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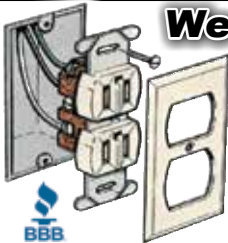
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## **MANAGER'S CORNER**

*By: Victoria Greenwood  
January 1, 2026*

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### **HOME MAINTENANCE**

Weeding/Trimming are the focus for January. Please take a look around your home and take care of weeding and trimming. We also check for other home issues. With your help we can keep Sugar Creek looking its best. As always, letters will be sent out if you don't comply. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

### **CHRISTMAS AT THE CREEK!**

Our park looked amazing during the Christmas Season. Thank you again to all the volunteers that helped this year.

### **GUESTS**

We had a lot of guests in the park for the holiday, that is great to see. All guests must be familiar with the rules of the park and they must be signed into the office. You will see this in the rules and regulations of Sugar Creek and the monthly reminder below. Remember, family members are considered to be guests.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS MONTHLY REMINDER: GUESTS**

3. All guests must be registered upon arrival. Guests arriving after office hours must be registered in advance or the next business day when arrival was not anticipated. Residents are responsible to see that their guests wear their assigned guest badges at all times when park facilities and pools are being used.
4. Residents are responsible for their guests' actions. Residents will accompany all guests under the age of 18 while such guests use recreational facilities.

### **DRIVING IN SUGAR CREEK**

Vehicles: Golf Carts, bicycles, scooters, skateboards and e-bikes need to follow the same rules as motor vehicles. Stop at the stop signs, obey the speed limit in the park, and most of all watch out for residents pulling out of their driveways. This is for your safety as well as all residents and their families.

### **ACH PAYMENTS FOR 2026**

If your ACH payments come directly out of your account from Sugar Creek, your lot rent will automatically change to the new amount for 2026 payments. If you use any other method to pay Sugar Creek, please remember to update the amount to avoid any issues.

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## **HOLIDAY HOURS**

The office will be open on December 31st and closed for New Years Day! See you in the New Year!

## **HOME SALES**

If you know of anyone wanting to purchase a home, now is the time to have them call the office and see all the options.

Current residents that refer someone who purchases a home from Sugar Creek's sales team will receive a \$250.00 referral check after closing! Are you considering selling your home? Give Daniel or Vicki a call or stop in the office and we will use the resources at our fingertips to sell your home as quickly as possible. 727-586-2002.

## **GARBAGE PICKUP FOR THE HOLIDAY:**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL BE PICKED UP ON FRIDAY JANUARY 2nd.**

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## **SUGAR CREEK MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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**T**he HOA is looking for volunteers from the community to fill the HOA Board Member positions. We are required to have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer to keep the HOA active. There will be a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the pool table. We will be having our elections at the January 12 meeting. Please sign up or contact Philip Hough at 705-718-5361 or [philandmike@rogers.com](mailto:philandmike@rogers.com) if you are interested.

The cost of our HOA membership is \$10 a year. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining by contacting our membership chairman.

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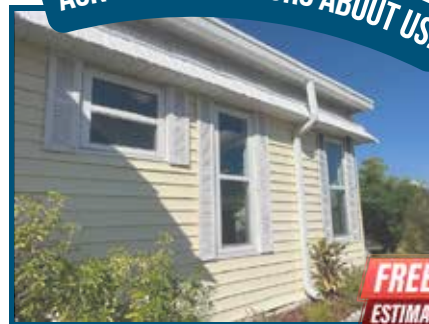
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## SUGAR CREEK SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**H**appy New Year and Cheers to 2026. I hope everyone had a great holiday. Thanks to Art and Nancy Bouchard and all the volunteers who helped in decorating our park. A great job. The park always looks festive at this time of the year.

If you would like to be added to the weekly email list – please email me at [Debrmcclain@aol.com](mailto:Debrmcclain@aol.com), provide your name, email address, and house #.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Debbie McClain

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## REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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**F**riday, Jan 2 at 9 a.m. Volunteers would be appreciated to dismantle the Park Christmas Trees. Please meet at the Clubhouse.

## TINA'S CARDS

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**T**he monthly card crafting class has been canceled due to lack of interest the last couple of months. Please contact Tina Ramsburg if you are interested in a future class.

## EXERCISE WORKOUT

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**P**lease join us every Tuesday and Thursday at the Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. New attendees welcome....just drop in wearing your running shoes for a gentle Senior workout fit for any age and level. Call me at 306-222-3527 if any questions.  
Cheryl Mercier



# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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6 John and Joan Woelfel  
31 Dick and Patty Miller



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1	Richard Dennard	11	Linda O’Neal
	Rose Sfura	13	Kathy Juneau
	Myra Sink	16	Fredericka Kuehnle
	Robert Truczinkas	18	Sandi Triba
2	Dixie Brownsteins		Abbie Postal
5	Betty Lyons	21	Kenneth Falk
	Chris Ispording	22	Deborah Polchlopek
6	Irene Dornauer	23	Holly Thomas
10	Bob Pigros	26	Kathy Wellington
11	Dorene Scicchitano	30	Lydia Falk



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# KITCHEN

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Making coffee in the Clubhouse? Please turn the Coffee Maker off & clean up your mess afterwards. We also have a Keurig, which might be easier to use for a few cups of coffee. The K-Cups are in the cabinet.

Soda in the Clubhouse is now only sold during Social Club events at the Clubhouse.

Are you having a Social Club event and need something that we are out of or need? Let me know. See anything that's running low? Please add it to the list on the fridge. Need anything special for an event or activity you are hosting, also add to list on fridge with your name & event.

Thanks everyone, Kate McGettigan

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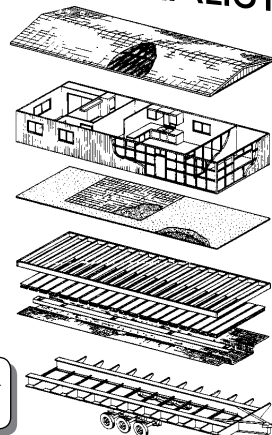


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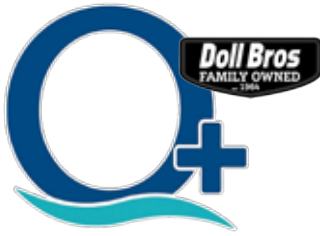
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**Book Blitz Month.** This is a time for authors of all genres to put themselves out there and promote their work. For the rest of us, it's a time to celebrate literacy, set personal goals to read more, and curl up with a good book.

**National Braille Literacy Month.** Developed in the 19th century by Louis Braille, this tactile system allows visually impaired and blind individuals a way to read, write, and learn.

**International Creativity Month.** Whether you're a homemaker, student, employee, employer, or retiree, this is the month to challenge yourself and your usual way of doing things. Try something new, explore, innovate, broaden your horizons of expression, and create something.

**Hot Tea Month.** Black, white, green, herbal, oolong, Darjeeling, Ceylon, chai—the list can go on for several pages. There are thousands of teas and blends to try. Find a new favorite and warm up with a cup of fragrant goodness this winter.

**Self-Love Month.** Many of us have already promised to become better at being better this year. Why not start by showing yourself some TLC? Find a way to honor, appreciate, and love yourself this January.

## Weekly

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**Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration Week, Jan. 7-11.** If you can make it to Memphis, you can walk in the footsteps of “The King” and visit Elvis’ estate, Graceland, where plenty of activities will honor the legendary singer.

**Universal Letter Writing Week, Jan 11-17.** Since 1971, the Universal Postal Union has held a letter writing competition for young people age 15 and under. The event is a way to promote both literacy and the development of composition skills throughout the world. The theme of this year’s contest asks writers: “Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers?”

**Healthy Weight Week, Jan. 18-24.** This isn’t about diets or the latest weight loss trends. A healthy body image is the key to establishing realistic goals and strategies that will help you to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and body mass. Factors such as age, bone structure, height, and physical ability should also be considered when developing personal health standards. Check in with your physician before making any changes to your diet, nutrition, and activities.

**National Clean Out Your Inbox Week, Jan. 21-27.** This can be a challenge of epic proportions for those who don’t prioritize, sort, and organize incoming emails. Use this week to unsubscribe from or change delivery preferences for electronic communications cluttering your inbox. Save only what’s necessary. Delete, delete, delete.

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## The courage to try

Life lessons can come from the most unlikely sources if we are open to receiving what they have to offer us. For Tricia Goyer, a wife, mother, and accomplished author, a lesson in bravery came from her twentysomething son Nathan.

When he announced his plans to write a book, Goyer encouraged him and even promised to edit it once the manuscript was completed. With 500 magazine articles bylines and more than 50 published books of nonfiction and fiction, Goyer knew her insight would be beneficial. She also knew that Nathan had a gift for creating and telling stories, which had been a favorite pastime since his childhood.

As Goyer edited Nathan's rough draft she realized that her son had a talent for writing and decided they should hire a professional editor to review the text. The editor also liked Nathan's work and offered the aspiring novelist some constructive feedback.

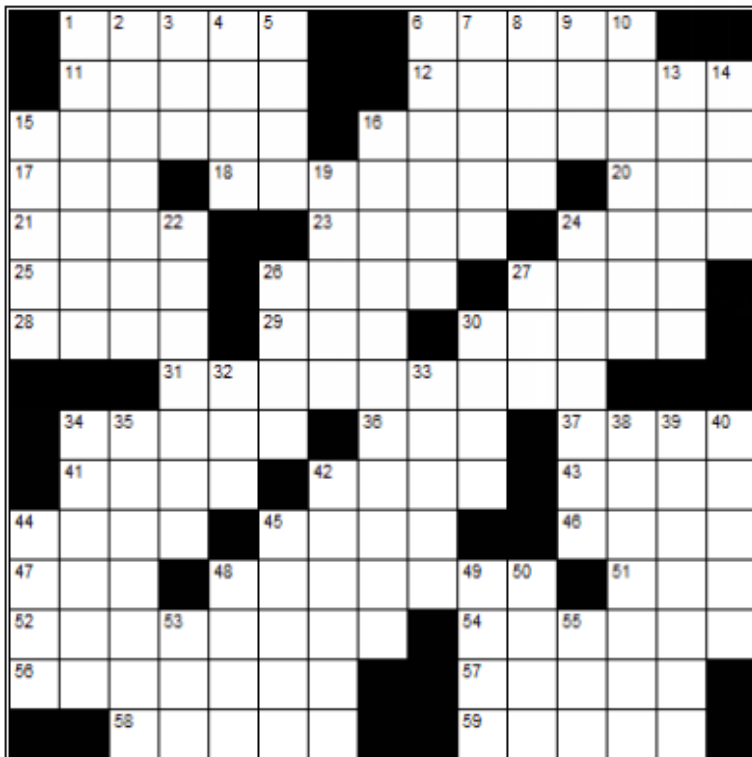
After the rewrites were finished, Goyer told her son to start weighing his options about next steps in the publishing process. He could go the traditional route and work with a publisher, or self-publish. Nathan told her he'd need time to think things over and then excused himself to run an errand. He returned a short time later and announced that he would self-publish his work as an e-book. The next day his novel *Bask* was for sale on Amazon.com. It has even received a few positive reviews.

For Goyer, taking those next steps in the process of publishing one of her many books has never been something she could act on with that kind of certainty or efficiency. She says she would first share copies with as many as 20 friends and consider their feedback. Next she might attend a workshop or conference to solicit even more feedback and advice before deciding which route to take.

Nathan has inspired Goyer to believe that "sometimes we just need to roll up our sleeves and do what we've been afraid to try."



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## ACROSS

1. Spring month
6. Failures
11. Pursue
12. Take up the cause
15. Barroom fights
16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps
31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

## DOWN

1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building
39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
44. Fired a projectile
45. Holy person
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## The meaning of life

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Ryan left behind a successful career and all the material trappings his wealth afforded. In his quest for a more meaningful life, he embarked on a pilgrimage to a faraway land to seek the counsel of a sage rumored to live on the summit of a mountain.

Ryan’s journey took him through villages, valleys, and forests; he hiked through rugged terrain and climbed over sharp rocks. He was exhausted once he reached the base of the mountain and camped out there for a couple of days to regain his strength before his ascent.

The climb up the mountain was grueling, but Ryan knew he would be rewarded once he reached the top and learned the meaning of life from the sage.

When Ryan finished his climb, he made it to a tiny hut where he encountered the sage sitting cross-legged in the middle of the floor. Ryan sat cross-legged across from the sage and said, “I have discarded all of my material possessions and traveled thousands of miles to learn the meaning of life from you.”

The sage cleared his throat and said, “Life ... is like ... a—” The sage dropped his head and began to snore. Ryan poked the sage on the shoulder and the sage mumbled, “What was I saying?”

“You were going to tell me the meaning of life.”

“Oh, yes,” the sage said. “Life is like a rock.” He shrugged his shoulders and then coughed.

“That’s it?” Ryan asked.

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## A changed man

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When Fred stumbled home from a night of revelry, he immediately fell on his knees and said, “God, thank you for helping this sinner make it home tonight.”

He went to the medicine cabinet for aspirin and gasped when he glimpsed his reflection in the mirror. His eyes were bloodshot, his hair was matted to his head with some unknown sticky substance, his skin looked like sandpaper, his knuckles were scraped, and his clothes were ripped and disheveled. “That’s it,” he proclaimed to his reflection. “I’m going to turn my life around.”

Before he passed out that night, Fred mumbled, “God, I’m going to mend my wicked ways.”

The next day Fred awoke a changed man. He stopped drinking and started juicing. He became a vegetarian. Instead of partying all night, he rose early and went for runs, started lifting weights. He rode his bicycle just about everywhere and was in the best shape of his life. Friends remarked that he looked 20 years younger.

One day, while crossing the street to go to the health food store, Fred was hit by a car. As he was dying on the curb, he said, “God, why now? I was doing so much better.”

God replied, “Fred? Is that you? Oh, man, I didn’t recognize you.”

## Stage one

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Joe asked his friend Dan for a cigarette.

“I thought you made a resolution to stop smoking this year,” Dan replied.

“I did,” Joe agreed, “but it’s a process with many steps that must be completed before you actually quit. Right now, I’m working through stage one.”

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## Who you want to be

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A farmer on his way into town pulled over to pick up a young man thumbing for a ride. The two men began to talk, with the younger man sharing his experiences of his solo hiking and camping adventures.

“So what do you plan to do when this is over?” the farmer asked.

The young man mapped out his plans of a university education, graduate school, a job with a fancy title and a huge salary, future board positions, his own company, and more money than he could spend in three lifetimes. “You know what they say,” the young man remarked. “You should dream big or not dream at all.”

“It’s a pretty big dream,” the farmer said, “but little more than that.”

The farmer continued, “It seems to me that if you wanted to accomplish any of those things you wouldn’t be hitchhiking through small towns. You’d be somewhere else working and building on the knowledge and skills required to help you achieve your goals.”

“Right now, I’m figuring out who I am,” the young man said.

“Why don’t you try figuring out who you want to be?” the farmer replied.

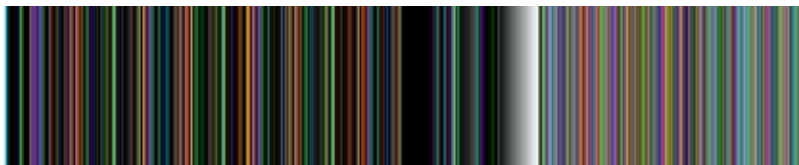
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## Quotes

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We are, as a species, addicted to story. Even when the body goes to sleep, the mind stays up all night, telling itself stories.  
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