largo. Saturday, 2/22, 8-1. Rain date February 23. Lunch available at the Pavilion.	White Elephant & Bake Sale, Lake Highlander Park, 1500 #1, Dunedin. Saturday 3/1/25, 8:00am-1:00pm. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, liners, jewelry, baked goods, household appliances, tools, outdoor furniture, miscellaneous. Snacks and drinks.
Carport Sale Feb. 1, 2025. East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. 8am-2pm. NO EARLY BIRDS	DORAL VILLAGE YARD SALE BIZAAR, Saturday, February 22nd, 8am -1pm, 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Glassware, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Baked Goods, Lunch, and Great Raffles and Prizes!	Regency Heights Carport Sale Friday and Saturday March 7-8. 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd. 580 Clearwater
Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Saturday, February 8th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Park-wide Yard Sale. Off of East Bay just west of Tri City Plaza, come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Dr. 16416 US Highway 19 N, Clearwater-Largo area.	Blue Jay Estates Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1, 2025. 8am to 1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available both days. Clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684	Palm Hill 2nd Annual Craft Fair. March 15, 8am-1pm. 28 Tables Inside. North Clubhouse- 8th Ave Entrance Largo
CARPOT SALE - RANCHERO VILLAGE, 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 8AM to 3 PM	2 Day Park Wide Yard Sale Friday February 28 and Saturday March 1st. 8am-1pm. La Plaza MHP 6700 150th Ave N. Clearwater. Our Semiannual Bake Sale will be located at Lot 824 for both days	FOR SALE For Sale: Genuine 1940's Fiestaware. Call Helen in Largo - 302-540-1778
Community Carport Sale Saturday February 8th. Hillcrest MHP from 8-1. Food available at the clubhouse. 2346 Druid Rd, Clearwater.	<div>March Events</div> 	WANTED TO BUY FURNITURE, good clean, pre-owned. Top dollar paid. Charles, 727-657-7021
Carport Sale: Sugar Creek. 10265 Ulmerton, Largo. Saturday, February 8, 2025. 8am-1pm		Wanted - Stamp Collections. High Prices for Good Quality. Call 709-682-9499
Community Yard Sale: Holiday Shores Park, Feb 9th and 10th. Entrances on 104th Avenue North and 106th Avenue North, Largo. 8AM to 2PM	Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar. Saturday, March 1st, 8am- 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd, Largo.	
Huge carport sale outside and inside. Browse in comfort! Furniture, art, housewares. Saturday, February 15th 8am-NOON 9790 66th St. North, Pinellas Park. Refreshments available.	Sat. March 1st, 8-12noon. Flea Market, Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, home-baking.	
Carport Sale, Saturday February 22nd 8:00 am to Noon. Golden Acres Rd Park. 1040 Main St Dunedin, Florida	Lake Seminole Resort Spring Flea Market, Bake Sale and Lunch. Saturday, March 1st, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Located at 10245 110th Ave. N., Largo, Florida	

MARCH AD DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Advertise BUY, SELL, TRADE ITEMS by sending copy & check to Monthly Media at 220 Bahama St, Venice, FL 34285. Ads over 10 words must be accompanied by \$.80 per extra word or publisher will edit. Each new word indicated by a space, numbers included. No mobile home sales, no professional products or services. SORRY: No ads accepted by phone or email.

COBYS
TENT-LESS TERMITE
& PEST CONTROL

727.462.0400
CobysPestControl.com

\$200.00 OFF
Termite Treatments
 with this ad

The Termites
 move out but you
 don't have to.

**As long as GOD keeps makin'em,
 we keep killen'em**

**Free pest control service for
 widows in need in Pinellas County**

 **BAYADA**
 Home Health Care

Personal Care and Companionship
 Help at home with everyday activities
 like bathing, dressing, meal preparation
 and household tasks to enable
 independence and safety.

Laura Morelli
 Director, (PC) | BAYADA Home Health Care

O: 727-450-0767 | Cisco Ext:0207-10
 Fax 727-507-7576 | Mobile 727-710-2104

2900 Kroger Blvd. Saint Petersburg, FL 33702

It Pays (Up to \$100) To Patronize the **MONTHLY** THOUSANDS of manufactured home residents have won

 Advertisers in Your Newsletter **MANIA** over \$213,200 since our contest began!

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Patronize the advertisers in this month's newsletter
2. Ask the business for your Monthly Mania ticket, **OR a copy of your receipt and clip this ad**
3. Mail it back to us at: **Monthly Media | 220 Bahama St. Venice, FL 34285**
4. Every month we draw new tickets for **CASH PRIZES** and mail winners a check! **Every month is a new chance to win!**

Deborah Farris \$100 Boss Electric
 Jean Woolf..... \$10Royal Enterprise
 Mary Kugler..... \$10Battleline Termite & Pest Control
 John Close..... \$10Gulf Coast Pressure Washing
 Bonnie Fisher \$10 FL Termite & Pest
 Dianne Davis..... \$10 Jones & Sons Plumbing
 Agnes Kavanagh..... \$10Air Masters of Pinellas
 Henry Klain..... \$10Battleline Termite & Pest Control
 Mable Arnold \$10 Barron's AC
 William Pauser \$10Air Masters of Pinellas
 Lara Wolfe..... \$10 Jones & Sons Plumbing
 John Anderson..... \$10 ... Ron Wyngarden Mobile Home Wash

Mary Marks..... \$10Air Masters of Pinellas
 Pat Cometto..... \$10Battleline Termite & Pest Control
 Daryle King..... \$10 Bay Area Aluminum
 Penny Johnson \$10Air Masters of Pinellas
 Bonny DeMoranville ... \$10 Jones & Sons Plumbing
 Greg Lockwood \$10Battleline Termite & Pest Control
 Penny Calver..... \$10 Jones & Sons Plumbing
 Michael Emond..... \$10Air Masters of Pinellas
 Mary Tavernier..... \$10Royal Enterprise
 Penny Neher..... \$10 Jones & Sons Plumbing
 Nicole Sicotte..... \$5Battleline Termite & Pest Control
 Francis McElhinney \$5Air Masters of Pinellas

Not enough qualifying winners for the January drawing!
Mail in your tickets or paid receipt for your chance to win!

• Limit of one ticket per visit • Advertiser may have up to 5 winners per month • Advertiser must have bill paid current to qualify • Allow 8-12 weeks for mailing of check • No purchase necessary • Contest void where prohibited by law • Tickets available at participating Monthly Media advertisers •
 ISLAND IN THE SUN SENTINEL FEBRUARY, 2025 E



HAVE YOUR FLOORS SUFFERED FROM WATER OR FLOOD DAMAGE?

Fully Guaranteed Subflooring
and Floor
Repairs



- Licensed
- Bonded
- Insured

Lic. # IH 1132335

Call Us for a **FREE NO-PRESSURE**
No-Obligation Estimate

727-431-6875

VISA

MasterCard

DISCOVER

Precision Mobile Home Services LLC

26

flatworksremodel@yahoo.com

Formerly FlatWorks Inc. CGC #1511054

14

Precision Vapor Barriers

Have You Looked **UNDER** **PROTECT**
Your Home Lately? **YOUR HOME**

**Fix Small Problems Today
Before They Cause Serious Damage!**

We will inspect and photograph any issues, showing you pictures of the underside of your home. Damaged & worn vapor barriers can create high energy costs and allow mold & mildew to grow and weaken your sub floor creating "Soft Spots". Keep Mold, Moisture & Animals out of your Home.

VISA

MasterCard

DISCOVER

Repairs will be made quickly and include a
20 Year Transferable Warranty!

Call Us for a **FREE NO-PRESSURE** No-Obligation Estimate

727-431-6875

800-492-3890

11

Sales@PrecisionVaporBarriers.com

License #OCL0027169 • Bonded • Insured

11

**10%
MILITARY
DISCOUNT**

New A/C System

As Little As \$100 Monthly

Wells Fargo Financing with Approved Credit

E&E GLIDDON

LIC # CACO 24340

Comfortmaker
Air Conditioning & Heating

**FREE ESTIMATES
on NEW UNITS**

www.eegliddonac.com

After Hours Service
Service All Units



AIR CONDITIONING

100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

\$65⁰⁰ A/C INSPECTION
or Repair Call
(Mon.-Fri. 8AM - 4:30PM)

727-546-4343



41



41

**10 yrs.
PARTS**