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By Lois Bircher

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3:00 p.m. Picnic in Helga's carport

Join us every Friday @ clubhouse. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Pay \$1.00 to play. Followed by Party Time, refreshments, and Door Prize drawings. February Plan: Frozen Yogurt Party!

HI score.

LO score:

Jan Hudson

Lois Bircher

50

33

Dance Club Report

Jan. 20th with 12 players

Norma Alexander

Irwin Lett, and Bob Hebblewhite. Winners of the Share the Wealth were: Bob Arcand, Dale Peever, Karin Russell, Julie Burns and Annette Small. All prizes were \$25.00 each. Congratulations all!

The upcoming dances will take place Feb. 14 (Valentine's Dance), Music provided by Sea Breeze Band; Feb. 28 (Clash Bash) Music provided by Frank & Dean; March 13 (St. Patrick's Day Dance) Music provided by Dazzler Band; April 4th will be the Hawaiian Luau (details to be provided at a later date) Music to be provided by Blinkey-N-Fritz.

If you have not attended one of the Ranch Mobile dances, why not come out and give it a whirl. To add your name to the waiting list for seats or for

ticket availability please contact Jackie House at 536-8382.

PLEASE NÔTE THAT ELECTIONS FOR THE DANCE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH. POSITIONS WILL BE POSTED. PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING



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Wednesday Night Euchre Scores December 2016 Winners

January 4, 2017

Lone Hands	Mike Higbie	4
First Place	Lois Cordle	61
Second Place	Susan Berton	59
Third Place	Betty Bober	55
Fourth Place	Mary Jo Ward	53

January 11, 2017

Lone Hands	Gus Agostinel	li 4
First Place	Sharon Ray	61
Second Place	Marilyn Lett	58
Third Place	Mike Ray	57
Fourth Place	Pat Matteson	54

January 18, 2017

Lone Hands	Pat Peever	4
First Place	Mary Agostin	elli 58
Second Place	Pat Wookey	50
Third Place	Mike Ray	49
Fourth Place	Betty Bober	48

January 25, 2017

Lone Hands	Jack Stickland 6
First Place	Laurie Wookey 72
Second Place	Pat Matteson 56
Third Place	Shirley Higbie 56
Fourth Place	Jim Shafer 56





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Cribbage Winners in January

January 4, 2017	Game	s Total
January 4, 2017 Doris Coulombe Lois Bruzek Roberta Patterson Paul Patterson Marie Pelletier	7 6 5 5 5	110 203 356 329 329
January 11, 2017 Dick Slack Al Rogers Al Belli Eva Szabo	7 6 6 6	119 212 198 197
January 18, 2017 Elaine Croteau Marie Pelletier Paul Patterson Roberta Patterson	7 6 6 5	74 175 169 318
January 25, 2017 Kenny Dawson Simone Dawson Glenn Gifford Deb Slack	7 7 6 6	111 116 233 203



Cribbage is played on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. @ CH. \$5.00 fee.

March Anniversaries

1	Bob & Ruby Borland	1947
	Irwin & Marilyn Lett	1956
2	Bill & Jacqueline DeBar	1963
5	Robert & Rhoda Knauff	2011
	Mac & Lynda Gillis	2009
15	Robert & Beverly Benkowsk	i
	John & Anne Cragg	1958
17	Steve & Linda Raimondi	2004
18	Ron & Maggie Hensler	
	John & Maggie Olson 1977	
23	John & Rolande Selwitschka	2015
31	Elio & Rolande Belli	1951





March Birthdays

- 1 Marion Gibson Bill Kohls Helen Selwitschka
- 2 Judith Fenwick Claudette Morency Betty Sanford Nancy Souza
- 3 Ron Hensler
- 4 Denise Jackson
- 5 Gord Kennedy
- 6 Ginny Gregory
- 7 Lori Armentrout Frances Hawrylynko
- 8 James Jewel Norman Prahstl
- 10 Jerry Westervelt
- 11 Juliette Bourgeois
- 12 Larry St. Pierre13 Dawn Cooper
- Pete Nobile Bill Shea
- 15 James Bailey Robert Hynes
- 17 Sue Balomenos Pat Jackson Gladys Shields
- 18 Pat Conley Nellie Daum Chuck Davis
- 19 Karen MacMahan



- Pat Peever Trish Perrigo
- 21 Charlie Dumican Rachel Huot Bob Ward
- 22 Cindy Hurley
- 23 Ray Barrow Lois Waite
- 24 Rose Morris Eileen O'Doherty Francine Rabouin
- 25 Mickey Kinney Carol Young
- 26 Dominic Bianchi Joe Medeiros Mike Wilson
- 27 Simone Dawson Larry Wagoner
- 28 Lois Bircher Denise Giroux Maggie Olson Steve Raimondi Donna Reid Eduard Winter
- 30 Lois Cordle
- 31 Bert Cordle Doyne Hemmings Ronald Hemmings Sharyn Simcox





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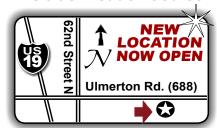
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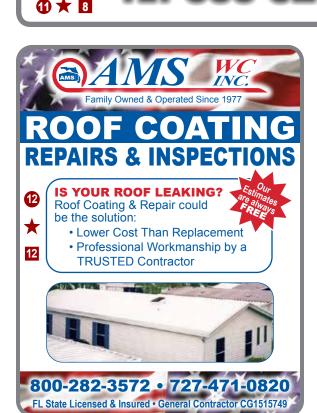
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FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd, 9am-1pm, Flea Market/Bake Sale Lake Seminole Resort MHP Clubhouse, 10245 110th Ave. North, East off Seminole Blvd. Refreshments, Lunch.

CRAFT FAIR 3/25/2017, 1:00-5:00 Briar Creek Phase I Clubhouse, 3175 McMullen Booth Rd Saftey Harbor.

Come One Come ALL! It's that time of year again! The 2017 Palm Hill Bazaar is on March 4th. Early Bird at 8:30 a.m. \$1.00. Regualr admittance 9:00 a.m. till 1p.m. Everything must go! 1800 Seminole Blvd., Largo, FL 33778.

Saturday, March 4th, 8-1, WHITE EL-EPHANT & BAKE SALE: Furniture, Accessories, Linens, Jewelry, etc., Lake Highlander 1500 County Road 1 Dunedin.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE - DUNE-DIN: Sat. March 18th, 8 AM to 1 PM. Lake Haven Mobile Home Park 1415 Main St (SR 580). Turn South on Lake Haven Road, Turn East into Treasure Cove. Follow signs to the Clubhouse.

HUGE Rummage Sale at St. Paul United Methodist Church, March 3&4. 1199 Highland Ave., Largo, Florida, 33770. (Corner of Highland and Rosery.) Early Bird Friday, 5-8 pm; \$1 admission. Free admission Saturday, 8am-2pm.

White Elephant Sale Saturday March 11th. Lake Haven MHP #3, 1415 Main St. Dunedin, FL. Clothing, Small Appliance, Gift items and the BEST BAKE SALE IN TOWN! 8AM-1PM.

Hillcrest Mobile Home Park Spring Craft Fair: Saturday, March 4th, 9am-1pm. At Clubhouse 2346 Druid Rd., Clearwater, (Between US19 & Belcher) Handcrafted items & Bake Sale. Free Admission.

March 18th, 8:00am-1:00pm, Rummage/Craft Sale: Caribbean Isles MHP Clubhouse 12100 Seminole Blvd. Lot 52. Lunch. Raffle Baskets. & Baked Goods!

Art/Craft Fair - Friday, March 10th, 9AM-1PM. Lake Highlander MHP, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin. Refreshments available.

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Tables are on sale for East Bay Oaks Annual Craft Fair to be held on December 9th from 9am until 2pm. For table rental, please contact Tammy at 727-550-6397 or email inthegardn@ gmail.com

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- Large Pasta shells
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- 1-1/2 cup cottage cheese
- 1 cup freshly grated Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Romano cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 15oz jar garlic Alfredo Sauce

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
- 3. Prepare shells according to package directions.
- 4. Drain water from shells, pat dry with paper towels
- 5. In a large bowl combine Mozzarella, Parmesan and Romano cheese.
- 6. Remove 1/2 cup for topping.
- 7. Add cottage cheese, egg, pepper and salt. Stir until well combined. Add chicken and stir until completely combined.
- 8. Spoon 1 cup Alfredo sauce on the bottom of the prepared pan.
- 9. Stuff shells with chicken mixture either using a spoon or a small scoop.
- 10. Arrange in prepared pan in single layer. Spoon remaining Alfredo sauce over shells. Sprinkle with reserved cheese.
- 11. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned and bubbly.
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- 13. Enjoy!



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15 Delightful Facts about Saint Patrick's Day

1. We Should Really Wear Blue

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish Independence movement in the late 18th century.

2. Saint Patrick was British

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

3. The Irish Take Saint Patrick's Day Seriously

As you might expect, Saint Patrick's Day is a huge deal in his old stomping grounds. It's a national holiday in both Ireland and Northern Ireland.

4. So Do New Yorkers

New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. Since 1762, 250,000 marchers have traipsed up Fifth Avenue on foot - the parade still doesn't allow floats, cars, or other modern trappings.

5. Chicago Feels Lucky, Too

New York may have more manpower, but Chicago has a spectacle all its own. The city has been celebrating Saint Patrick by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. It takes 40 tones of dye to get the river to a suitably festive shade!

6. It Used to Be A Dry Holiday

For most of the 20th century, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland, which meant that the nation's pubs were closed for business on March 17. (The one exception went to beer vendors at the big national dog show, which was always held on Saint Patrick's Day.) In 1970, the day was converted to a national holiday, and the stout resumed flowing.

7. It's the Thought That Counts

Not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World. The route ran or 26 yards between two pubs. Today, Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity - its brief parade runs for 98 feet.

8. There's a Reason for The Shamrocks

How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

9. Cold Weather Helped Saint Patrick's Legend

In Irish lore, Saint Patrick gets credit for driving all the snakes out of Ireland. Modern scientists suggest that the job might not have been too hard - according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to any snakes. through the Ice Age, Ireland was too cold to host any reptiles, and the surround seas have staved off serpentine invaders ever since. Modern scholars think the "snakes" Saint Patrick drove away were likely metaphorical.

10. There's No Corn in that Beef

Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything

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to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

11. The World Runs Up Quite a Bar Tab

All of the Saint Patrick's Day revelry around the globe is great news for brewers. A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spend on beer for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations at \$245 million. And that's before tips to the pubs' bartenders.

12. It Could Have Been Saint Maewyn's Day

According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick wasn't originally called Patrick. His birth name was Maewyn Succat, but he changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.

13. There Are No Female Leprechauns

Don't be fooled by any holiday decorations showing lady leprechauns. In traditional Irish folk tales, there are no female leprechauns, only nattily attired little guys.

14. But the Leprechaun Economy is Thriving

Another little-known fact from Irish lore: Leprechauns earned that gold they're guarding. According to legend, leprechauns spend their days making and mending shoes. It's hard work, so you can't blame them for being territorial about their pots of gold.

15. The Lingo Makes Sense

You can't attend a Saint Patrick's Day event without hearing a cry of "Erin go Bragh." What's the phrase mean? It's a corruption of the Irish Eirinn go Brach, which means roughly "Ireland Forever."

Random Facts

- Any month that starts on a Sunday will have a Friday the 13th in it.
- Each kind in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades King David, Clubs Alexander the Great, Hearts Charlemagne, and Diamonds Julius Caesar.
- Emus and kangaroos can't walk backwards.
- The "Yo-Yo" was introduced in 1929 by Donald F. Duncan. The toy was based on a weapon used by 16th century Filipino hunters.
- The 7 wonders of the ancient world are The Temple of Artemis, The colossus of Rhodes, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, The Lighthouse at Alexandria, The Great Pyramids of Giza, and The Statue of Zeus at Olympia.
- A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.
- The Seven Virtues are prudence, courage, temperance, justice, faith, hope, and charity.
- The world's largest alphabet is Cambodian, with 74 letters.
- One in every four Americans has appeared on television.
- The average American will eat about 11.9 pounds of cereal per year.
- Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch TV for three hours.
- Bamboo, which is the tallest grass in the world, can grow up to 90 cm in a day.
- Most of the vitamin C in fruits is in the skin.
- The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood up to 30 feet.
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue ~ relative to its size.

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The average talker sprays about 300 microscopic saliva droplets per minute, about 2.3 droplets per word.

The Earth experiences about 50,000 earthquakes each year.

The largest known kidney stone weighted 2.9 pounds (1.36 kg).

The Old Coot's Got Nothing!

By: Merlin Lessler

In the wall. Writer's block! Nothing I want to write about, complain about. A sad state for an old coot. I need something to stir me up; otherwise, I'll lose my status in the old coot world. I thought I might opine about the ads on TV for the Oral-B power toothbrush. It shows the device gliding along top a row of teeth, with the bristles reaching down both sides to the gum line, flecking away tartar particles with a voice over claiming this will prevent gum disease. My immediate reaction was to yell, "Bull."

I have the exact same toothbrush displayed in the ad; you have to tilt it to get it to reach the gum line, and thus it only does one side of a tooth at a time. Then I did the math. The bristles are a quarter of an inch long; the distance between the gum line and the top of my shortest tooth is an eighth of an inch greater than that. A majority of human's teeth are the same. Thus the caricature of the portrayal of an Oral-B in action is bogus and thus deserving of my "Bull!' (Even though I like the toothbrush and it works great, just not as portrayed.)

But so what? Who cares about a stupid toothbrush ad on TV? Then I considered complaining about my lack of small talk skills. And, my need for an App for my smart phone to help with the shortcoming. Like when I'm stuck in a seat next to a stranger on a plane, in a long line at the DMV, at a wedding reception, cocktail party or gallery opening. To help me after I've exhausted my small talk skills of, "How you doing?" and "How about this weather?"

The App would come to my rescue. I'd type in a stranger's age, sex, dress style and social status (redneck, yuppie, slob, outdated, old coot, etc.) and up would pop a set of questions. Questions are the best mechanism to a successful conversation. People love to talk about themselves. They don't want to hear about YOUR children and grandchildren, dog, cat, professional and social successes. And, they definitely don't want to endure listening to a litany of ailments from an old coot like me. Let them talk about themselves and they'll think you are a gifted conversationalist!

But, neither of these topics held my interest long enough to create a discourse. It troubles me greatly. There's not enough stupid stuff going on around me to energize my old coot crankiness. I guess I'll give it up and close with the thought, "All's well with the world." DARN! DARN!



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- 3. Inventor Alexander Graham Bell was born in 1847
- 4. First meeting of Congress in 1789
- 5. The Boston Massacre took place in 1770
- 6. Oreo cookies went on sale for the first time in 1912
- 7. National Cereal Day
- 8. International Women's Day
- 9. Barbie's Birthday (1959)
- 10. First paper money was issued in 1862
- 11. Earthquakes devastate Japan in 2011
- 12. Anniversary of the death of Anne Frank (1945)
- 13. Uranus was discovered in 1781
- 14. Scientist Albert Einstein was born in 1879
- 15. Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 B.C.
- 16. James Madison, our 4th U.S. President, was born in 1751.
- 17. The rubber band was invented
- 18. First walk in space in 1965
- 19. The swallows return to San Juan Capistrano
- 20. Big Bird's birthday (Sesame Street Character)
- 21. First ever tweet made on Twitter in 2006
- 22. National Goof Off Day
- 23. Toast Day
- 24. Exxon Valdez runs aground in 1989
- 25. Pancakes first made in 1882
- 26. Poet Robert Frost was born in 1874
- 27. Alaska was hit by an 8.4 earthquake in 1964
- 28. The "Greatest Show on Earth" was formed in 1881
- 29. Coca-cola was invented in 1886
- 30. The pencil with an eraser was patented in 1858
- 31. First map of the U.S. was published in 1784

Barbie

"My whole philosophy of Barbie was that through the doll, the little girl could be anything she wanted to be. Barbie always represented the fact that a woman has choices." ~Ruth Handler (creator of the Barbie doll), on being inspired by her young daughter Barbara's fascination with teenage live and love for fashion dolls.

Ruth and Elliot Handler founded Mattel Creations in 1945, and 14 years later, Ruth Handler game the world the Barbie doll. When asked her relationship to Barbie, Ruth simply replied, "I'm Barbie's mom."

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The inspiration for Barbie came as Ruth watched her daughter Barbara playing with paper dolls. Barbara and her friends used them to play adult or teenage make-believe, imagining roles as college students, cheerleaders and adults with careers. Ruth immediately recognized that experimenting with the future from a safe distance through pretend play was an important part of growing up. She also noticed a product void and was determined to fill that niche with a three-dimensional fashion doll.

Several years and many designs later, Mattel introduced Barbie, the Teen-Age Fashion Model, to skeptical toy buyers at the annual Toy Fair in New York on March 9, 1959. Never before had they seen a doll so completely unlike the baby and toddler dolls popular at the time.

Today, with a professional resume thicker than a phone book, a circle of friends that rival any social network and a community of caring that spans the globe, Barbie continues to find new ways to inspire and encourage the next generation of girls.

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

She is from (fictional) Willows, Wisconsin where she attended high school.

Barbie's official birthday is March 9, 1959 - the exact date she was unveiled to the toy industry during New York Toy Fair.

Barbie first appeared in the now-famous black-and-white striped swimsuit.

Barbie's debut look was polished off with her signature ponytail - a hair style representative of the times (1959).

The first Barbie doll was sold for \$3.00

Barbie's first pet was a horse named Dancer

Barbie's signature color is Barbie Pink (PMS 219)

Barbie stands 11.5 inches tall

The best-selling Barbie ever was the 1992 Totally Hair doll, with hair from the top of her heat to her toes

Barbie has had 180+ inspirational careers

Barbie first broke through the plastic ceiling as a business executive in 1985

Barbie traveled into space in 1965, four years before man walked on the moon

Although she has never won an election, Barbie has run for president 6 times since 1992.

It takes a professional staff of top fashion designers, makeup artists and the most elite couturiers - more than 100 people in all - to create a Barbie doll and her fashions

Barbie has a powerful social media presence with over 13 million fans on Facebook, 240,000 followers on Twitter and over 600,000 followers on Instagram (@Barbie)

@BarbieStyle launched in 2014 and quickly reached 1.2 million followers - it is one of the fastest growing fashion Instagram channels to date.

In 2015, Barbie launched her first video blog (vlog) on YouTube

To date, Barbie has starred in more than 30 DVDs taking on roles from a super hero to rockstar

The Barbie brand spot "Imagine the Possibilities" was selected as one of the most iconic ads of 2015, based on this year's YouTube Ads Leaderboard

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Barbie has represented more than 40 different nationalities

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- 18. Bypass
- 19. Care giver
- 20. Deserving of the highest esteem
- 22. Adjust
- 23. Stop
- 24. Construct
- 26. American Medical Association
- 29. Required
- 33. Ranking above all others
- 38. Seldom
- 39. Biblical garden
- 40. Hindu loincloth
- 42. Lack of difficulty
- 43. A small node
- 45. Registered in a permanent form
- 47. An unchanging intonation
- 48. "I knew it!"
- 49. Nab
- 52. Laser printers need this
- 57. Step
- 60. Offensive
- 63. Heathen
- 64. Parisian airport
- 65. Bituminous fuel
- 66 Critical
- 67. Russian emperor
- 68. Largest continent
- 69. Horse 70. Protagonist
- 71. Count upon

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- 2. Chip away at
- 3. A type of small lizard
- 4. Mixed-blood

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- 5. Dwarf buffalo
- 6. Young sheep 7. Nimble
- 8. Aromatic compound
- 9. Cure-all
- 10. A husband who cheats
- 11. Harbor
- 12. Backside
- 13. Lascivious look

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- 25. Make wealthy
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- 34. Smell
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- 36. Express or state clearly
- 37. Crag
- 41. Orange pekoe or Earl Grey 62. Apprentice

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