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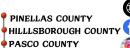
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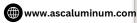




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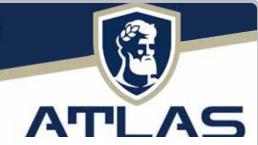
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We have drawings for cash or prizes every week. See who wins the apron. Have fun, get some exercise and laugh a lot.

Cost is \$3.00 per week. Please bring correct amount. We draw for partners and play 3 games. We draw new partners for each game. We are usually done between 12 and 12:30.

We start the season October 7th at 10 am. Please come a little earlier so we can organize. This date is a Monday. We will be playing from then on Monday mornings 10AM. The season will end in April.

## THERE IS NO SHUFFLEBOARD IF THE COURTS ARE WET!

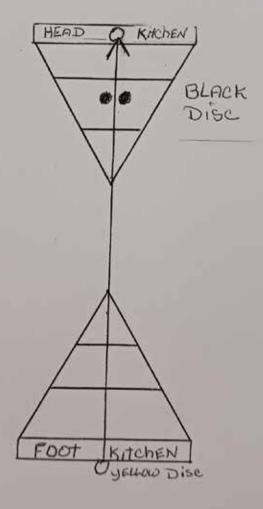
This is not a complete commitment but time to relax and laugh a little. See who will wear the apron and spends more time in the Kitchen!!!

See you in a couple of weeks. Dick and Chris Austin SLO Lot 177 on Poplar 828 388 - 4077

#### FIRE IN THE KITCHEN

The new Shuffleboard Chance. The chance will happen before and after each game. The cost is \$1.00 per chance. The object is to push a yellow disc from behind the "foot" of the kitchen line down to the other end, the head end, and stop within the kitchen. You will have to make sure your yellow disc goes between the 2 black discs before landing in the kitchen. The winner who puts out the "FIRE" will win the pot. SOUNDS easy right!....

I will need a couple of volunteers for sign up, \$\$ collection and organize.



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#### **February**



ebruary is a fascinating month with a lot of unique characteristics! Here are some interesting facts about February:

**Shortest Month**: February is the only month with fewer than 30 days. It has 28 days in common years and 29 days in leap years.

**Leap Year:** Every four years, February has 29 days instead of 28. This extra day is called Leap Day, and it helps synchronize the calendar year with the solar year.

**Named After Purification:** The name February comes from the Latin word "februam," which means purification. The ancient Roman festival of purification, Februa, was held on February 15.

**Birthstone and Flower:** February's birthstone is the amethyst, symbolizing piety, humility, and sincerity. The birth flowers are the violet and the primrose.

**Historical Events:** Many significant historical events have occurred in February, such as the founding of the Boy Scouts of America (February 8, 1910) and the signing of the Treaty of Paris, ending the Spanish-American War (February 6, 1899).

**Zodiac Signs**: February is associated with two zodiac signs: Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20).

**Black History Month:** In the United States and Canada, February is celebrated as Black History Month, honoring the contributions and history of African Americans.

**Groundhog Day:** Celebrated on February 2, this quirky tradition involves a groundhog predicting the weather for the next six weeks based on whether it sees its shadow.

#### A few famous people born in February:

ichael Jordan (February 17, 1963): Legendary basketball player and six-time NBA champion.

Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809): The 16th President of the United States, known for leading the country during the Civil War and abolishing slavery.

Steve Jobs (February 24, 1955): Co-founder of Apple Inc. and a pioneer of the personal computer revolution.

Rihanna (February 20, 1988): International pop star and entrepreneur.

Charles Darwin (February 12, 1809): Naturalist and biologist known for his theory of evolution by natural selection.

Source: https://www.thefamouspeople.com/famous-people-born-in-february.php https://www.famousbirthdays.com/feb.html



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#### Jokes to brighten your day:

Thy don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!
Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!

Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts.

What do you call fake spaghetti? An impasta!

Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two-tired.

What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese!

Why can't you give Elsa a balloon? Because she will let it go.

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite.

Why did the math book look sad? Because it had too many problems.

What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear!

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one.

What do you call a fish wearing a crown? A kingfish.

Why did the tomato turn red? Because it saw the salad dressing!

How does a penguin build its house? Igloos it together.

Why don't some couples go to the gym? Because some relationships don't work out.

What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A can't opener.

Why did the computer go to the doctor? Because it had a virus.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman.

What do you call a belt made of watches? A waist of time.

#### On the power of words and their meanings

policeman on patrol watched the car go zooming by and run right through a four-way stop sign. In response, the policeman turned on his light and pulled the motorist over. When the policeman began to write the ticket, the motorist protested. "What are you doing?" he said. "You can't give me a ticket for that!"

"Why not?" the officer asked.

"It's true, I didn't stop," the motorist admitted. "But I did slow down—and that's almost the same."

"But you didn't stop," the officer said. "And the sign clearly says 'STOP."

"But it was clear. Nothing was coming," the motorist replied.

The officer then proceeded to pull out his baton and start to hit the motorist.

"What are you doing?" yelled the motorist in surprise.

"Do you want me to slow down or STOP?" asked the officer. — As retold from Eric's Clean Jokes

#### On life

Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep.

— Fran Lebowitz



#### **Getting the work done for free**

woman wrote a letter to her husband: Dear Husband, I have decided to plant a garden this year. I will be putting the plants out directly. When do you think the best time to plant would be?"

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The prisoner, knowing that the prison guards read all the mail replied to his wife: "Whatever you do. Do not touch the back garden. That is where I hid all of the money."

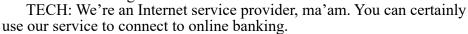
In about a week, the prisoner received another letter from his wife: "Dear Husband, You will not believe what has happened. Some men came with shovels to the house. They dug up the whole back garden."

The prisoner wrote another letter back: "Dear Wife, Now is the best time to plant the garden."—As retold From Eric's Clean Jokes

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CUSTOMER: But where does the money come out?

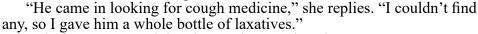
TECH: I'm not sure I understand?

CUSTOMER: You know ... Does the money come outfrom that slot on the computer?

— From the Basic Jokes Web site

#### The kind of creativity you don't want in the workplace

pharmacist comes back from his break and sees a man leaning against the wall, his face strained and nervous. He asks his assistant: "What's wrong with that man over there?"

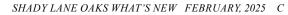


"Oh great!" steamed the pharmacist. "He is going to sue us now. You don't give laxatives to a person with a cough!"

"Well," said the clerk defensively, "look at him. He's afraid to cough!"

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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 mispelled word in the English language.





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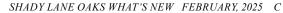
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| Sunday                                                                                                                       | Monday                                                                                     |                                 |
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|                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |                                 |
| Oaks: Activities Committee's Meeting – 11:30am Oaks: Shady Lane Walking Club and Biggest Loser Contest – 5pm Groundhog Day   | Oaks: Shuffleboard -<br>10am<br>Oaks: Poker - 6:30pm<br>Village: Cribbage -<br>6:30pm      | Oaks: O<br>Meeting<br>Village:  |
| 9<br>Oaks: Monthly Birth-<br>day Celebration - 2pm<br>Oaks: Shady Lane<br>Walking Club and<br>Biggest Loser Contest<br>- 5pm | Oaks: Shuffleboard -<br>10am<br>Oaks: Poker - 6:30pm<br>Village: Cribbage -<br>6:30pm      | Village:<br>cheon -<br>Village: |
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# **Shady Lane Oaks**

| Tuesday                                          | Wednesday                                                                  | Thursday                                                    | Friday          |    | Saturday                                                                           |
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| ·                                                | ·                                                                          | ·                                                           | ·               |    | Village: Parrot Heads<br>Party – 6-9pm                                             |
| 4<br>aks Board<br>– 6:30pm<br>Bingo - 6:30pm     | 5<br>Village: Texas Hold'em<br>- 6:30pm                                    | Village: Horseshoes -<br>10am<br>Oaks: Bingo - 6:30pm       | Oaks: LCR - 6pm | 7  | 8<br>Oaks: Rummage Sale:<br>9-1pm<br>Oaks: LCR - 6pm                               |
| 11<br>Ladies Lun-<br>TBD - 1pm<br>Bingo - 6:30pm | Village: Needle Point<br>Class – 1pm<br>Village: Texas Hold'em<br>- 6:30pm | Village: Horseshoes -<br>10am<br>Oaks: Bingo - 6:30pm       | Oaks: LCR - 6pm | 14 | 15<br>Oaks: Valentine's Day<br>Dinner Dance – 5pm                                  |
|                                                  | Lincoln's Birthday                                                         |                                                             | Valentine's Day |    |                                                                                    |
| 18<br>Bingo - 6:30pm<br>OA General<br>- 6:30pm   | 19<br>Village: Texas Hold'em<br>- 6:30pm                                   | Village: Horseshoes -<br>10am<br>Oaks: Bingo - 6:30pm       | Oaks: LCR - 6pm | 21 | Village: Sausage & Biscuits Breakfast – 9am Oaks: LCR - 6pm  Washington's Birthday |
| 25<br>Bingo - 6:30pm                             | 26<br>Village: Texas Hold'em<br>- 6:30pm                                   | 27<br>Village: Horseshoes -<br>10am<br>Oaks: Bingo - 6:30pm | LCR: 6pm        | 28 |                                                                                    |

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- 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
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- 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
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- 54. Slave
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#### **Lighter Side**

#### On love

Once you have loved someone, you'd do anything in the world for them ... except love them again.

#### —Anonymous

Love has the power of making you believe what you would normally treat with the deepest suspicion.

#### — Mirabeau

*Three things can't be hidden: cough*¬*ing, poverty and love.* 

#### — Yiddish proverb

To love is to suffer. To avoid suffer ing one must not love. But then one suffers from not loving. Therefore to love is to suffer, not to love is to suffer. To suffer is to suffer. To be happy is to love. To be happy then is to suffer. But suffering makes one unhappy. Therefore, to be unhappy one must love, or love to suffer, or suffer from too much happiness. I hope you're getting this down.

#### — Woody Allen

#### On marriage

A lady of 47 who has been married 27 years and has six children knows what love really is and once described it for me like this: 'Love is what you've been through with somebody.'

#### — James Thurber

The people people have for friends Your common sense appall But the people people marry Are the queerest folk of all.

#### — Charlotte Perkins Gilman

#### On Valentine's Day

Sales Ad at a Store: 'You are my one and only' valentine cards, now on sale: 4 for \$5. I feel bad for people who die on Valentine's Day. How much would flowers cost then, ten grand?

#### — Jay Leno

#### On hesitation

He who hesitates is a damn fool.

#### — Mae West

It's like magic. When you live by yourself, all your annoying habits are gone!

#### — Merrill Markoe

#### On time

Instant gratification takes too long.

— Carrie Fisher

#### **February Major Holidays**

roundhog Day (February 2): Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow?
Valentine's Day (February 14): A day to celebrate love and affection.



Presidents' Day (February 19): Honoring all U.S. presidents, past and present.

#### **Monthly Observances**

**Black History Month:** Celebrating the contributions and history of African Americans.

American Heart Month: Raising awareness about heart health.

National Cancer Prevention Month: Promoting cancer prevention strategies.

#### **Weekly Observances**

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week (February 7-14)

Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 11-17)

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (February 25-March 3)

#### **Daily Observances**

February 1: National Freedom Day, National Dark Chocolate Day

February 2: Groundhog Day, World Wetlands Day

February 3: National Carrot Cake Day, National Golden Retriever Day

February 4: National Homemade Soup Day, National Thank a Mail Carrier Day

February 5: World Nutella Day, National Weatherperson's Day

February 6: National Chopsticks Day, National Frozen Yogurt Day

February 7: National Ballet Day, National Send a Card to a Friend Day

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#### On timing

The right time comes when one is ready.

At times it is folly to hasten; at other times to delay. The wise do every 

—thing in its proper time.

— Ovid

#### On strategy

What you can't get out of, get into wholeheartedly.

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#### Valentine's Day

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Romantic Ideas

- 1. Candlelit Dinner: Cook a special meal at home or make reservations at a favorite restaurant.
- 2. Weekend Getaway: Plan a short trip to a cozy cabin, beach, or a city you've both wanted to visit.
- 3. Love Letters: Write heartfelt letters expressing your feelings and memories together.



Fun Activities

- 1. Movie Marathon: Watch a series of romantic movies or your favorite films together.
- 2. Cooking Class: Take a cooking class together and learn to make a new dish.
- 3. Outdoor Adventure: Go for a hike, bike ride, or a walk in a beautiful park.

Thoughtful Gestures

- 1. Personalized Gifts: Create a custom photo book, a piece of jewelry, or a handmade craft.
- 2. Spa Day: Treat your partner to a relaxing day at a spa or set up a spa experience at home.
- 3. Memory Jar: Fill a jar with notes of your favorite memories and reasons why you love them.



For Long-Distance Relationships

- 1. Virtual Date: Plan a video call date where you can cook the same meal, watch a movie, or play games together.
- 2. Care Package: Send a package filled with their favorite snacks, a handwritten letter, and small gifts.
- 3. Countdown Calendar: Create a calendar counting down to the next time you'll see each other, with little notes or gifts for each day.

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies."

— Aristotle

"Where there is love, there is life."
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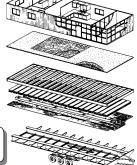
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Carport Sale Feb. 1, 2025. East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. 8am-2pm. NO EARLY BIRDS

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.

CARPORT SALE - RANCHERO VILLAGE, 7100 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 8AM to 3 PM

Community Carport Sale Saturday February 8th. Hillcrest MHP from 8-1. Food available at the clubhouse. 2346 Druid Rd, Clearwater.

Carport Sale: Sugar Creek. 10265 Ulmerton, Largo. Saturday, February 8, 2025. 8am-1pm

Community Yard Sale: Holiday Shores Park, Feb 9th and 10th. Entrances on 104th Avenue North and 106th Avenue North, Largo. 8AM to 2PM

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.

Carport Sale, Saturday February 22nd 8:00 am to Noon. Golden Acres Rd Park. 1040 Main St Dunedin, Florida

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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.

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March Events

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Sat. March 1st, 8-12noon. Flea Market, Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, homebaking.

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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.

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 1, 2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo)

Regency Heights Carport Sale Friday and Saturday March 7-8. 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd. 580 Clearwater

Palm Hill 2nd Annual Craft Fair. March 15, 8am-1pm. 28 Tables Inside. North Clubhouse- 8th Ave Entrance Largo

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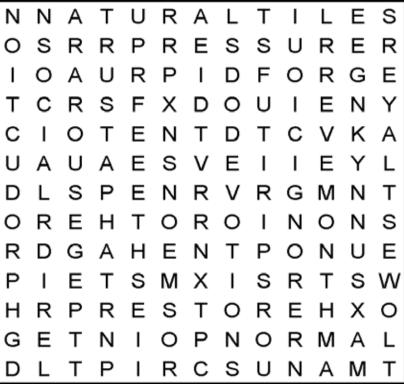
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Learning to appreciate the ordinary

uthor Mitch Albom says that for his book *For One More Day*, he became fascinated by how people answer this question: If they could spend one more day with a loved one already departed, how would they spend it? What would they do?



Albom says in a piece for Parade, that what he found time and again was that people wanted to spend an ordinary day doing ordinary things with the people they had loved. Almost everyone, he says wanted to tell the person that they loved him or her one more time. Some said they wanted to do the habitual things they always did with the person, such as head to the race—track, or eat in a favorite hamburger joint and talk about old times.

One son wished that he could share knowledge that would have relieved his father from guilt over an incident where the father threw a snowball and accidentally blinded another son. Later, after the father's death, the family learned that the son had a condition that had predisposed him to this happening. He wanted to give his father the gift of lifting his burden.

One man longed for a moment with his son who died in a car accident. He wanted to go for a walk with him in the woods that had been their getaway.

Albom says asking people about this scenario, helped him understand what we yearn for. Often, he says, it's not something exotic or faraway. It's about connection. And realizing that a normal day is some—thing we should all treasure, he says.

A lesson in being bold

Risks make most people uncomfortable. It seems that most humans want security, and when they attempt something out of their comfort zone they wish for something akin to a guarantee that what they are about to try will pay off.

Arthur Gordon, in the *Guideposts Pocket Book of Inspiration*, says that once, when he had to make a decision, he complained to a friend that he'd go ahead with the thing if he was "sure" he could do it.

His friend, being older and somewhat wiser than Gordon, took out a pen and began to write something down. Then he pushed the piece of paper over to the younger man. It read: Be bold—and mighty forces will come to your aid.

Gordon says it was the best advice he has ever got—ten. These words, he later found out, were from a book by Basil King called *The Conquest of Fear*, and they had a profound effect on him. He realized that failing was not a problem in his life, but that fear of failure was a big problem. It acted as a limiting factor on what he would even try.

He also recognized that whenever he had jumped in over his head, that he had in fact rose to the occasion and performed well. It didn't seem to matter whether the motivation came from courage or from circumstance.

Boldness then, Gordon surmised, was when you take on more you're sure you can handle. Then the powers that all of people possess are activated, such as increased energy, learning skills, exercising sound judgment, coming up with creative ideas and even enhanced strength and endurance.



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