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Bridge Replacement Closes Micco Road



Micco Road will be closed to through traffic for replacement of the existing bridge over the Sottile Canal, located southwest of Barefoot Bay, just west of Dottie Lane. The road closure is expected to begin on Jan 30, 2024, lasting for a period of up to eight months. Once the road is closed at the Sottile Canal, eastbound and westbound traffic will have to take a detour to get to the other side; this includes local businesses and residences that will be cut off once bridge demolition begins.

Brevard County's Public Works (BCPW) department will be proactively working with the contractor to expeditiously complete the work and reopen the road sooner, if possible. The current bridge - a group of corrugated metal half-pipes encased in concrete supported by timber piling - was constructed in 1938 and has surpassed its life expectancy. The replacement bridge, which includes two 11-foot travel lanes, 8-foot paved shoulders, and a barrier-protected 5-foot sidewalk, will be constructed to current standards and will traverse the canal with a modern single-span design supported by concrete pilings.

The 130+ homes at the Lakes at Saint Sebastian, west of the closure, will be the most seriously affected area and can expect travel times to work, appointments, and leisure activities to increase significantly. The United States Postal Service, Waste Management, and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office have informed the residents of Saint Sebastian that mail delivery, trash removal, and emergency response times will not be affected. Additionally, Brevard Public Schools (BPS) will be adding a driver for school transportation, and pickup times and drop-offs should not change for those west of the closure.

Parents of school-age children east of the closure (including Barefoot Bay) will be receiving an email from their child's school relating to new bus schedules. Earlier pickups (and later dropoffs) will be required to make sure children get to school on time. These times are expected to change by approximately ten minutes each way and may be adjusted once the detours are in place and any unknown factors are considered. BPS is committed to getting your child safely to and from school each day and will keep parents informed as adjustments are made.

Per Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR), the interim response time during construction has been minimized and will not affect the quality of emergency services for Barefoot Bay or Micco. BCFR will have a pre-staged vehicle parked west of the work zone, and first responders will be provided on-foot access to cross the Sottile Canal for the homes at Saint Sebastian. The vehicle will be outfitted with advanced life safety equipment and water pumping capabilities so that any situation can be addressed while additional emergency vehicles come from points west as needed.

The \$3M dollar bridge replacement project initially included the construction of a temporary bridge span but this part of the project was considered cost-prohibitive and not user-friendly and was rejected prior to awarding the project. The temporary bridge would have increased construction costs by \$1M dollars and extended the length of time for the entire project by nine to ten months.

(The Tattler would like to thank Don Walker with BCPW, John Davis with BPS, and Rachel Horst with BCFR for their responses to our requests for information on the pending road closure.)

Daughter Charged with Manslaughter

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office has arrested 49-year-old Kelly Tinsley of Barefoot Bay for causing the death of her mother, 69-year-old Cheryl Meurer, on January 8, 2024, at a residence on Sea Gull Drive, Barefoot Bay. Tinsley was arrested after an arrest warrant was issued by Judge Kelly Ingram, charging her with Manslaughter Reclassified with the use of a Weapon. Tinsley is currently being held at the Brevard County Jail Complex on a No Bond status.

The investigation began when deputies responded to the residence at approximately 5:15 a.m. in reference to the report of an injured woman. Upon arrival, deputies located the victim, Ms. Meurer, inside the residence. The victim had been stabbed multiple times and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Based on evidence collected and statements gathered during the investigation, agents believe that on the evening of January 8, 2024, Ms. Tinsley and the victim became involved in a physical altercation that ended with the victim being stabbed to death.

BCSO had responded to a call at the same address the night before the killing after the victim claimed an unknown person had been on her property and had left cigarette butts on her driveway. The call was not domestic violence related and resulted in no further action by the deputies.



Anyone who may have information about this death investigation is asked to please call Agent Kevin Morris of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit at 321-633-8413 or CRIMELINE at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477). All calls to CRIMELINE are confidential, and callers can remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward.

(The Tattler would like to thank Tod Goodyear, Public Information Officer with the BSCO, for providing additional information for this article.)

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We have a new Claims Person: She will be working evenings on Wednesday. Hours are from 7 pm to 9 pm at the moment and may change in the near future. She is new. Stop in and say hi!

Indoor Flea Market and Crafts Show January 20th, 2024: \$15.00 per table in Building "A" 8 am to 9 am Vendors Set-up 9 am to 1 pm. Sales are from 1 pm to 2 pm; the cleanup show will end at one, and the cleanup will go to 2 pm. We have to leave by 2 pm. Sponsored by Veterans Council. All proceeds go to supporting Veterans and Veterans programs.

The Sandy Labello Golf Tournament Will be held on February 3rd, 2024 Sky Divers for your enjoyment if the weather permits. More information to come; keep watch on this and the American Legion page for information. All will be in the Tattler. Can't wait to see you at all three events.

The Veterans Council is proud to announce that on February 24, 2024, the Salute to Veterans will be held in Building A in Barefoot Bay. Tickets are on sale starting for the event. Food, drink, awards, and much more will happen at the SALUTE TO VETERANS. So come out and enjoy the Salute to Veterans on February 24, 2024, and have a great time. Tickets are going fast. Please don't miss out!!

Track Your VA Claim: Since the PACT Act was signed into law, Veterans have set an all-time record for filing online disability compensation claims. VA continues to process all PACT-related claims. If you have a pending claim or appeal, use VA's online tool to stay up-to-date on its status. You can call 800-827-1000 to get information on your claim and have your claim number or SS number.

Movie Afternoons at the Veterans Service Office: We are having movies on Wednesday at 2 pm or 1400. We have many movies to show on the big screen! Look for what will be playing in the Peek of the Week at the Barefoot Bay Veterans Service Office. Movies, popcorn, and snacks are at 2 pm at the Veterans Service Office. Come on in!

Vet-Cents: The Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP) has already helped more than 290,000 Veterans gain access to the banking system. Learn how Vet-Cents will advance financial wellness for America's Veterans, beneficiaries, and caregivers.

American Legion Auxiliary is having a card party on January 28, 2024. 6 to 9 Building "A" donation \$5. 772-664-9577. Penny Auction March 23rd, 2024. Hawaii Luau Wow, what a great time! April 29, 2024, 6 to 8, call the above number for ticket purchases. The Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary outdo themselves over and over again. All the things are great for the community, and a great time.

The Hawaiian Luau on April 2024. Come support the American Legion Auxiliary's event. Hawaiian Dancers will entertain you with Classic Hawaiian Dances. A Hawaiian Dinner will also be served to all guests. Come enjoy the evening; the one held last year was a great success, and most attendees raved about this event.

Supplement Your Pension with Aid and Attendance: Did you know that VA's Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits can increase your pension payments to support the additional care you need? If you need help with daily activities, or if you are housebound, you may qualify for an increased VA pension to help pay for in-home care, assisted living, or a nursing home.

Burial and Memorial Benefits for Veterans: Veterans, service members, and their families may be entitled to VA burial benefits to help plan and pay for burial, funeral service, and transportation costs. Learn about end-of-life planning for Veterans' benefits.

WARNING: Predatory Law Firms Scam your Benefits: Have you recently been aggressively contacted by a company or law firm regarding legal representation to file your PACT Act or Camp Lejeune presumptive VA claim or an e-mail? Dishonest attorneys charge inflated fees. There are no costs or hidden fees to apply. Apply directly to VA securely online or in person at any regional office. Or at the Veterans Service Office in Barefoot Bay, Florida.

Hosts and Hostesses: We are still looking for hosts and Hosts. For "The Veterans Meeting Center". You can also email us at veteranscouncil32976@gmail.com. Our area in the building is like a day room where all can gather, talk, play cards, play games, or read. We have a library for you to look at and people you can talk to.

Veterans Council Office is at 931 Barefoot Blvd #1 ph-772-663-0645. If you need a ride to Viera or Palm Bay VA Clinic, contact us on the transportation line at 772-663-0644! Open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm, Summer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 12 and Wednesday, 1300 to 1600 for fun and games and movies from 2 till movie ends. We Served Now We Serve!

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A Word From Your
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Barefoot by the Lake Festival is at hand! Coming to the Bay on February 9th and 10th. Check out the center fold in this issue of the Tattler. It will tell you all that will be going on, when and where it will happen, and the local business sponsors that make this all possible. So I won't repeat that here.

This is the 6th Annual Festival. You can't imagine the scope of work involved...volunteers working hand in hand with BBRD staff! It has grown in both size and reputation, attracting visitors from all over central Florida and even out of state. But where did it all begin?

Shortly after she was hired as Food and Beverage manager in 2008, Kathy Mendes took in the view of the field behind the Lounge and could visualize a music stage, artisan tents, food trucks, and people enjoying the day. Then, in the spring of 2017, she shared that vision with CVO Vice President Roger Compton, who in turn relayed her dream of having a Barefoot Bay "festival" to the CVO team. That sparked a whirlwind of activity.

The original team included Kathy Mendes, Roger Compton, and Elaine Van BerSchot. Betsy Brown, Anne Manzo, Randy Loveland, Tom O'Donnell, Annamae Beal, John Burke, Ellen Woodward, Lorraine Andrews, Dennis, and Linda Levasseur. Each handled a specific area and approached their tasks with NO FEAR. Well, except perhaps for the "R" word.

The first Festival was held on February 18, 2018, a time when the maximum number of homeowners would be in residence. Only one day long, its focus was on high-end artisans, food vendors, and musicians. Issues that had to be addressed concerned licensing, required permits, soliciting business sponsors, signing up the right vendors, making the best use of the space, managing/parking traffic, equipment rental, advertising, and gathering more than 100 volunteers to work at the event along with the hardworking BBRD staff. Whew!!! That's not all of it, either. But what a day it was! It was estimated that more than 3000 people came through the festival that year.

Since then, the Festival has grown in both what it offers and in attendance. It has been expanded to two days (a Friday and Saturday), a Kid's Zone was added to provide activities to our younger visitors, crafters were added in Building A, and the number of artisans eager to spend the day here has doubled, as has the attendance. As the makeup of the organizing committee changed, new ideas were introduced to make the event even better. But still, they have remained true to their original purpose.

The BBTL Committee is made up of volunteers who spend an untold number of hours over the course of 8-9 months creating, planning, and organizing this event. They work along with our dedicated BBRD staff, who handle the extensive setup/takedown, grounds maintenance, and serving food and beverages. All of the people involved are at the heart of this festival. Barefoot by the Lake Festival is a joint effort of BBRD and the CVO. It is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization under the IRS code.

We hope you come and enjoy a couple of days with us.

Helping Hands Needs Your Help! Speaking of volunteers! Helping Hands is a CVO program made possible through fundraising efforts and private donations, with most work being completed by community volunteers. Its goal is to assist those whose homes are in violation of the Barefoot Bay Deed of Restrictions. The focus of the assistance is to help those homeowners who are disadvantaged due to handicaps, health, age, or finances. The repairs will include such things as skirting, power washing, siding, and yard work. And, becoming even more important is the building of handicap ramps in the Bay.

This is where your help is needed. We are looking for volunteers with carpentry skills who can help with building and installing ramps. At this time, the lion's share of work is being done by a few good people while the number of requests is escalating. If you are interested in lending your skills to this worthwhile cause, please call Janine Bryant at the CVO office at 772-663-0633. You will be much appreciated.

CVO Bingo on Wednesday, February 7th. Join family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of fun in Building A. Doors open at 5 pm, and games start at 6 pm. A card for 14 games is \$20, and two bonus games are \$1 each. Food will be available for purchase, but in accordance with state law, no alcohol will be allowed. Bring friends and neighbors for good times and cash prizes.

2023 Cancer Drive This year's cancer drive was spread out over a three-month period starting last October with a butterfly release and a walk Under the Oaks. It was such an important event that our Honorary Chairperson, Michele Dolan, gathered the last of her strength to be there that day. Since then, individuals have stepped up to make donations large and small. Clubs and neighborhood groups held special events and raffles to make donations.

The drive culminated on January 7th with a Light Up the Night moonlight golf cart parade and walk. The path Under the Oaks was lined all the way around with luminaries that glowed well into the next day. A celebration was held in the lounge afterward to toast Michele.

As I left that night to head to my car, I couldn't help but walk that path again. In the dark, with the glow of 200 candles, you could feel the beauty, peace, and memory of all those affected by cancer. Through the efforts of a generous community, \$ 5,000 was donated to the American Cancer Society.

The CVO is an all-volunteer organization. And, as you can see, we are very active in the community. Feel free to stop by the CVO office at 935 Barefoot Blvd Unit #6 or call 772-663-0633 if you have any questions about these or other CVO activities. Our office hours are 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Festival!

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Take Charge of Your Heart Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That's quite a statistic, one not to be taken lightly. Perhaps the first thing to understand about heart disease is that there are different kinds; when you read or hear about "heart disease," what's technically being described or referred to is a range of conditions that affect the heart, according to mayoclinic.org. This range includes coronary artery disease (CAD), heart arrhythmias, heart valve disease, heart failure, pericardial disease, cardiomyopathy (heart muscle disease), and congenital heart disease. Below, in honor of American Heart Month, we answer some of your questions about your ticker, including preventive measures you can take to help increase your odds that you will not become another statistic.

Q: My wife's doctor said she had coronary artery disease. What's the difference between that and coronary heart disease?

A: There is no difference. Coronary artery disease is also called coronary heart disease, aka ischemic heart disease.

Q: I'm in decent shape, but my cholesterol is high. Am I at risk for heart disease?

A: According to Cleveland Clinic's website, clevelandclinic.org, high cholesterol leads to plaque buildup inside your blood vessels. This buildup is called atherosclerosis. When atherosclerosis affects your coronary arteries, the blood vessels that carry blood to your heart, you may develop coronary artery disease, aka coronary heart disease. This is because when your heart doesn't get an ample blood supply, it becomes weaker and doesn't function the way it is supposed to. Sometimes, this can lead to a heart attack or heart failure.

Q: I read that cholesterol and high blood pressure are related, but I don't understand how. Can you explain?

A: According to clevelandclinic.org, "Cholesterol plaque and calcium cause your arteries to become hard and narrow. So, your heart has to strain much harder to pump blood through them. As a result, your blood pressure becomes too high."

Q: My leg was hurting, and I went to the doctor, who told me that I had peripheral artery disease. She said it's related to heart attacks but didn't say how. Could you please explain the connection and also what peripheral artery disease is exactly? Maybe start with that!

A: When atherosclerosis, the buildup of plaque in your blood vessels, affects the arteries in your legs and arms, it's defined as peripheral artery disease or PAD. This is because the arteries in your legs and arms are considered "peripheral" since they're away from your heart and center of the body, according to clevelandclinic.org. If you have PAD, then you're at an increased risk for developing coronary artery disease, which may lead to a heart attack or stroke.

Q: My father died of a heart attack, and I don't want to repeat history. Are there any ways to help prevent heart disease?

A: Yes. One of the best ways, if not the best way, to increase your chances of preventing heart issues is by living in a healthy way. Some main suggestions of how to do this are below:

- Exercising regularly.
- If you smoke, quit.
- Limit your alcohol intake.
- Get your cholesterol and blood pressure checked periodically (check with your physician on how often).
- Watch your diet. Make sure to choose low-fat, low-sodium, heart-healthy meals, which include lots of leafy green vegetables, fruits, whole grains (like brown rice), and protein-rich foods, including fish high in omega-3 fatty acids (think salmon and tuna). Also, legumes, nuts, oils, and foods high in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are good to nosh on.
- It's also important to note what foods to limit (or avoid altogether). These include sodium, added sugars, and saturated fats.

Everyone's body is different, and practicing healthy living may mean different things to different people and may be more important for some than others, but there is really no downside to pursuing a healthier lifestyle, so why not start now? A good place to begin is by visiting your doctor, getting a physical, and learning what could help your body function optimally.

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News for Gen A and Gen Z

Hi teens! Welcome back to your monthly article about upcoming activities for you and your younger siblings.

I'm excited to announce that there is a scholarship offered by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #366 for high school seniors who live in BBRD and have applied to a college or university, community college, or technical-vocational school. Applicants must have maintained a 2.5 or higher GPA. Applications are in the CVO office or Admin Building and are due next month. Contact Denise at 772-913-5127 for more info.

The Barefoot Bay Tennis Club would love to teach you and your siblings how to play tennis! All parents are welcome to attend, but children ages 10 (minimum age) -12 need a parent or guardian with them. Contact Barry at 321-419-8593 for more info. The 1st lesson was January 25th at 4:30 PM. If you missed it, you can still go to the courts at 4:30 PM on February 1st or 8th. They will have several rackets for you to borrow and lessons will end by 6:00 PM.

Barefoot Bay Young Christians continue to meet in Building C every other Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:00 PM, February 6th and 20th. Meetings include Free Pizza, Bible study and fun activities. Contact Lynne Fraser at 239-404-4788 to RSVP.

Barefoot by the Lake Festival has a Kids Party Zone on February 10th, 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM for all ages. It includes Face Painting, a Bounce House, a Giant Soccer, a Dart &

Baseball Game, and Spin Art. The festival is an art and music festival that includes food trucks and vendors. The Kore plays at 6:00 PM and is one of my favorite bands that play in the Bay. Admission is free. Badges are not required, so that you can swim at Pool 1 all day for free. No coolers. Hope you have a blast!

Follow L.O.L. Living Out Loud Youth Group on Facebook or Instagram to keep up to date on activities. Feel free to contact me there or at 360-566-3427.

A huge Thank You to the clubs who have contacted me to mentor our Barefoot Bay Youth and to all of our Volunteers!

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My name is William Hale, and I live in the new subdivision, 'The Lakes at St. Sebastian,' on the South side of Micco Road. On New Year's Eve, we were advised that the bridge connecting Micco Road with US Highway 1 will be closed beginning mid-January 2024 for at least eight months. This effectively will isolate our community of approximately 400 people (many senior citizens) from all emergency and essential services for that period of time and leave us vulnerable to a myriad of potential threats.

We are on the west side of the bridge in question, with the Barefoot Bay community on the east side of the bridge and a rural conservation area to our west. Currently, we are two to three miles from doctors, fire department, police, library, churches, schools, gas stations, shopping, etc. Closing the bridge with no alternative requires a 40-50-mile trip each time we leave our community. Additionally, to add insult to injury, we have been advised that our mail service will be suspended, and all mail will be put on hold and held for pickup at the main Sebastian Post Office. A 40-50 mile trip just to get our mail each day? How about Fed X and UPS? Effectively, we will be held hostage by Brevard County Public Works!

Who pays for all of this? Additional fuel (\$\$\$), wear and tear on automobiles (\$\$\$), our time (\$\$\$)?

We were told there was no alternative? Public Works says it's just a minor inconvenience; driving 40-50 miles each time I leave my home, plus the impact this would have on our community? A minor inconvenience? Really? The facts speak for themselves. The decision to close the bridge at this time, without any public hearing or local community input, was not thoroughly evaluated before the decision was made, and it is unacceptable!

We all know if the administrators in charge of this project use all of their resources in a constructive manner, a much better and safer solution to this problem can be found without causing total disruption and chaos to the families that live in 'The Lakes at St. Sebastian.'

This project must be suspended and amended now!

Thank you for speaking for me and my family. Sincerely, WP Hale

A Copy of this letter has been sent to our US and State Representatives.

William Hale

<Editor's note: Thank you for the letter. Many of the complaints listed above have been positively addressed by the different government agencies responsible, to the benefit of those living in your community. Little can be done regarding the inconvenience and associated expenses that will be incurred. We wish you the best.>

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Also included under the reorganization, the 3 NRP committee Trustee positions were assigned, as well as the Trustee liaison to the ARRC.

I hope everyone has had an outstanding start to the New Year!
 BOT regular meetings, as well as Town Hall and Budget meetings, are coming up. Plan to attend as many as you can. Your input is important.

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Of the original 8 Clubs involved, five are left - British Heritage, Irish, Polska, Italian & German.

The British Club features sausage rolls, parliament bean soup, Mum's Pepper British Pastie, Meat Pie, scones, shortbread, and a

free cuppa tea. The German Club proudly serves black forest cake, bratwurst, red cabbage, and sauerkraut. The Irish Club offers delicious corned beef sandwiches and Irish soda bread, and the Italian Club serves meatball subs and sausage and pepper sandwiches, while the Polish Club offers perogies, kielbasa, golumpki, fried cabbage, and onions. Are you hungry yet?

The Ethnic festival was first held in 1989 with a bake sale held prior to the Food Festival in order to raise money for the festival's raffle prizes. Money and prizes are also donated by the Ethnic Clubs themselves. This year's bake sale was held on January 13th. Past prizes have been TV's, crock pots, themed baskets and lots of gift cards that are donated by local merchants.

For the past 13 years, Arnie Redfearn has been the driving force behind the Festival. Arnie is still at the helm this year, along with a group of helpers. If you like to try new foods, enjoy the music of Steve Cole, and try your luck at winning a great raffle prize, the Ethnic Food Festival is the place to be.

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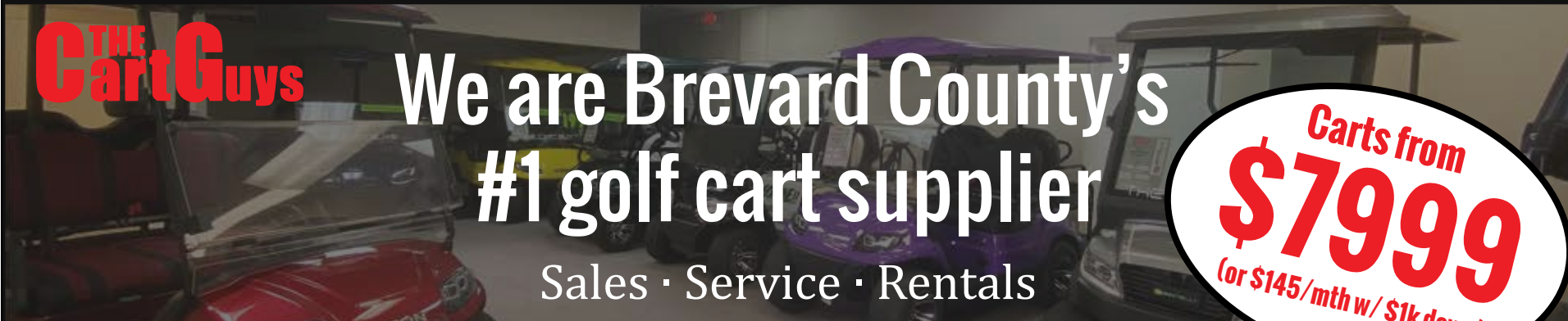

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Date Night Reviews

By Karen and Rob Allan

Wonka

I saw the original film, Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, and Gene Wilder's iconic characterization of the chocolatier when I was ten years old and I loved every second of it. The music, the darkness, the weirdness, and the candy(!) only fueled my dreams of winning my own Golden Ticket. What a fun, wild ride, still enjoyable today. Over the years, I've watched the film dozens of times, memorizing the lines and lyrics, thoroughly enjoying the characters (Augustus Gloop, Veronica Salt, Mike Teevee, Slugworth, etc), and lately reminiscing the great, late Gene Wilder. The Tim Burton film was just weird, and I didn't care for Johnny Depp's bizarre take on Willy Wonka, though the film itself was closer to Roald Dahl's original story.

The new Wonka drops a surprisingly spirited prequel to the original film loaded with songs, dancing, an unusually perky and charming Willy Wonka, and plenty of homages to the original film, including a sequence with Timothy Chalamet singing Pure Imagination. I needed that, like whipped cream on strawberry shortcake, for a film that was occasionally a little dry and felt like it was missing something truly special.

Timothy Chalamet's sweet characterization of the young Willy Wonka has little to do with the original story but is a reimagining of Wonka's early days as he struggles to make his candy dreams come true. We can only imagine Gene Wilder with a disposition similar to that of a young man prior to forty years of loneliness and separation from



society and the struggles of running his factory, even with the help of Oompa Loompas. When they remake the original film again, as we know they will, I would happily applaud an older Timothy Chalamet back in the role since his performance in Wonka was a delight.

Hugh Grant is perfectly cast as the lone Oompa Loompa and steals the show in several scenes. The other characters have their peculiarities, as expected, but seem to be missing the wonder. The film has its magical moments, great songs, and choreography, but seemed to drag in places.

I'm looking forward to seeing the film again once it becomes available online and seeing if Wonka doesn't grow on me. I sincerely hope it does since I wanted to love this movie, and I'm indifferent after seeing it. I wanted a Scrumdiddlyumptious, not just a Wonka bar.

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However - each dish lacked seasoning, salt, and/or flavors that 'popped.' We tried the much-reviewed duck empanadas, which had a good texture and a generous portion of duck, but the sauce missed the mark, and the filling was generous but bland. We also tried the much raved about tuna wonton appetizer. Tasty but heavily assertive, with raw onion and a horseradish sauce that overpowered the dish. Our main course was a spinach and artichoke cheese fondue, which should have been deep and nuanced but was flat and lacked flavor. The grilled skewer combo of chicken and steak for dipping alongside the bread cubes and raw vegetables was grilled to perfection. Still, without salt, marinade, or seasoning, it was just another example of food with little to no flavor.

Though we did not order beer, if you're a fan, there is a wide range of options. The Kilted Mermaid has a full complement of craft beer and IPAs, local brews, and a good wine list. However, we felt our \$88 meal really missed the mark on the food, though we enjoyed the ambiance. We are unlikely to be back soon to eat unless our physician recommends a reduced salt diet.

Whereas our meal at Hemingway's last month was a solid 8/10, tonight's fare, despite friendly waitstaff and a charming environment, only warrants a 4/10 in our opinion. We look forward to sharing a better dining experience in the next issue!

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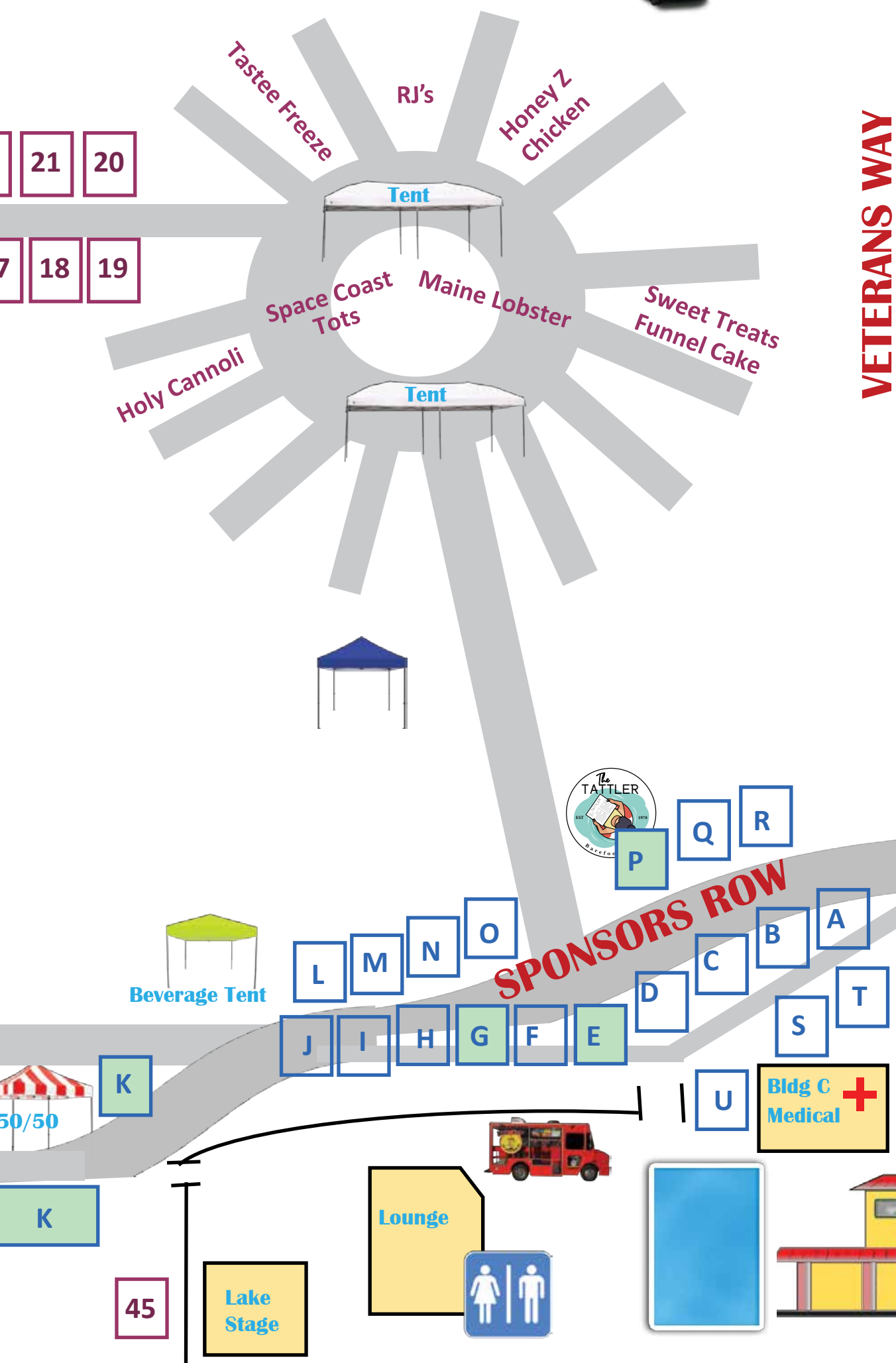
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The Auxiliary meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in building E. New members and guests are always welcome.

For God and Country,

Sue Reddy

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Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 continues regular meetings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in Building D. The next meeting is on February 20. We are still searching for an Adjutant, Historian, and 2nd Vice Commander. Agenda items include final preparations for the Sandy Lobello Veterans Golf Tournament on February 3, 2024.

Starting January 3rd, the Veterans Service Office will be open on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 PM for information on VA claims. These hours will be in addition to the current M-W-F hours of 9-12.

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Jeff Grunow
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ARTISTS GUILD

Hello from the BFB Artists' Guild. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas while welcoming in the New Year.

Our 43rd annual Art from the Heart Show was a huge success! We had a very big crowd that attended to view and purchase from our talented Artists. Many Artists donated their paintings for the silent auction, which benefited the Barefoot Bay Community Fund to help those in need in the Bay. There will be more news on the Art Show in February.

We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our fun Group of Artists. Dues for our group are only 15.00 per year, and we meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month at 1 P.M. in Bldg. E. We have numerous workshops, outings, picnics, and tours of other artists and places that display all types of art. Please contact our President, Dorothy Buchmann, at barefootbluedot@gmail.com if you would like to join our fun Group.

On to a new year of great workshops, meetings, and adventures.

Bonnie J. Murphy

BAREFOOT BOWLERS

Your Invitation

Who: People who enjoy bowling no matter what their ability

What: Barefoot Bowlers

Where: Shore Lanes, Palm Bay

When: February 5th, 12:45PM

Why: Exercise and socialize

RSVP: Kate 480-721-3948

We had some wonderful people join us in January. There's still room for you. Give me a call!

BIRDING CLUB

Happy New Year. We began spotting, photographing, and enjoying birds in 2024 at the Wheeler Storm Water Park/Micco Water Management Area on Fleming Grant Road. We saw and/or heard 23 species in approximately 2.5 hours along nearly two miles of hiking. Winds were gusty but tolerable. If you would like to participate or just follow along by email, send us an email at cdollar1@nycap.rr.com.

The Bird of the Month may be a repeat, but he has earned the honor by returning to the Fellsmere Grade Recreation Area parking lot for the second consecutive year along with a Tropical Kingbird. The Vermillion Flycatcher has a spectacular red breast, belly, and head cap with a dark brown eye line, wings, back, and tail. He forages from a convenient perch, often returning to that same perch after catching flying insects mid-air. This behavior makes for excellent photo opportunities. The Tropical Kingbird seen in the same location exhibits the same behavior. Enjoy and keep your lens clean.

Pat

BOAT AND FISHING CLUB

Commodore Steve Johnson opened the January meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club on January 12 with the traditional ringing of the ship's bell. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Commodore asked for a moment of silence to honor members who have passed on.

The club also recognized current member Mary McGrath for her many years of service to the organization, most recently as rear commodore.

New officers introduced themselves: Linda Lesnewski, vice commodore/second yeoman; Pattie Andryshak, yeoman; Jim Hale, rear commodore. Patty Demers and Kate Willie are new co-chairpersons of the Membership Committee.

Denyce Bensen reported on the 2024 fishing tournament, scheduled for January 17 at Barefoot Bay Beach. She said weather conditions looked favorable for a successful event and encouraged members to "catch some fish."

Yeoman Pattie Andryshak presented the minutes of the December meeting. Purser Paul Levesque gave the financial report, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Members heard a brief report on current fishing activity, with John Nelson stating bass-fishing at Lake Garcia was particularly good. Trout, redfish, and snook were also caught at some locations.

Alice Hale spoke briefly about the upcoming Champagne Breakfast, scheduled for February 14 at the Micco Park pavilion. (The rain date is Feb. 16). The menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice, champagne, and member donations of fruit and pastries.

Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the meeting on February 9. Volunteers are needed for setup, cooking, and cleanup. Members may also sign up to bring baked goods, fruit, and other side dishes.

Sue Johnson presented a slide show of the club's 2023 Fishing Tournament. Her excellent photos captured the beautiful weather and the activity of several anglers who had success at Barefoot Bay Beach.

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The next regular meeting of the club will be on Friday, February 9.

Jim Hale
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BRITISH HERITAGE CLUB

Our January meeting was held on January 2nd in building A. Things went a bit smoother this month with the new location, although there are always a few things that take time to smooth out. Our meal was Beef Burgandy over egg noodles with candied glazed carrots and salad. Delicious as always! Our theme this month was Scottish Night, which meant homemade trifles for dessert. Thanks to Don Piche, Cyndie Bourassa, Jerri Blauvelt, Gary Johnson, Pauline Foley, Susan Lermond, and Georgene Granholm. From what I could see, there were absolutely no leftovers!

Entertainment was by Good Times (Dougie – complete with Kilt) and was great as usual.

During our general meeting, the three new trustees were installed. Debbie O'Hara is the VP, Gary Johnson is the treasurer, and Cyndie Bourassa is the third trustee.

We will be having Horse Races at our February meeting, which will be held on February 6th in building A. This was a great time last year! Dinner will be Chicken and Chips (FF), and coleslaw will be served family style with vanilla ice cream and fresh sliced strawberries for dessert.

Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 321-408-1687 no later than February 1st for tickets (\$14.00 for members - and \$16.00 for guests).

Don't forget the Ethnic Food Festival will be on March 3rd! There are exciting changes coming to our booth this year. The British Club will be offering Parliament Bean Soup, meat pie, sausage rolls, mini trifles, shortbread, scones, and other things. We will also have an updated look at our booth! Come check it out!

Remember to live one day at a time and make it a masterpiece!

Cyndie

CANADA CLUB

Welcome back to those Canadians who went home for Christmas. It's great to have you back, along with members arriving in January! The AGM was well attended on Jan 10th, with approximately 70 people in attendance. Members shared delicious dishes at the potluck, followed by the meeting. Brad Jackson was introduced as our new President with the support of all members. The evening was topped off with a presentation by a local lawyer who discussed estate planning, explaining the importance of having legal documents in place. It was well received, and members showed their appreciation with questions and discussions. We are happy to announce the increase of membership to 85 members, with others still arriving this month. It's wonderful to see Canadians still returning after the chaos of Covid. Exciting upcoming events include a Valentine's dance on Feb 14th and the pancake breakfast on Jan 27th. The breakfast costs \$5 per person, and tickets are available to members, along with the Barefoot Bay community. Tickets can be purchased from Warren Hutt. Happy New Year to members and residents of Barefoot Bay!

Debbie Macisaac

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club meets in Building C 8:30 -12:00 every Wednesday. All skill levels are welcome.

On the 1st Wednesday, we offer instruction if you would like to learn or improve.

Come join us; you are welcome to come and watch.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Our first luncheon of 2024 was held on January 4. We wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year! This is my favorite meeting, as it is when we give our chosen Ministry the check we have been working

on all year. Angela and Dwight Bell, who started Wings of Grace, were there to receive the check. Angela sang and entertained us! Dwight spoke and gave us updates on Wings of Grace, which was started in 2010. They are dedicated to helping foster children as they turn 18 and age out of the government program. They now have groups in Florida, Georgia, and the Bahamas. They teach young people to be prepared to deal with the world.

Kids who may not believe they are loved are taught the love of Jesus and the love of those working with them. Some become pilots; some become missionary pilots; some learn music; some learn trades. Wings of Grace is beginning to work with younger children. They are in the process of building apartment buildings, with small apartments and low rent, to help these kids not become homeless. The statistics nationwide are horrific. Young men aging out have a 60% chance of ending up in prison. Young women have a 70% chance of becoming pregnant. Zella Criscillis, our chairwoman, was happy to give them a check for \$4,000.00, and we thank all of the women who have participated!! We have not chosen our ministry for 2024, but will soon. In the meantime, please continue to donate and attend our luncheons! For information, please call Ruth Lanning at 772-202-4251. We hope to see many new women on February 1. God Bless you.

Jane Fruscella,
772-202-4214

CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Hello Patriots, As much as I Love the Holidays, I am glad they are over. Now, we can get back to normal activities. We have installed officers for 2024 and are now collecting the \$10.00 dues for annual membership, which runs for one year, beginning On Jan. 1st. We will be hosting several guest speakers in the coming months, providing great information to our members and guests. And on April 6th, 2024, we will again be hosting the "ELVIS SHOW." We have kept the ticket price at \$25.00, and this event will be held at Bldg A in Barefoot Bay. Open seating and a dance floor will be set for this show (The bulk purchase of 10 tickets will get a reserved table). Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets will be available for sale on Feb. 1st. through the Admin Bldg or through the club.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the show starts at 7:00 pm. We will be celebrating our Freedom and Honoring our Vets while raising money for local Veterans' programs. We are also sponsoring a First Aid Class; details will follow soon. As always, we continue to support Convention of States Action; if you are Tired of Big Government... Do Something! ConventionofStates.com Learn the Constitution with 3-week classes being provided Monthly; check out our Facebook page to find the next available class offered locally and on Zoom or log on to PatriotAcademy.com. I continue to invite any and all Patriots to join us at our monthly meetings as we meet every 4th Thurs. of the month at 2:30 in Bldg. D&E. Until next time, Ruthie BBConservativeClub@proton.me

CORNHOLE CLUB

Barefoot Bay Cornhole Club plays every Wednesday night by the shuffleboards, weather permitting, from 6 o'clock on. We also play in building D&E most Mondays; check Bay websites for updates each Monday. Anyone is welcome. We will teach you this game, and you will soon be addicted!!

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

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signatures, 910,946 statewide, by January 5th for the statewide 2024 petition initiative to "Limit Government Interference with Abortion" so that all Florida voters can decide this critical issue. This amendment is scheduled for review on February 7 by the Florida Supreme Court and must then be approved by at least 60% of the voters in the November General Election.

Remember, every vote counts. The 2024 Florida Presidential Preference Primary is March 19, 2024. Check your registration [closes 02/20/24], update your signature [if it has changed], and check the status of your Vote-By-Mail request [last day 03/07/24]. Go online to <https://www.votebrevard.gov> or call 321-290-8683 for more information.

We look forward to hearing two guest speakers from Jacksonville on "Teaming up for a WIN in 2024!" Meet Jessica Ransome, representing the Democratic Women's Information Network [DWIN] and DWCF, and Phillip W. Miner of DWIN. If you are a registered Democrat from any state, please join us. Both men and women are welcome! Independents are welcome to attend as guests after contacting us. We meet on February 15th, the 3rd Thursday, at 2:30 pm in Bldgs. D and E, next to 19th Hole - an hour earlier than usual. Please leave a message at 772-252-9679 or email to dwcbay@gmail.com. Bring a donation to the local food pantry if you wish.

GARDEN CLUB

The February 21st Meeting of the Barefoot Bay Garden Club will be held at the Busy Bee Garden Center. It is located at 7445 US Hwy 1 in Vero Beach. Our presentation will be held in their "Tree Grotto" at 10:00 am.

Coffee, Tea, and complimentary muffins will be served. Our meeting will follow the presentation. Join us for an informative lecture and a chance for a door prize.

GERMAN CLUB

Our monthly meeting will be on Feb. 27 at 5:00 p.m. in Bldg A. Home-style fried (or baked) chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert will be served. Now, who could resist that!! Get your tickets from Vivian Norton, 772/202-4686—\$ 15.00 for members and guests \$17.00.

A Big Shout Out: "Thank You" to everyone who helped make the Ethnic Bake Sale a success. We couldn't have done it without your help.

There are still seats available for the Bus trip to Hollerbacks German restaurant in Sanford, FL on March 26. Tickets are \$65.00 pp., which includes a bus ride, a German family-style meal, and tips for bus drivers and waitresses. Contact Kathy Ford at 309/635-0300 for tickets. Payment is due by Feb. 29. Remember, the bus trip will take the place of our monthly meeting for March.

March 3 will be the Annual Ethnic Festival in Building "A" from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Again, we are asking for your help. We need volunteers to help set up the day before and servers the day of the festival. We are asking people to serve for 1 hour periods throughout the festival. Please contact Manfred Kolz at 617/365-2123 or Kathy Ford at 309/635-0300 to volunteer. Remember, many hands make light work.

Our winter weather so far has been a little gloomy, but with the companionships we have all made through clubs like ours, we have made our own sunshine.

Lass die sonne scheinen - German for Let the sun shine.

GOLF CART CLUB

BFB Mini Golf Fundraiser has collected \$12,000!! We are close to halfway to our Goal of \$25,000. We need your help to get to our Goal! Every dollar helps and is greatly appreciated.

We have a Hole sponsorship of \$1000. Many BFB residents have sponsored it, and we are thrilled!! We have donations for Bench Sponsorship of \$500, which has us

thrilled!

We have many, many donations from \$10 to \$300, which has us thrilled also!! Thrilled is what we are, BFB residents!! We will get to our goal and have Turf installed on our Mini Golf Course!! We just know in our hearts we can accomplish this as a community. Please help us reach our goal, and we will get the Turf installed this season. We can only do this with your help.

Please mail checks made payable to BFB Mini Golf Fundraiser to Debbi Brown, 912 Frangi Pani Dr. BFB FL 32976, or call 207-890-2847, and a member of our Committee can pick up your donation(s). Thank you ALL.

Debbi Brown
Sponsor of this Fundraiser

GREAT LAKES STATES CLUB

Hi Club Members! Our January 9th meeting entertainment was changed due to Shelley Songer being tested for COVID-19. At the last minute, I was able to get DJ Russ to give us dancing and disco music. He sure 'lived up' the New Year! Spiral Ham from Walmart was well cooked. All the festive plates and decorations were set up very well by the Host Team. Terri Gilmore raffled off those full Pointesetta Plant and had ten lucky winners.

We are in full swing for another exciting "sweetheart" meeting on Tuesday, February 13. The Host Committee Chairman, Richard LaPage, will get the chicken, fried/baked from Winn Dixie, and his 'Team' is assured a 'Valentine Pretty Decorations.' Again, Terri Gilmore, our Secretary, will surprise us with a 'sweet raffle.' The best part of the meeting is the Entertainment...the 'new Horizon' Swing Time Band with director Kurt Schulenburg is 40 40-piece band.

Enjoy this 'lively, exciting' orchestra music with Kurt's sense of humor!

Any Northern residents returning to the Club, please update your membership badge with a blue 2024 sticker. I'm looking forward to all those delicious side dishes prepared with good taste!

Until then, keep healthy and active. See everyone on February 13th. With 'Loving Hearts.' Happy Valentine's Day!

Daphnia Missad,
Secretary

GREEN THUMB GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 3rd, at 9:00 near the greenhouse off of Dotti Road. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

The club has two garden plots available; call Val if you are interested.

Val Abbate President
631-495-4703

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

The Irish American Club presented a gift card of \$250.00 to Winn Dixie for the holidays to the Brevard Firemen and Firewoman and the Paramedics Team. Thank you for all you do for our community of Barefoot Bay.

Happy New Year to our members who have just returned, and a sincere welcome back for another season. We are so happy to see you! Thank you to all those who baked, donated, or sold goods at our Ethnic baked sale. Every dollar helps purchase prizes for the Ethnic Festival in March.

The BBQ dinner, being served by the board members, was a success. DJ Doogie kept everyone moving. A copy of our up-to-date treasury report was placed on all tables for all to peruse. Tickets for the February 21st dinner were being sold. It will be an Italian night catered by Giuseppe's Restaurant. Tickets will be \$18, and the music will be on Showtime.

As has been mentioned many times, dues need to be paid by January 31 to remain a member. At that time, those outstanding members will be removed from our listing, allowing members on the waiting list to

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become members. We realize life has a way of getting in the way, but sorry to see you leave.

For those in need of tickets for February, please call me, Terri Murphy, at 203-592-2939.

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

February is the Chili Cook-Off for the Bay. The Italian American Club of Barefoot Bay is hosting a Bay-wide chili cook-off to benefit the club and the CVO office. The cook-off is on February 28th in building A at 5:00 PM. Anyone in the Bay who feels they have a chili worthy of winning a \$100 grand prize, please call me to make reservations for your entry. Ron: 321-544-2610. Chili entries are \$10. There will also be door prizes for those who attend the cook-off. Admission to the cook-off is only \$3. The admission fee allows you to taste all the chilis and be a judge as to who makes the best chili in the Bay. There will be live entertainment, and the bar will be open as well. So, all you chili cooks, please call me to make reservations for your entry into the contest; you can also e-mail me at Ronfashano@gmail.com. Come join us for some fun and offer a helping hand to the CVO in the Bay.

**Ron Fashano
President**

LAGOON ARTISANS

Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay met on January 8th with a full agenda. Focus on planning the January show, routine reports, and installing the new slate of officers filled the agenda. President Georgene Granholm, Vice President Ethel Marchione, Treasurer Pam Morley, and Secretary Dan Martin will continue in their roles for the next two years.

The next show is on Saturday, March 18th, in Building A. An appropriate theme will be selected.

With routine business accomplished, new Barefoot Bay resident Tim Banks presented techniques he uses to create digital art with his computer attached to an electronic art-board. Samples of his work were shared with the group.

These activities fulfill our mission to support each other as fine artists while having fun and creating opportunities to show and sell our work. At our meetings, we share techniques and skills involved in marketing and selling our products but don't individually work on art.

We are a volunteer organization, and our members chip in and volunteer for activities supporting the promotion and operations of the shows. The success of our recent shows is a testament to that teamwork.

Several of our artists also find time to engage in shows and galleries from Vero Beach to Melbourne,

Artists interested in exploring the club and meeting the members are invited to attend monthly meetings on the second Wednesday in Building D/E at 10 a.m. LABB also has volunteer opportunities at our shows for folks who would like to engage in the art community but are not necessarily artists wishing to display art. Dues are cheap at \$15 per year. Show fees are \$10 for members.

Text me an email address if you wish to join our contact list, attend a meeting, or keep up to date with club events.

**Dan Martin, Secretary
609-432-1059**

LINE DANCE CLUB

Learn to line dance to country classics while supporting our local veterans, their families, and the Barefoot Bay Community!

The Barefoot Bay Line Dance Club will meet on Thursday, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at Building A. The instructor will be Dona Gionet, assisted by Eileen Derrick.

The schedule will be:

9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. - Absolute beginner step review

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Beginner class with instruction

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Improver level with open dance and requests.

The cost of each class will be \$5 for Barefoot Bay residents and \$10 for non-residents. Please remember to bring your badge each week. A portion of all monies collected will go to our Veterans at the end of the season.

Happy New Year! Hope to see you on the dance floor!

**Joanne Blum President
Jill Anderson Vice President
Lyn Simmons Secretary
Cathy Dugan Treasurer**

LITTLE THEATER

Be a Star in Our Community Theater Club Production!

Are you ready to take center stage and unleash your inner talents!? Look no further! Our Community Theater Club is gearing up for an unforgettable production, and we want YOU to be a part of the magic.

Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who share your love for the arts. Looking for show ideas, directors, backstage, sound/lighting, actors, and more!!!

Ready to be a part of something extraordinary? Simply attend our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 pm in Building D/E or contact Laura Kies @ 815.592.1070 for more information. Don't miss this chance to shine in the spotlight!

NEW YORK STATE CLUB

We are saddened to tell you of the passing of one of our members, Charles Teufert. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

The Club held its January meeting on the 11th in Building D&E. During the meeting, we held a vote on making a few changes to our By-Laws. All proposed changes were approved by the membership. At this meeting, we also approved a change to our meeting location. Starting November 2024, our meetings will be held in Building "A" on the third Tuesday of the month at 5 PM.

Our next meeting will be held in Building D&E on February 8th at 5 PM. The dinner will be Honey Ham, Scallop Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert catered by Mama Meg's. Tickets are \$17.00 pp and can be purchased by calling Martin Murphy at 845-781-8883 by February 1st.

Anyone who has lived in New York State is welcome to join. Membership in the club is \$10.00 per year.

Thank you,

Bob Kahl

ORGAN, KEYBOARD AND PIANO CLUB

It was a busy December month as our music members practiced playing popular Christmas carols and well-known favorites for the new year.

With the 2024 season beginning, we look forward to presenting a medley of tunes from every category of music on Wednesday, January 24th at 1:00 pm in Bldg. A, we will present the sound of music from various genres. Our music club invites you to join us to listen to songs you might enjoy.

Our music classes with Scott Kaapke are going well. The beginner classes from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and advanced classes with buttons and arranging from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm are well attended. We will be sponsoring another concert with a world-renowned artist sometime in February. To sign up for a free class, you can call 561-504-8535 or email Americanmusicinstruction@gmail.com.

If you have questions, you can call our President, Rollin Rice, at 802-299-9230.

Barbara Applegate, Secretary

PETALS AND PALMS CLUB

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10:00 am in the administration conference room. See you then.

Jo-Anne Stukas

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RETIRED NURSES - THE WHITE CAPS

February's luncheon happens to fall on Valentine's Day, February 14. So wear some red and join us. We will meet at 1 PM at the Old Fish House, 5185 US1 in Grant.

Please call Margaret St Coeur at 772-202-4421 for reservations by Monday, February 12.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

The second half of the Barefoot Bay Senior Softball season has begun. Six teams are fighting for championship jackets and bragging rights throughout the next year. Three games are played every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the softball field on Wren Circle in Barefoot Bay. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Currently, Phantom Sports is in first place with seven wins and only three losses. They are powered by Larry Wallin, who leads the league with eight home runs. Pete DeGennaro, playing for Affordable Air, and Sabol Air's Brian Jackson are close behind with seven home runs each. Indian River Fitness, Ridge Automotive, and Schneider Insurance make up the other three teams. There have been some spectacular plays and maybe some not-so-spectacular plays, but everyone is having a great time.

The Ladies Auxiliary had a fantastic Welcome Back Chili Day to start the New Year during the games on January 2nd. The players couldn't get enough of the many varieties of the homemade chili.

Upcoming is the Sweetheart Dance on February 18th. We may be old, but we're still romantic. Wednesday, February 21st, the annual Canadian/ American Softball Game will be held. This game has become a great tradition for the league, and everyone looks

forward to taking part, be they from the Great North or Home Grown. Playoffs take place during the last two weeks of March, with the Championship game on Thursday, March 28th. The season is capped off with a League picnic on Sunday, March 31st.

The Barefoot Bay Senior Softball League also lends time and support to the other clubs and organizations in Barefoot Bay, including the Annual Cancer Fundraising Drive, the Annual Christmas Parade, and donations to the Golf Club Mini Put Greens Replacement. Come out and cheer your favorite team on!

TENNIS CLUB

Happy New Year, tennis fans! The Barefoot Bay Tennis Club will "hit the ground running." A lot of things are planned for 2024. Membership needs to grow, so your membership at a cost of \$15 a year will help us to move forward. Call or talk with Sandy or Barry to join.

Youth tennis lessons for all ages are beginning Jan 25th - Thurs 4:30 PM. Racquets are available; parents are invited to participate. Anyone who has a racquet they don't use is asked to donate to the club.

Tournament Director Kim O'Connell, after ten years of serving the BFB Tennis Club, is stepping down. Thanks, Kim, great job!

The pizza party and Round Robin tennis play are scheduled for Feb 12th. Tennis starts at 10 am, and the pizza will follow. Play or watch the tennis, \$3 per person - call to reserve. The rain date is the following Friday.

Donations for the Bob Lewis tennis fund are being accepted this March. Call Sandy or Barry.

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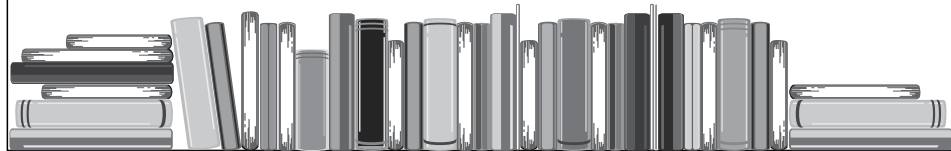
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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



South Mainland Public Library

February 2024 Adult Programs

Movies at the Library – 1st Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM

February 1st – Love Again - A young woman tries to ease the pain of her fiancé's death by sending romantic texts to his old cell phone number, not realizing that the phone number has been reassigned to someone else. Stars: Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Sam Heughan. PG-13 1 hr. 44 min.

Florida Seafood at Your Fingertips – Friday, February 2nd from 12:00 - 2:00

This hands-on experience will focus on cooking seafood, including fish and shellfish. You will learn about the different kinds of fresh seafood available in Florida, why you should buy Florida seafood, the seasonality and availability of Florida seafood, and the health benefits of eating seafood. The cost is \$15.00. The Balance is being paid by the Friends of the South Mainland Library. Pre-registration and payment are required at the Circulation Desk; participants are limited to twelve (12).

Master Gardeners – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from between 2:00-4:00 PM

These horticultural experts will be here on both February 6th and 20th.

Adult Crafts – 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM

Our staff will assist you with the monthly project. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for supplies when you pre-register at the Circulation Desk. A sample of the craft is also on display. The February 8th project will be Valentine's Day "Love" Hoop Art.

Memoir Writers – 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9:30 AM

Learn how to pen your own memoirs with topic, timeline, and transformation. The group will meet on February 12th and 26th.

Mystery Book Club – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM

Discussion for the January meeting will be on So Shall You Reap by Donna Leon. The group will meet on Tuesday, February 13th.

Third Thursday @ Three Book Club – 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM

Group members convene in the Meeting Room on February 15th to discuss Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

Adult Game Party – 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

This evening of fun will be held in the Library's Reading Room on February 15th. Games are provided, or bring your own.

Genealogy Research – every Wednesday at 11:00 AM

Elsie Dietzmann will help you with your Family tree(s).

February 2023 Youth Programs

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math – every Friday at 3:00 PM in the Meeting Room

Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun hands-on Winter projects!

This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

Check out our NEW 2024 World Book Encyclopedia set (22 volumes) - As the only general reference encyclopedia still published today, this set provides authoritative content on almost every topic to learners of all ages, from school-age readers (9-18) to adults. Located in the Reference Department in the back of the library.

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Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library memberships for 2024 are on sale at the Library's Circulation Desk. The Friend's primary focus is to provide financial support to the local library in order to help with programs for every age and make improvements to help build a strong community with plenty of opportunities for all to participate.

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As we all know, February is the month of Love, when we send and receive cards with hearts and flowers on them, candy, bouquets, and assorted gifts of love and affection. But what does love really mean to you? We say we love sunny days, pretty flowers, ice cream, good books, a day of rest, friends, neighbors, etc. But the truest love is deep in your heart. When our heart finally stops beating, life and love are finished. The word love is mentioned over 300 times in the Bible- from the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves to greater love has no man than to lay down his own life. Our Lord Jesus accepted His death on the cross because He knew it was the way to bridge the gap between God and His people. He did this out of His love for all of us. Demonstrating the forgiveness of our sins for those who love Him. In the Concordia Sunday services, Pastor Jim reminds us of the many Bible stories that show how often and in what ways God forgives us. We worship in thanks and love with prayer and song.

Our church family continues to reach out with various projects, including sending \$460 to NANA's House in Palm Bay in the form of gift cards for their ministry to bring safe, joyful, and loving homelife to children who have been abandoned, abused, neglected and in need. We also contribute to the Roseland Food Pantry with food and monetary donations every week as another of the many ways we show our true love in service to others. Food items to be donated to the Roseland Food Pantry can be dropped off at Concordia - the basket is inside the entry doors and available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

In upcoming events, we will welcome "The Puffers" to our church on Saturday, February 10th at 7:00 pm. This talented entertainment duo brings their personal style of ministry and praise through music and stories that will delight, entertain, and enrich you. This is a free concert, and you are all invited! We will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service on February 14th. How fitting it is to follow this story of God's love for us on the traditional day of celebrating love.

Our Sunday service is at 10:30 am, where we celebrate communion, praise God with scripture and song, and pray for our friends, family, community, and our world. We look forward to welcoming you.

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When Jesus talks about an unforgivable sin, he has been accused by Pharisees of expelling a demon through a greater demonic power than that of the demon inhabiting man. Jesus points out that that is the equivalent of a house divided against itself, and that's a strategy for failure. The predicament, it seems, is that when a liberator is considered a captor, and vice versa, how does one get set free?

Whatever all this means, here are two assurances. First, you cannot miss heaven by an inch. God and the angels are not watching us leap and then lamenting, "He was sooo close." You can miss it by a mile but not by an inch. The God revealed in Jesus Christ is not this way. Second, if you are concerned about committing the unpardonable sin, that in itself is a sign that you have not committed it.

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Lagoon Artisans Features Artist Tim Banks



Samples of Tim Banks' digital art.

New Barefoot Bay resident Tim Banks presented techniques he uses to create digital art with his computer attached to an electronic artboard at the January meeting of the Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay. Samples of his work were shared with the group. He uses several programs to create his pictures.

Throughout his childhood, Tim was constantly inspired by his mother, a watercolor artist and art advocate. She served as president of the Martin County Art Guild of Florida. He did not inherit his mother's skills but cultivated his own expressive arts.

Tim attended the Ocean County Art School in New Jersey and then attended the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts. He had a successful culinary career as a chef for over 30 years.

Since retiring four years ago and subsequently moving to Barefoot Bay, Tim decided to pursue art using his computer and expanding his musical talents, playing guitar, singing, DJing, and using his equipment for karaoke parties.

This presentation was one of many fulfilling one of the clubs' purposes of educating the member artists.

Contact Tim at (772-233-2335) for further information regarding his art and music. You may also run into Tim at a local open "mic."

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 2nd - Beth Gillette, Deborah Bertossa, Jane Cypher, Gert Finnegan -7
 3rd - Raylene Mcsally, Ruthann Funari, Deb Oldakowski -4
 4th - Paula Vail Gerard, Michele Provencher, Joan Miller -1
Closest To The Pin
 #7 Brenda Cali 5'7"
 #15 Beth Gillette 3'

January 2, 2024 - Low Net
Flight 1
 1st - Carol Mecanko +1
 2nd - Judy Farrell +1
 3rd - Jean Lontine +2
 4th - Pat Lefebvre +3
Flight 2
 1st - Kathy Duquette -3
 2nd - Ruthann Funari +2
 3rd - Anna Pettit +4
 4th - Judy Gagnon +6

Flight 3
 1st - Ann McDonough -3
 2nd - Sharlene Coates -1
 3rd - Jan Crespi Even
 4th - Anastasia Baptiste +4
Flight 4
 1st - Elaine Codd Even
 2nd - Roberta Kessler +2
 3rd - Mary Kaszanek +2
 4th - Gert Finnegan +3
Closest To The Pin
 #2 Judy Gagnon 3'5"
 #13 Pat Lefebvre 4'6"

January 9, 2024 - 1,2,3 Best Ball
 1st - Deb Lawrence, Maureen Rooney, Jan Crespi, Gert Finnegan -17
 2nd - Pat Lefebvre, Linda Martin, Anastasia Baptiste -8
 3rd - Brenda Duke, Michele Provencher, Tricia Farrell, Terry Perry -8
 4th - Carol Mecanko, Judy Skene, Eva Sherwood, Pat Wright -7
Closest To The Pin
 #7 Carol Mecanko 8'3"
 #11 Sharon Gerthoffer 8'7"

November 7th - Scramble
 1st - Mary Ellen Syles, Nancy Luczynski, Cyndie Bourassa, Judi Elder 35
 2nd - Lisa Drake, Janet Felke, Debbie Thornton, JoAnn Leary 36
Closest to Pin Hole 11
 16'3" Betty Murray

November 14th - Drop Worse Hole
Flight 1
 1st - Penny Zellman 34
 2nd - Janet Rafferty 39
 3rd - Judy O'Connell 39
Flight 2
 1st - Lynn Morey 42
 2nd - Linda Doran 44
 3rd - Bonnie Lynds 46
Flight 3
 1st - JoAnn Leary 41
 2nd - Giselle Loranger 41
 3rd - Joan Lovejoy 43
Closest to Pin Hole 8
 23' Judy O'Connell

November 28th - Mystery Even Holes
Flight 1
 1st - Penny Zeilman 24
 2nd - Lisa Drake 26
 3rd - Mary Ellen Sayles 29
Flight 2
 1st - Pat Gallant 29
 2nd - Lynn Morey 31
 3rd - Rose Donahue 33
Flight 3
 1st - Amy Cousino 33
 2nd - Grace Peet 33
 3rd - JoAnn Leary 33
 Birdie Hole 15 Penny Zeilman
 CTP Hole 15 6'10" Penny Zeilman

November 28th - 2 Man Best Ball
 1st - Heidi Kamman 22
 Debbie Thornton 22
 2nd - Lisa Drake 25
 Debbie Perguson 25
 3rd - Debbie Korich 27
 Anita Little 27
 3rd - Betty Berry 27
 Judy O'Connell 27
 Birdie Hole #7 Priscilla Kaiser
 CTG Hole 15 5'4" Sheryl Morehouse
 CTG Hole 15 5'4" Debbie Thornton
December 5, 2023 - Best & Worst Holes
Flight 1
 1st - Judy O'Connell 10
 2nd - Debra Corkins 10
 3rd - Janet Felke 10

Flight 2
 1st - Tina Husty 11
 2nd - Bonnie Lynds 12
 3rd - Pat Gallant 13
Flight 3
 1st - Debbie Thornton 9
 2nd - Debbie Miles 11
 3rd - Giselle Loranger 11
 Birdie Hole 11 Betty Berry
 Judy O'Connell
 Birdie Hole 13 Janet Felke
 Birdie Hole 15 Debbie Thornton
 CTP Hole 11 1'6" Judy O'Connell

December 12th, 2023 - Low Putts
Flight 1
 1st - Suzanne Peterson 13
 2nd - Penny Zeilman 14
 3rd - Lisa Drake 14
Flight 2
 1st - Joan Lovejoy 15
 2nd - Lynn Morey 17
 3rd - Amy Cousino 18
Flight 3
 1st - Barbara Simone 15
 2nd - Debbie Korich 15
 3rd - Debbie Thornton 19
 CTG Hole 7 10'2" Debbie Thornton

December 19, 2023 - Mystery Game
Flight 1
 1st - Robin Gayton 50
 2nd - Debra Corkins 42
 3rd - Janet Rafferty 40
Flight 2
 1st - Jerri Blauvelt 40
 2nd - Joan Lovejoy 39
 3rd - Amy Cousino 36
Flight 3
 1st - Debbie Thornton 37
 2nd - Cyndie Bourassa 36
 3rd - Debbie Korich 34
 CTP Hole 13 18'11" Mary Draper

Strikers Bowling League

High scores for the month of December
High scratch game
December 4, 2023
 David Beam 232
 Amy Beil 183
December 11, 2023
 Al Urenovich 226
 Darlene Wong-Kam 177
December 18, 2023
 Al Urenovich 196
 Sue Padavick 185
High scratch series
December 4, 2023
 Roger Mc Gill 565
 Amy Beil 453
December 11, 2023
 Al Urenovich 596
 Darlene Wong-Kam 435
December 18, 2023
 Al Urenovich 560
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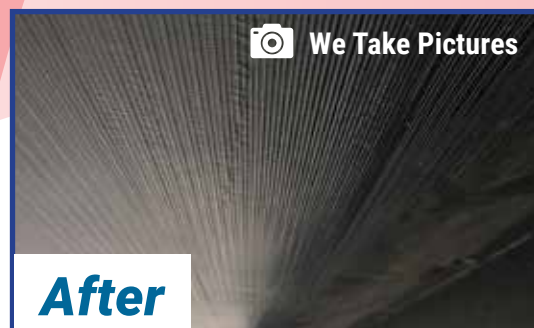
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 SARAH 19TH HOLE 4:30 RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7:30pm	2 SWITCH LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	3 JUICED LAKE STAGE 6-10	
4 SELECTRIC TREE FROGS 2-6pm TREETDANCE 2-6 FOOD TRUCK 11-7	5 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7pm	6 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	7 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30	8 PUSHING TIME 19TH HOLE 4:30 RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7:30pm	9 FESTIVAL GREGG & BRIAN 1 pm- 4:30 pm ANGEL CITY 6 pm- 9:30 pm	10 FESTIVAL SIRSY 1 pm-4 pm THE KORE 6 pm- 9:30 pm	
11 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY NO MUSIC FOOD TRUCK 11-7	12 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30-8:30 P Kitchen Open 4-7pm	13 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	14 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30 	15 ANA & JOE 19TH HOLE 4:30 RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7:30pm	16 JOE REID & HEARTLAND LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	17 N-FUSION LAKE STAGE 6-10	
18 WHISKEY JU JU STREETDANCE 2-6p FOOD TRUCK 11-7 P	19 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30- 8:30pm Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	20 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	21 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30	22 KENNY WILLIAMS 19TH HOLE 4:30 RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7:30pm	23 DREAMER LAKE STAGE 7-10:30	24 GROOVE INFUSTION LAKE STAGE 6-10	
25 LAST CALL BAND STREETDANCE 2-6p FOOD TRUCK 11-7 P	26 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A5:30-8:3pm Kitchen Open 4-7 pm	27 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5-10 P TACO TUESDAY 5-8 P	28 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6:30-8:30	29 ALLEN WONKO 19TH HOLE 4:30 Bourbon & Cigar Night RUSTIC ROAST BLDG A 4-7:30pm			



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