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Shangri-La Star Newsletter.....by Cheryl Doty, Lot 59  
.....Email: ShangriLaStar2023@gmail.com

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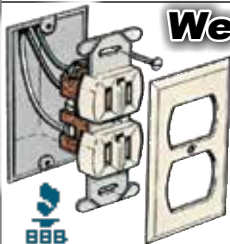


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11th - Jan Northcutt, Lot 148

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR HOA PRESIDENT

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**G**ood day, everyone.

We will be seeing a lot of improvements to our park. The Manager has notified us the floors in the clubhouse be stripped and refinished. New floors in the bathrooms, more painting, a new roof for the clubhouse, new doors for the bathrooms and new locks for the clubhouse access from the pool.

Additionally, we will be seeing new pool furniture!

The HOA spent \$158 to the State of Florida for our legally required Incorporation papers and \$45 for training of our new Secretary, as also required by law.

If you need the Board for anything, please contact us. Have a great February!

We will be better  
Respectfully,  
Cheryl "CC" Doty

## What is the FMO?

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**T**he Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida. The Federation's purpose is to promote its members' general welfare, protect the rights and interests of, and be a consumer advocate for manufactured/mobile homeowners.

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for the extension of The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program for 10 more years. They owe all their success to the dedicated members.

If you would like more information you may contact Colleen Gartner, District 2 President at 484-880-6816 [ergartner@icloud.com](mailto:ergartner@icloud.com) . or check out their website at <https://www.fmo.org/>.

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## ACTIVITIES:

**I**n the absence of an Activities Director the HOA would like volunteers to do an event. The President and Vice President of the HOA will be do 2 events, Easter and Thanksgiving.

If no one helps, the event will be canceled.

The following is a list of events we would like to have. If you can help, please do and notify the Board at least 2 weeks prior to the event. The HOA will pay for the supplies and assist where we can.

February- Valentine's day (Friday, the 14th or Saturday the 15th)  
March – St. Patrick's day (Monday the 17th)  
April – Easter (Sunday, the 20th) – HOA Board  
May – Memorial Day (Monday, the 26th)  
July – The Fourth (Friday, the 4th)  
September – Labor Day (Monday, the 1st)  
October – Halloween (Friday, the 31st)  
November – Thanksgiving (Thursday the 27th) – HOA Board  
December – Christmas / Hannakuh (Thursday, the 25th)  
January – New Year's eve



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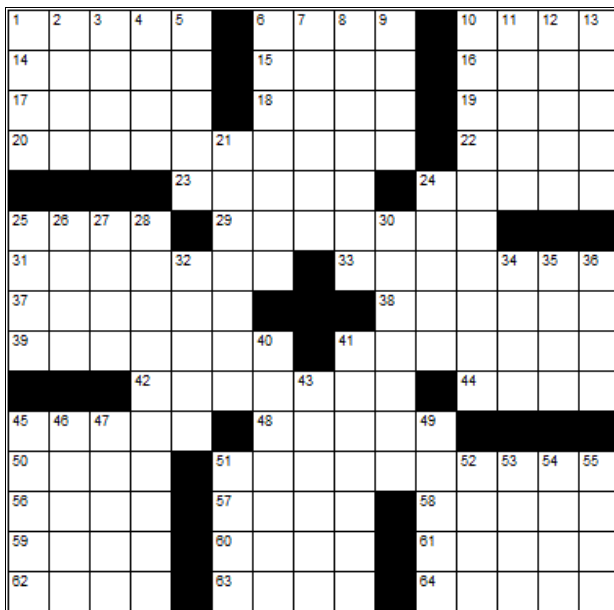
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23. Kiss
24. Not clean
25. National symbol
29. Temporary
31. Beaming
33. Plane engine enclosure
37. Seek revenge
38. Keep in custody
39. Trigonometric function
41. Made broader
42. Intestinal
44. Overhaul
45. Ready for anything
48. Flower feature
50. 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 Major Holidays

**G**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

Source:

<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/january-holidays-and-observances-rcna43156>

<https://parade.com/living/february-holidays-observances>

### *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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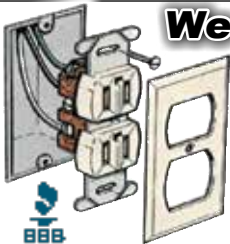
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## February

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**F**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 "februum," 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:

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**M**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.

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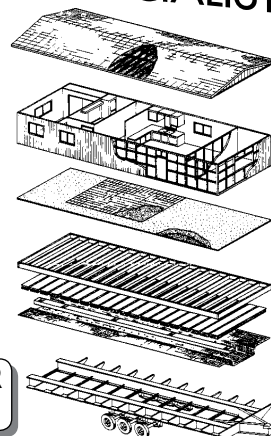
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Why don't skeletons fight each other? They don't have the guts.

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

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**A** 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.

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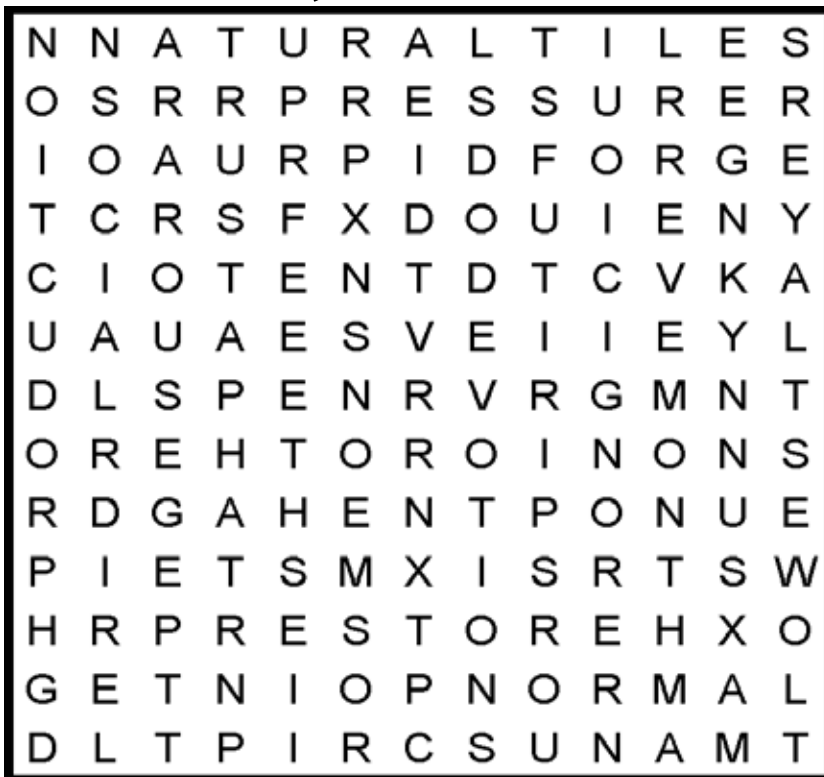
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| Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday Feb 1st, 8AM to 1PM- 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks, linens. Appliances, silent auction, breakfast, and lunch for purchase. | Community 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! | Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 1, 2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo)  |
| 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                      | Regency Heights Carport Sale Friday and Saturday March 7-8. 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd. 580 Clearwater  |
| 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   | Palm Hill 2nd Annual Craft Fair. March 15, 8am-1pm. 28 Tables Inside. North Clubhouse- 8th Ave Entrance Largo   |
| Community Carport Sale Saturday February 8th. Hillcrest MHP from 8-1. Food available at the clubhouse. 2346 Druid Rd, Clearwater.  | <div>March Events</div>    | <b>FOR SALE</b>   |
| Carport Sale: Sugar Creek. 10265 Ulmerton, Largo. Saturday, February 8, 2025. 8am-1pm  |  | For Sale: Genuine 1940's Fiestaware. Call Helen in Largo - 302-540-1778   |
| 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.  | <b>WANTED TO BUY</b>  |
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## Learning to appreciate the ordinary



Author 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 something 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.

# Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity to show your loved ones how much you care. Here are some ideas to make the day special:

## 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.

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– Aristotle

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