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### FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

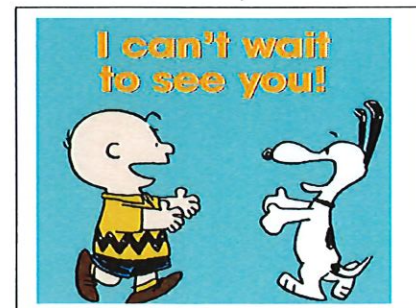


I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend! Thank you once again to the volunteers that made our Easter egg hunt a success. As many of you head out to your summer adventures, we will get busy preparing the park for your return.

Paul is already getting the calendar for next year done, and booking entertainment for our events. Maintenance will be painting and pressure washing, and the office will be forwarding your mail, and working on projects that just can't be done when we are busy.

We wish you safe travels and lots of fun this summer, and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

Bev Malouin, Resort Manager

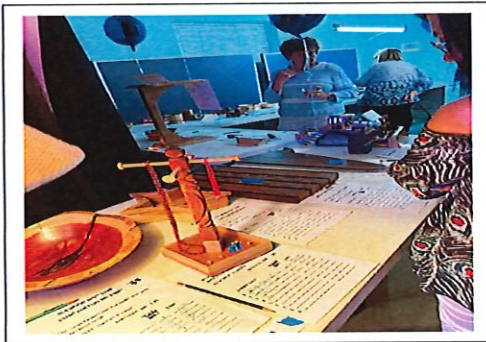




Florida Anchor A



**Wood Shop Dinner Dance February 20, 2024** the Dinner Dance was a Huge success as always because of our members, ticket sales and volunteers !Doors opened at 4:30pm to 10:00pm in the Rec Hall! The Wood Shop's annual Silent Auction and Raffles were a success because of our members donated projects. Thank you to our members and volunteers! You could only obtain those coveted handmade wood bowls, birdhouses, and other decorative items made by the Wood Shop members at the Annual event! The tickets for the cash prizes went over big! We have to thank Bev Malouin our Manager, Donnie Scally and his staff and our activity Director Paul Palmeri for all of their support and effort. We are planning next year's event already. We are thinking of changing it up by having pizza and Subs instead of a Big dinner. We are asking our residents for their feed back. Please notify our secretary Noreen Brezowski with your thoughts to [rcshop1070@gmail.com](mailto:rcshop1070@gmail.com). The Wood Shop thank you for your feedback Have a safe and healthy summer see you in the fall! God bless!



Edward Ross ¼ page



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Call 911 for Emergencies

**OFFICE HOURS**

Daily	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Camp Host	5:00 – 10:00 P.M.
Quiet Hours	10:00 P.M. - 8:00 A.M.
Check In Time	12:00 P.M.
Check Out Time	11:00 A.M.

**AMENITIES**

- Luxurious 120,000-gallon heated Junior Olympic Pool
- Shuffleboard Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Bocce
- Kayak launch area
- Fitness Center
- 4 Tennis Courts
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts
- Ping Pong
- Laundry Facility
- Basketball Court
- Recreation Hall & Club House
- Library
- Card & Game Room
- 2 Dog Parks
- Guest Lounge
- Practice Golf Complex
- Billiards
- Mail Room
- Mini Golf Course
- Pavilion
- Internet Café-Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Fishing Pier (no license needed)

**Utilities & Extras**

**Florida Power & Light (FPL):**

**\*All Park Model Owners are responsible for the electricity to your site and need to open an account with FPL.**

**\*All RV Guests who are staying with us longer than 30 days, may open an account with FPL, or we will read your meter and bill you once per month. RV guests who open an account with FPL need to provide the office with your account number, so we know NOT to bill you.**

**\*In addition, be sure to close your FPL Account when you leave. FPL phone number is: 941-917-0708. Your address is: 1070 Laurel Road East, (your site #), Nokomis, FL 34275**

**Contacting RCR** General email address: [royalcoachman@equitylifestyle.com](mailto:royalcoachman@equitylifestyle.com)

**After hours emergency Phone: 941-232-3021**

**Internet:** Jabba Wi-Fi is available on the RV sites for daily weekly and monthly service. Comcast also offers internet service; please call them directly for rates at 800-266-2278.

**Wi-Fi:** Complimentary wireless Wi-Fi service is available:

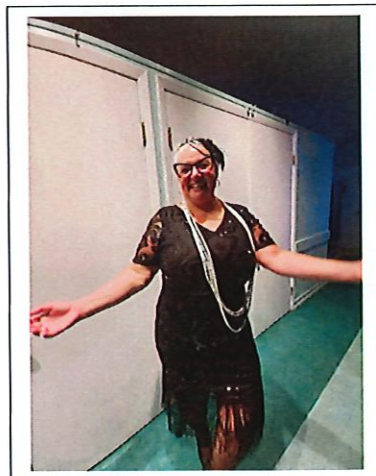
- Lounge/Internet Café/Pool: Royal Coachman Pool WIFI. Password: **Password5015** (case sensitive)
- Clubhouse/Recreation Hall: RoyalCoachmanCH/RoyalCoachmanRH. Same password as above.

Please remember that this is an open network so watch your password and privacy settings. **Propane:** South Florida Propane – Delivery every other week (if there are orders). Please call them at 239-334-3131.

Remember to remove your tank and put it out by the road. Payment is YOUR responsibility.

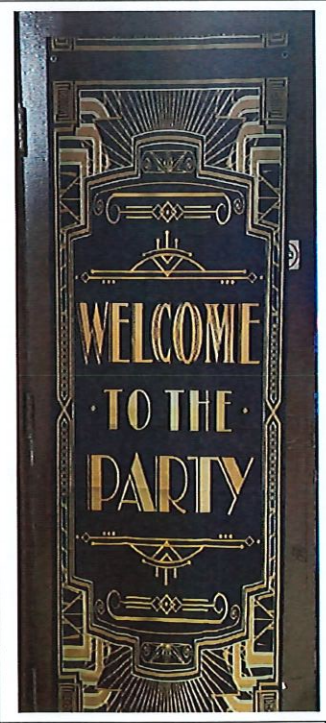
Propane delivery will be done upon request, please call So Florida Gas directly at 239-334-3131. You can prepay with a credit card.







## The New York & Friends Party



The 2024 New York & Friends party was a blast! The period costumes were awesome and there was a lot of dancing (what do you expect with a bunch of Flappers?)







Comfort Cover 1/4

Contemporary Hearing 1/2



*Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!*  
What an amazing place this is; all of our volunteers are the ones that make this place magic.  
From getting up and putting out coffee & donuts early on Wednesdays, decorating for the holidays and events, to throwing a Canadian style cookout for 300, it is our volunteers that make it all happen!





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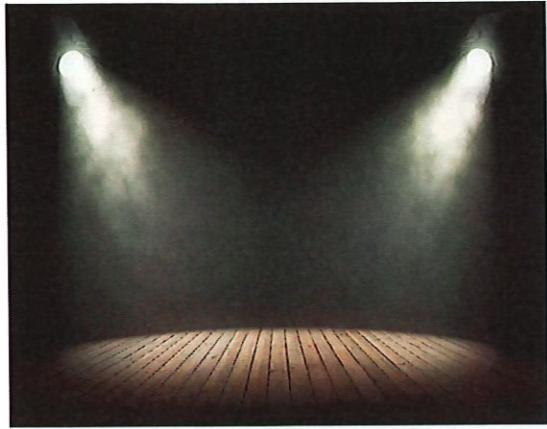
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## 2025 Concert Series



**We do not have January's concert booked yet, watch this space!!**



BeatleBeat features four world class talented musicians the recreate the look, style & sound of the most famous rock and roll band in the world. A totally self-contained theatrical experience that takes you on a musical and visual trip back to the 60's!

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**



One of the most acclaimed Elvis Tribute Artists in the country, Matt Stone ignites the stage with energy, charm, and vocals that will amaze all audiences! The inner essence of Elvis Presley is recaptured once again for the first time since 1977... Elvis is BACK in the building!

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

Ticket for the series are on sale now in the office, you can call with a credit card and we will hold your tickets until you come back. The price for all three shows is \$75 per person. Individual tickets will be sold at the door for \$25 per person. Doors will open at 6 pm for a "mixer", show will start at 7 pm in the Recreation Hall. Beatles and Elvis will be assigned seating, Motown will be cabaret style.



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# Valentine's Day





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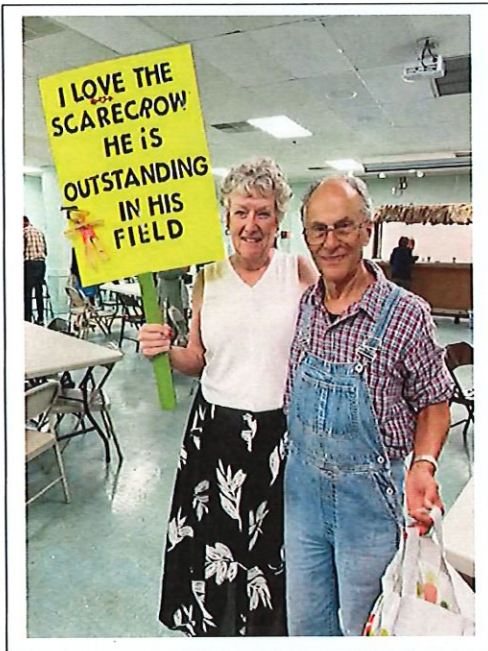
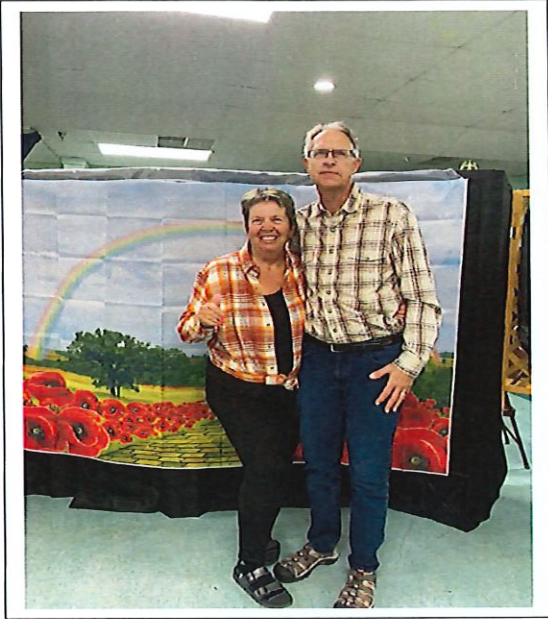


# The RCR Players 2024 Show "We're Off to See the Wizard"

A delightful night of song, dance and magic. Video is uploaded  
RoualCoachmanRVResort.com website.







Thank you for the enthusiastic response to our new twist on the Variety show, a wonderful tradition here at RCR. OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD, a Cabaret for Charity, was a blast to put together. The cast and crew had a great time this year and both shows sold out. Your smiles and laughter were contagious! We are glad you enjoyed our antics and talents. We can't wait for next year's collaboration. We collected an abundance of food & money for local charities, and we will share the numbers after all is tallied. Many of you have already signed up for next year's adventure. If you haven't but are thinking about joining us, please contact Juliet Foster (602-695-2042) or [redjulibird@gmail.com](mailto:redjulibird@gmail.com). In addition, I will have a sign up sheet in the lounge soon. Wishing everyone safe travels on those country roads,

Juliet and Crew



## A SMASHING 2024 TENNIS SENIOR GAMES



The RCR Tennis Club held their annual Senior Games Tournament February 12th-16th. It was a smashing success! Forty-eight tennis players participated in three divisions, making this our biggest tournament in the last ten years! We had 6 hours of tennis Monday and Tuesday, covering men's and women's doubles. Wednesday, there were almost 8 straight hours of tennis, including mixed doubles and singles. Forty-two people played in the mixed doubles event, making it the biggest day. We had a great day of finals on Thursday, culminating in an awesome awards picnic for players and guests that evening. What a great week to be an RCR tennis player!

Thanks to the enthusiastic crowds that gathered to watch, you make it even more fun! If you're looking to join the fun, our events include all levels of play. RCR tennis also offers lessons, hitting clinics and round robins for those that want to learn or brush the rust off their skills. Join us!

### MEN'S DIVISION I

Dick Forkey	1
Ted Allen	1
Mark Sauter	2
Frank Pawltza	2

### WOMEN'S DIVISION I

Karen Dutton	1
Dale Pawltza	1
Jane Haley	2
Kim Poser	2

### MEN'S DIVISION II

Dennis Shackleton	1
Dick Morency	1
Tom Marshall	2
John Gates	2

### WOMEN'S DIVISION I

Loar Lazur	1
Margaret Catt	2
Karla Norman	2
Deb Fargeorge	2



### MENS DIVISION III

Steve Oberlin	1
Jeff McPike	1
Tom Stieber	2
Paul Fargeorge	2

### WOMEN'S DIV III

Cassie McPike	1
Allie Falandes	1
Maggie Strevell	2
Ann Latt	3

### SINGLES

Derek Fenwick	1
Victor Estevan	2
Steve Delrocco	3

### MIXED DIVISIONS I, II, and III

Ted Allen	1
Bob Hewson	2
Mark Sauter	3

Don Morency	1
John Gates	2
Tom Marshall	3

Derek Fenwick	1
Paul Fargeorge	2
Steve Delrocco	3

Karen Dutton	1
Dale Pawltza	2
Arlene	3

Karla Norman	1
Tina Zacco	2
Lora Lazur	3

Maggie Strevell	1
Ann Latt	1
Allie Falandes	2



**VISIT RCR TENNIS.COM**

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## Save our Shade- April 2024

I was at the pool recently and overheard a few people talking about “those dirty trees”. This seems to be an ailment all of us incur as we age. I remember my mother-in-law going on and on about the “whirligigs” dropping from the maple trees that she had helped plant around her home decades earlier. Seems we forget the reasons we planted these trees and overlook the benefits they have provided us over the years; the shade, the cooling, the air purification, the carbon capture, and the important habitat for birds and insects, etc. Trees are an important part of our environment, especially here at RCR.

That conversation at the pool continued, talking about the steady drop of leaves from our many Live Oak and the huge accumulation of leaves they shed, especially in the spring. The conversation then moved on to our wonderful Slash Pine. Everyone can see the impact of the yellow pollen throughout the park every spring, either through their allergic reaction or the yellow coating that covers our cars, patio furniture, roads and everything else. But, next was the question, “what are these things falling now?”

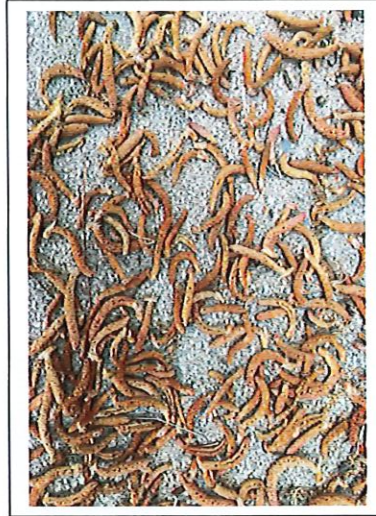
There was some speculation but no correct answer. So, what are they and why?

Slash Pine are one of the dominant species in our resort and provide the wonderful setting we all enjoy. Growing to a height of between 100 and 150 feet they provide the canopy over the park. Their unique growth pattern of a tall straight trunk, lateral branches and a rounded crown is distinctive among pine species. The wood is very strong for a pine, even harder than many of our hardwood species, allowing them to flex and bend during high winds without breaking.

The noodle like droppings we are constantly sweeping up in spring are an important part of the pine reproductive cycle. Our Slash Pine are gymnosperm as are all pines. Gymnosperm trees carry both male and female reproduction components and rely on wind for pollination whereas angiosperms generate a flower and rely on birds or insects for fertilization. Both the male and female components on gymnosperms are called cones. And, our noodles are the male cones from these pines. The much larger, hard scaled cones that we traditionally know as pine cones are the female component. The male cones grow on lower branches while the female cones are on the upper reaches of the tree. This arrangement limits the amount of pollen from the male cones that fertilize female cones on the same tree. Instead the pollen drifts with the wind on upward currents to neighboring trees. In each bract of the small male cone is a winged pollen grain. These pollen grains make up the yellow powder that covers everything in the spring. When a grain lands on the developing female cone in the upper level of a tree fertilization occurs and the female pine seed cone starts to develop. As we know from the abundance of pollen grains that miss their target, a successful union is quite a challenge. One pollen grain scores and we are left to deal with the millions of failures.



Picture #1 pollen cones



Picture #2 very young developing female pine cone



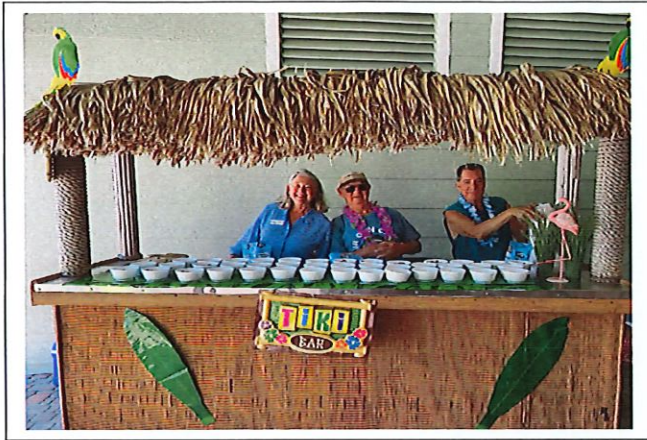
After expelling its pollen the male cone falls off and litters our roads, roofs and patios. The fertilized female cone then develops a seed under each hard bract of our traditional pine cone. After about three years of maturation the cone drops, the seed is expelled and with any luck it germinates into a young pine. This is where the Save Our Shade group can step in to help this young offspring to succeed. If you see a seedling pine out of place, let any of the SOS leaders, Jan Beal, Sheila Fagan, Allie Falandes or Karen Godbout know and they may relocate it to a prime location. You could then become its adoptive parent by helping water it through its first year. They may even offer you naming rights for a small donation.

The Save Our Shade group would also like to thank all of you that purchased a funnel cake during the recent car show or made a donation this year to our tree planting cause. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the funds raised help us to plant more trees throughout the park. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped water the new plantings throughout the year. Hopefully we will see you next year and your tree will have grown bigger and stronger through the coming Florida summer.

Joe Van Berkel and the Save our Shade Group



# Cheeseburger In Paradise - Jimmy Buffet Day





## Notes from the Advisory Board

The RCR Advisory board met on Monday, March 4th in the card room.

After normal business was completed, the vice president reviewed two notes received by the board. Both concerned the use of facilities and how cleaning those facilities could be improved.

Many groups use the rec hall just about every day of the week. The floors have been found to be stained and dirty after several of the major events. There are two issues in play here. One is how does RCR schedule cleaning of the facilities and the other is how do groups using the facilities clean up after their events.

I have spoken with our park manager, who has agreed that cleaning of facilities is important and is working to schedule more regular cleaning, especially of the rec hall floors. This will mean the rec hall will need to be cleared of tables and chairs and will not be available for a short period of time during cleaning. Please be patient as this scheduling goes forward and groups using the rec hall can really help by cleaning up after their events.

There was also a report of several close calls with all of the traffic on our streets, especially concerning speed, children and attention at intersections. The park is a very busy community and it is important that everyone pay attention, keep speeds down and always look out and slow down when sharing the roads.

Some of our friends have already returned to their northern homes and families but April will continue to be filled with many activities. Enjoy the warm weather and all of the fun at RCR. The next meeting of the Advisory board will be on April 1st!!

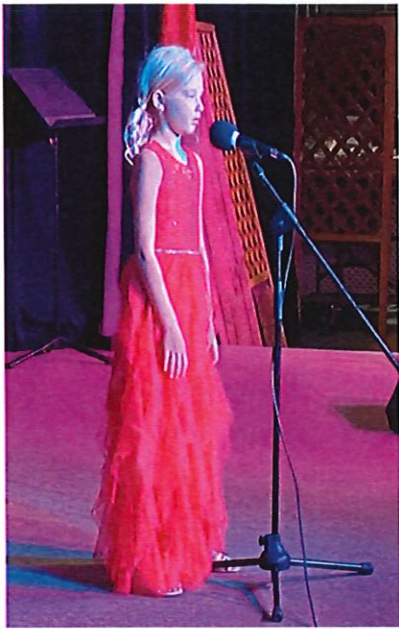
Terry Ludban  
RCR Advisory board  
President





### Haven's Concert

Haven Hart gave a solo performance At RCR on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Her professional presentation coupled with Haven's clear, true voice was a pleasure to listen to. She performed a mixture of tunes to a standing room only hall. We hope we shall hear from Haven again.



Also performing  
were Olivia  
Turley (age 10)  
on the Viola,  
and  
Melanie Turley  
(age 8)  
on the  
piano



## Preparing your site for the summer

As you close up your park models and RV's for the summer, here are some things to remember:

- Shut off your water (and water heater) before you leave
- Make sure you don't have anything unsecured in your yard or on your porch or deck that could be picked up in a strong wind
- Make sure all your doors and windows are locked/secured
- We highly recommend a house watcher. They will check your house regularly and will catch water leaks or AC failures before they turn into expensive repairs. We have a list of local home watchers at our front desk to choose from
- Make sure the office has contact information for you while you are gone
- If you are leaving a vehicle, we recommend you cover it with a tarp to keep the pine sap off of it, and try to park it somewhat out of the way of our mowers.
- Remember we will be mowing every week all summer, so please do not leave plants, planters or yard art out in the way. Please put those items in your shed or lanai.
- If you have a kayak on one of the racks, and you are leaving, please take off the rack and secure next to your park model or under your RV. Those racks have been known to float out into the creek if the tide is high enough after a storm.

### MAIL FORWARDING

Make sure you pick up a mail forwarding form and fill it out for us before you leave. We will forward mail to you for about 30 days after you leave, which gives you a chance to cancel the forwarding order to Royal Coachman. If you are traveling all summer, you can purchase some prepaid Priority envelopes and we can send mail out to you weekly or biweekly. Remember if you do not cancel a forwarding order from you up north home, the mail will just travel in a continuous loop.

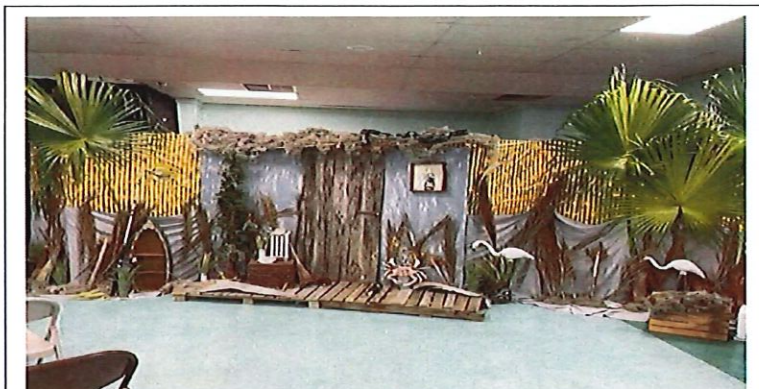
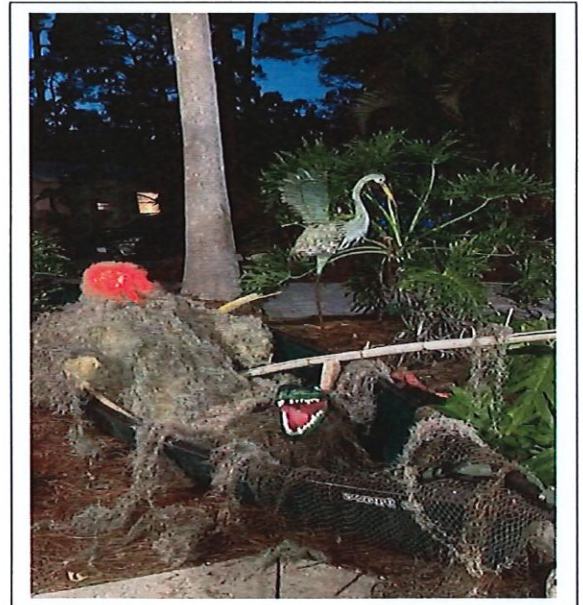
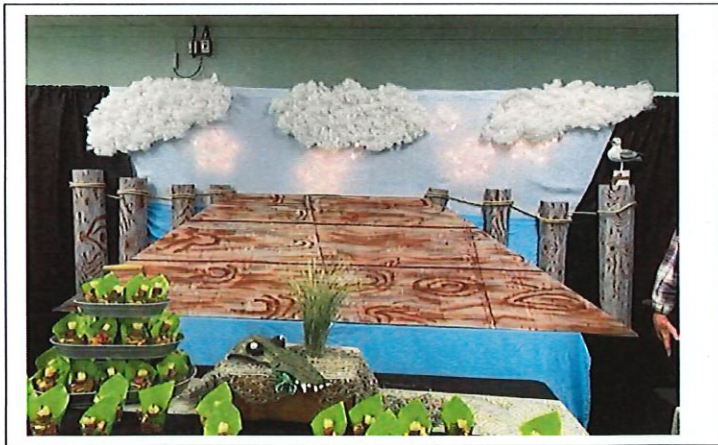
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# Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute "Bad Moon Rising"





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Have an idea?  
Want to write a story?  
We want to hear from you!  
**Remember:** send pictures,  
articles, & club news to:



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by **APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion in the  
**MAY** newsletter. Or stop by the front  
office with your submission.



Visit our webpage at

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for information about local beaches and fishing as well as other area attractions.

Visit some of the best beaches in the country right here on the Gulf Coast. Take a kayak trip out and explore the little bays and keys on your way to the Gulf of Mexico.

Enjoy shopping and dining out in Venice and Sarasota, and then come back and relax in our sparkling pool and watch the sun set. Another perfect day!



Kayak Rentals are still available for \$5 for 3 hours. Explore the waterways around RCR! Life Jackets provided! Sign them out in the office. We have single & tandem kayaks now for our guests' use and a little rowboat that is more stable for the little ones.

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