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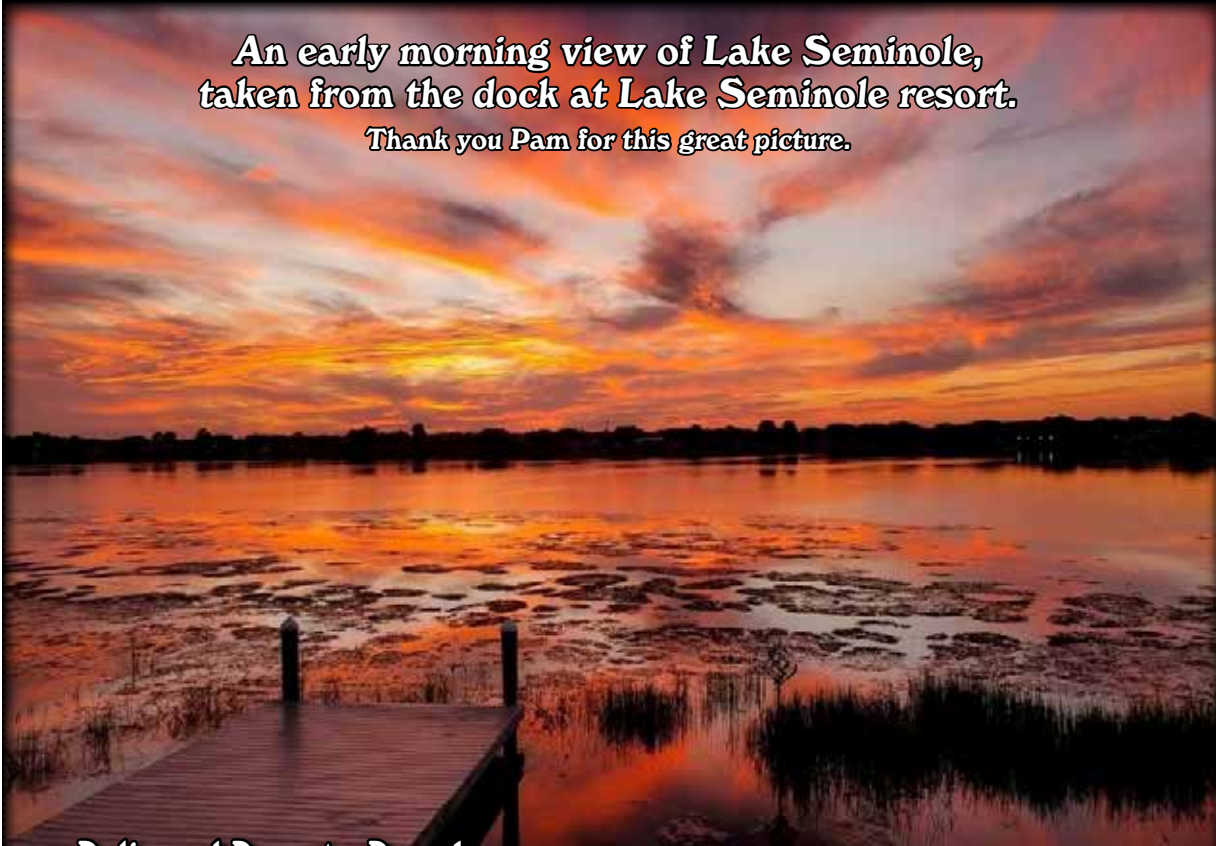
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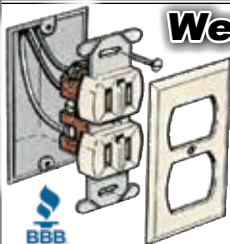


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Community is a group of individuals who share a common interest, purpose, or location and feel a sense of belonging through shared interactions and mutual support.

- HOA meeting on **Monday November 3rd @7:00pm** in the Clubhouse *All residents are welcome
- Section IV Item #2 of Rules and Regulations: **two vehicles** are permitted for each home site and must be parked in specific areas designated. **NO PARKING ON THE GRASS.**
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Thanksgiving Dinner
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Thanksgiving Dinner

Submitted by Pat Jones

Thanksgiving dinner this year will be held on Thanksgiving Day November 27th at 2 p.m. The entire menu has not yet been planned or decided. There will be Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce. The rest will be decided by the end of October. This is the 4th Thursday of the month which means no actual pot luck. However we will have Pot luck on Thursday November 6th at 6 p.m. The menu is in celebration of National Nacho day. The next potluck will be on Nov. 13th and the entree is Beef stroganoff.

This year beginning on November 16th we will have a MITTEN Tree set up in the clubhouse. All types of mittens or gloves can be placed on the tree. Child sized mittens will be donated to Clothes to Kids, and adult size will be given to an outreach group serving either veterans or homeless. Please consider purchasing mittens or gloves when you're out and about.



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Social Club

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Happy Hours began with Talk like a pirate day. A small group but a well costumed group. November will celebrate Princess Day on the 18th at 5pm. So get those tiaras sparkling, have the chef make an appetizer and join us.

As the articles for the magazine must be submitted mid month, more on the Halloween party in the next issue.

Beginning in November we will see if there is any interest in specific game days. On Monday November 10th we will kick off this activity with Rummycube. This is a fun game for 2+ players. So if you can count to 13 come share the fun. You don't have to know how to play, we have people willing to help. All Monday games begin at 10am.

The following Monday (Nov. 17th) will feature Skip-bo. Another fun game for 2+ players. This game is similar to Gin Rummy.

Monday Nov. 24th game is Dominos. Hope someone who knows this game will come and lead the group. I know we have Mexican train and maybe regular.

Finally on Monday December 1st we will give Scrabble a go.

Coffee hour will be on Saturday at 9am. If you are a regular for coffee you will remember that this year we will take turns making or buying a cake, Muffins or what ever you choose to bring. I have signed up for the first and am planning on making a cake. I also want to remind you that we wanted to have a second coffee during the month. So the 2nd November coffee is on Wednesday the 19th at 10am. There is a sign up sheet on the social club bulletin board for bakers to adopt a day.

On Saturday November 8th there will be party for our New Neighbors. This party begins at 7pm. All residents are invited. The purpose is to explain the going ons in the Park. Social club will be reviewing upcoming events, looking for ideas and of course actively recruiting volunteers. The HOA will also be represented so if you have questions for them you get the right answers.

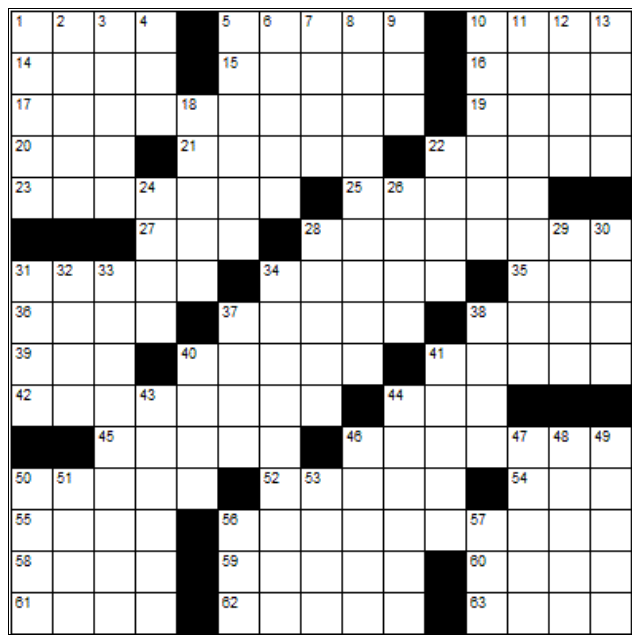




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ACROSS

- 1. Distinctive flair
- 5. Operatic solos
- 10. Money owed
- 14. Location
- 15. Dining room furniture
- 16. Margarine
- 17. Skidoo
- 19. Ice cream holder
- 20. Poetic dusk
- 21. Licoricelike flavor
- 22. Canvas shelters
- 23. Smiled contemptuously
- 25. Coming and _____
- 27. Donkey
- 28. Relax
- 31. Burn maliciously
- 34. High, low and neap
- 35. Orange pekoe
- 36. Salt Lake state
- 37. Fine thread
- 38. Female chickens
- 39. Bite
- 40. Shabby
- 41. Woman's undergarment
- 42. University
- 44. What we breathe
- 45. Angler's basket
- 46. Implore
- 50. Extraterrestrial
- 52. Tropical vine
- 54. 56 in Roman numerals
- 55. Backwards "Door"
- 56. Elephantine
- 58. Strike heavily
- 59. Coral island
- 60. Norse god
- 61. If not
- 62. Segments of DNA



DOWN

- 1. S S S S
- 2. Flax fabric
- 3. Redress
- 4. Not used
- 5. Makes amends
- 6. Fanatical
- 7. Nile bird
- 8. Supposedly
- 9. Behold
- 10. Instructor
- 11. Stetched
- 12. Not straight
- 13. Foot digits
- 18. Fen
- 22. Fastens
- 24. Every single one
- 26. Curved molding
- 28. Panorama
- 29. Care for
- 30. Not difficult
- 31. Bluefin
- 32. Ear-related
- 33. Voracious
- 34. Excite pleasurably
- 37. Disabled
- 38. German for "Mister"

- 40. Adolescent
- 41. Moon of Saturn
- 43. Scoop shovel
- 44. Chronicles
- 46. American symbol
- 47. Avoid
- 48. Utilize
- 49. Of very poor quality
- 50. Backside
- 51. Take it easy
- 53. Weightlifters pump this
- 56. Muzzle
- 57. Craggy peak





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bleats	endow	flashy	profane	sight	white
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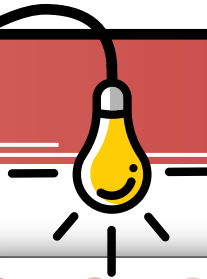
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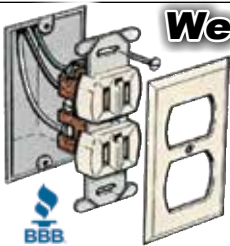
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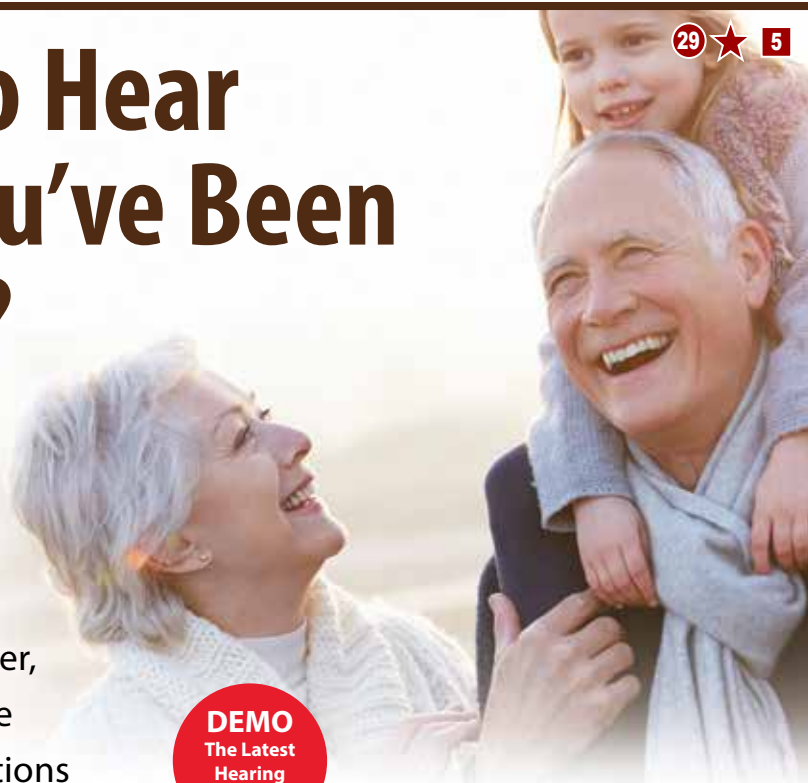
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American Diabetes Month. In the United States, 23.6 million people have diabetes—children and adults. That's 7.8 percent of the population. For years, the American Diabetes Association has used this month as an opportunity to communicate the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of diabetes prevention and control.

Epilepsy Awareness Month. More than 3 million people in the United States have epilepsy, and 200,000 new cases develop each year. The purposes of Epilepsy Awareness Month are to dispel common myths about the disorder, promote public awareness, and inform people with seizure disorders and their families about service programs and informational resources.

National American Indian Heritage Month. To honor the original inhabitants of North America and recognize the contributions American Indian and native Alaskan peoples have made to the U.S.

Peanut Butter Lovers' Month. Peanut butter is one of America's favorite foods, and it's found in about 75 percent of American homes. For more information and ideas, browse www.peanutbutterlovers.com.

Vegan Month. Just about every food made from dairy products or eggs has an animal-friendly alternative, with products easily available in shops and supermarkets. Go to www.veganmonth.com for information and ideas on cutting meat and other animal products out of your diet.

Weekly

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, Nov. 7-13. Sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States in 1996 to acknowledge and promote the invaluable role shelters play in their communities, and to increase public awareness of animal welfare issues and shelter services.

Kids Goal Setting Week, Nov. 9-12. The driving force behind National Kids Goal Setting Week is to give the parents, teachers, and coaches of the world some practical suggestions and ideas to help children set goals that will equip them to lead a life full of meaning and direction. For more information browse: www.goalsguy.com.

Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 14-20. Launched in 1987, Geography Awareness Week promotes the importance of geography education in the United States. Its goals: to draw attention to what geography is, why it is important, and how American citizens can ensure access to a robust geography education that prepares them to participate in global social and economic activities and to make decisions regarding people, places, and environments.

National Games and Puzzles Week, Nov. 21-27. Encouraging families and friends to spend more time together playing games, doing puzzles, challenging their brains, and having fun.





Do you belong to ‘Team Coyote’?

In their book, *Beep! Beep! Competing in the Age of the Road Runner*, Chip R. Bell and Oren Harari discuss the messages we can learn from one of the most recognizable pair of antagonists around: Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner. The authors describe two different cartoons:

In one, the coyote holds a medicine bottle labeled “Acme Hi-Speed Tonic—Contains vitamins R+P+M.” When he gives a spoonful to a small mouse, the rodent zooms around at jet speed. The coyote drinks the whole bottle and zips off after the Road Runner. But the Road Runner stops suddenly, sticks out his foot, and trips Mr. Coyote.

The second cartoon begins with a close shot on a box labeled: “One Acme Jet-Propelled Pogo Stick.” Wile E. removes the pogo stick from the box, switches it on, mounts it, and waits for the Road Runner. As the Road Runner races by, Wile E. begins bouncing up and down after him. But soon the coyote loses control of the stick and falls backward over a cliff.

“What these scenes show is that you cannot remain a coyote and expect to compete against road runners by simply copying their movements,” write the authors. “Sure, the coyote can buy high-speed tonic or jet-propelled pogo sticks, but his body and soul are still coyote. If you are a coyote team or organization, no matter what fads or quick fixes you jump into, you are just imitating a road runner—and the real thing will beat you every time.”

What is a moment really worth?

On the bulletin board of a California company, someone once posted this sign to remind everyone of how time is relative—but the value of time is priceless:

- To realize the value of **one year**: Ask the student who has failed his final exam.
- To realize the value of **one month**: Ask the mother who has given birth to a premature baby.
- To realize the value of **one week**: Ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize the value of **one day**: Ask the daily wage laborer who has 10 kids to feed.
- To realize the value of **an hour**: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realize the value of **a minute**: Ask the person who has missed the train, the bus, or the plane.
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In dreams, you can control your reality



The movie *Inception* explored the idea of controlling one's dreams. Although that featured collapsing cities and struggles in zero gravity, the concept of guiding your own dreams isn't so outlandish. "Lucid dreaming" can allow you to fly, conquer nightmares, and solve real-life problems.

Here's how to take control of your nighttime visions:

- **Keep a dream journal.** The first step to controlling dreams is remembering them. Keep a journal close to your bed, and write down any dream you have as soon as you wake up (or keep a digital voice recorder handy). Look for recurring themes—people, situations, etc. This trains your brain to become more aware of dream activity.
- **Do a "dream check."** Throughout the day, pause and ask yourself, "Am I dreaming?" This trains your mind to start asking the same question while you're asleep.
- **Nap.** Some studies suggest the best time to attempt a lucid dream is during a nap taken a few hours after getting up in the morning. If you wake up during a dream, stay quiet and try to return to the dream as you drift off again.
- **Perform a reality check.** After some practice, you'll start being aware of the fact that you're in a dream. To confirm this, try some experiments: Look at a clock, turn away, then look again. In dreams, the time will change. Or look at yourself in a mirror; in a dream, the image you see will be distorted or blurry.
- **Take off!** Once you're aware that you're dreaming, try taking charge of the environment. Jump up and down to see if you can fly, for example. If you're having a nightmare, confront the danger instead of running away; this can reduce the fear you feel when you

'Double' your brain power with this exercise

Here's a simple exercise for your brain: Pick a small number and then double it in your mind—no paper, no calculator. How far can you get?

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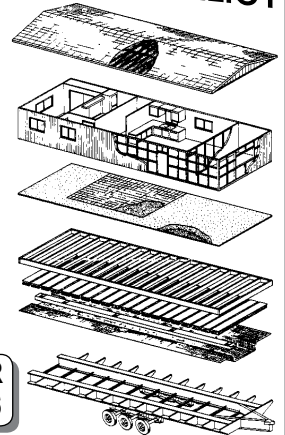


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The saleswoman smiled. "I'd like to see you try."

The lawyer turned on his heel and headed out toward the swamps, determined to catch an alligator.

Later in the day the saleswoman was driving home, and she spotted the lawyer standing waist deep in the murky swamp water, shotgun in hand, a huge 9-foot gator swimming rapidly toward him. The saleswoman pulled over as the lawyer took aim, shot, and killed the creature. With a great deal of effort, the lawyer hauled it onto the swamp bank—right next to four more dead alligators.

The saleswoman stood on the side of the road, watching the lawyer struggle to flip the gator on its back.

Then, looking up toward the sky in great frustration, the lawyer shouted, "No! This one is barefoot, too!"

A Teachable Moment

A kindergarten teacher was helping one of her students put his boots on. It was quite a struggle, but after a lot of pulling and pushing, they succeeded in getting one boot on, and then the other.

Then the little boy said, "But they're on the wrong feet!" The teacher looked and sure enough, he was right. Pulling the boots off wasn't any easier than putting them on was, but she managed to stay calm as they worked together to get the boots back on—this time on the right feet.

"Why are your boots so hard to get on?" she asked when they were finished.

"But these aren't my boots," the boy said.

"Why didn't you say so? Take them off." And they worked up a sweat getting the boots off again.

"Now, where are your boots?" the teacher asked.

"They're at home. These are my brother's boots. My mom made me wear them."

"OK . . ." the teacher sighed, and again they fought to get the boots back on the little boy's feet. "Now, where are your mittens?"

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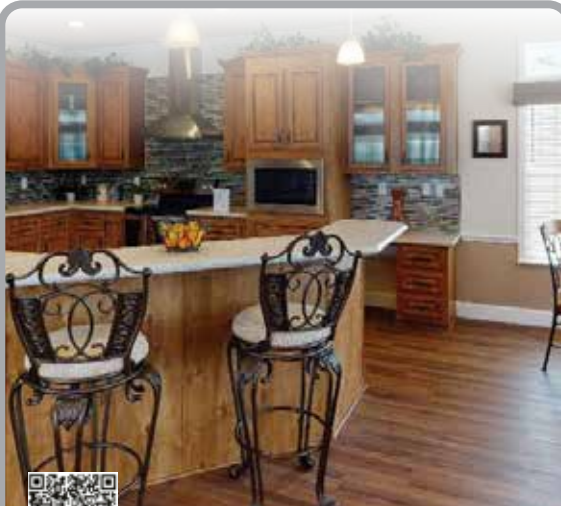
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Follow these simple techniques for successfully carving your holiday turkey:

- Let your 10-pound-or-bigger turkey stand at room temperature for 10 to 20 minutes after cooking and before slicing. This allows the juices to distribute evenly throughout the turkey. Netting and cooking bags are also easier to remove after waiting.
- Slice or carve the turkey on a sanitized cutting surface. Knives, pans, and covers should be sanitized, too. Resanitize boards and knives every 30 minutes. Wear disposable food-handling gloves while carving or frequently wash your hands thoroughly.
- Immediately after the 10 to 20 minutes holding time, carve the turkey into major sections (i.e., breasts, thighs, drumsticks, and wings).
- To serve turkey hot, place sections in pans. Cover with foil or plastic film to retain heat and moisture and to minimize the possibility of contamination. Hold at 140° F or higher in a hot holding device (a cabinet, steam table, or bain-marie). Your turkey should be at least 140° F when placed in the holding pans. The heating device will only maintain temperature. A maximum holding time of 20 to 30 minutes is recommended.
- Slice the sections into serving pieces, arrange them on a plate, and add garnish. Enjoy!



Quotes:

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice.

—Meister Eckhart

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?

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November 8th, 2025 from 9am - 2pm.
First Lutheran Church, 1644 Nursery
Rd., Clearwater. All indoor craft show.
Free admission. 217-251-4382 or
jaynebl227@gmail.com

FALL BAZAAR Ranchero Village 7100
Ulmerton Road Hacienda Clubhouse.
Sunday 11/9/25 from 11am – 3pm.
Crafts, baked goods, raffle baskets &
more. Vendors: Rent a table for \$15
Contact: Donna Dahmm 309-263-2640

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, 11/15/25 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. AMERICANA COVE
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Holiday Craft Fair, Sunset Palms, 3401
Gandy Blvd., Pinellas Park. November
15, 9:00am until 2:00pm. Handmade
arts and crafts. Homemade baked goods.

Craft Fair & Bake Sale. November
15th 9am-1pm. Clearwater Cascades
Clubhouse, 9790 66th Street N.
Pinellas Park

Crafters Fair Nov 15th at Palm Hill
Country Club 401 8th Ave, Largo 8am -
1pm. Over 25 crafters, bake goods and
lunch sale.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Craft Fair, Saturday, November 15 2025
from 10am-5pm. Regency Heights,
2550 State Road 580, Clearwater.
All indoor craft show. Food trucks on
site. Contact [regencyheightscraftfair@
gmail.com](mailto:regencyheightscraftfair@gmail.com) with questions.

Community Bazar Nov 29th at Palm
Hill Country Club 401 8th Ave Largo
8am- 1pm. Christmas Decorations,
Household Items, Bake Sale, Hot Dogs.

December Events

Crafters Wanted. Pointe West MHP
Holiday Market, Dec. 6th, 2025,
12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo. E-mail
susanbarnard930@yahoo.com for info
and application.

Annual Carport & Craft sale, Lincolnshire
Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL
33771. Saturday December 6th 8AM to
1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts
& crafts, clothes, furniture, tools, and lots
more. Maps available at entrances.

CRAFT FAIR.

Saturday December 6th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

East Bay Oaks Clubhouse
601 Starkey Road, Largo

**Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide
Yard Sale**, Saturday, December 6,
2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th
Ave. N., Clearwater, (Largo).

Annual Craft & Bake Sale. Saturday
December 6th 9am-1pm. Park Royale
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Person: Cheryl L 727-685-6895



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