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BarefootBay.com

By: Rob Allan

Loretta Mikulskis and Linda Stryker, sisters, got into real estate in the mid-80s, during Barefoot Bay's heyday. They were well-known in the Micco area long before Marge Frego, Pat Webb, and many other realtors became local household names. Those three businesses alone are responsible for thousands of home sales in Barefoot Bay over the past four decades, often selling the same homes multiple times.

It didn't hurt Linda and Loretta's real estate company when they saw an opportunity and purchased BarefootBay.com in August of 2000. The internet and domains were the new frontier, an alternative way to get your business in front of consumers. BarefootBay.com became a Century 21 real estate business page, with Loretta and Linda's exclusive area listings (Barefoot Bay, Snug Harbor, Crystal Bay, etc) and the obligatory About Barefoot Bay page.

I know these details because I tried to buy the BarefootBay.com domain after I moved here in 2004. I had previously purchased a few domains and wasn't surprised to find that someone else already owned BarefootBay.com, but I was disappointed to find out it was a front for a Century 21 branch office.

Purchasing BarefootBay.com was a brilliant marketing strategy and proved fruitful for the rest of Linda and Loretta's careers, generating buyers and sellers interested in listing their homes on the website. Today, they're retired, enjoying life, and grateful to be surrounded by family in Sebastian. I was too late to buy BarefootBay.com, so I purchased BarefootBay.org instead. And then I parked it, did nothing with it, and forgot about it.

BarefootBay.org was fine, but .com was the gold standard for discoverability—especially in a place like Barefoot Bay, where many users still type URLs into their browsers. I would occasionally check out BarefootBay.com to see if anything had changed. BarefootBay.com's iterations would eventually have it look like every other real estate page - busy and more complicated than necessary. Besides an occasional picture update, Barefoot Bay was relegated to a single information page and its associated property listings.

I imagine that if I had owned BarefootBay.com back in the early 2000s, the website wouldn't have looked that great and probably wouldn't have had much traffic. Residents of Barefoot Bay were not very tech-savvy, and my imagination was well ahead of the website technology at that time.

I wanted BarefootBay.com to be the central hub of Barefoot Bay, where everything about our community was at your fingertips. A place where clubs and the Recreation District could easily share information and pictures. A place where rumors and misinformation could be discussed, debated, and resolved. Most websites were good at doing one thing (selling pet food, books, etc), and for all intents and purposes, I was trying to create Facebook! That dream would not materialize (for me, anyway), but I assumed other opportunities would present themselves, and they did.

In 2022, I bought The Barefoot Tattler from Melba and JR Lochmandy. In the three years since then, we've rebranded, added more news and opinion, while focusing on the positive side of Barefoot Bay. You're currently holding our 35th issue as we approach our 3rd anni-

One of our readers recently reminisced, "The simple joy of just sitting down and reading an actual newspaper —the tactile connection of the newsprint —is an art form that has been all but lost in today's fast-paced, fast-food world." I feel the same way! I understand I have a responsibility to the community to keep the paper going. We have a solid base of advertisers, but we can only ask so much from them. Inflation, tariffs, and postal rate increases are already affecting our business. We had to look to the future. We had to expand. If only I had a good idea.

Last year, I decided to dust off BarefootBay.org and see what we could do with it. I would build the website, and after thinking about this for almost 20 years, I had LOTS of ideas. But the more I thought about it, the more convinced I was that I didn't have the right domain to really make this project feasible.

For the first time in a very long time, I typed BarefootBay.com into my browser, and it opened on a generic landing page. The Century 21 business platform was gone. I was surprised and I got to work. I knew the Century 21 was still on US-1, so I gave them a call. Loretta and Linda had sold their business and retired years ago, and had held on to the website. The agent offered me Linda's phone number.

I called Linda and introduced myself. She knew who I was and complimented me on the newspaper. I thanked her and told her I knew that she still owned BarefootBay.com and had imagined owning it for years. She mentioned the Barefoot Bay Resort in California as a business they had considered pitching the website to, though she often thought about the Barefoot Bay community and what the website could mean for us.

Linda and Loretta's fondness for our community and respect for my work led them to agree to have their son, an e-commerce merchant, broker the deal. After a bit of haggling, we came to an agreement, and The Tattler had its online equivalent. Owning BarefootBay. com was a huge step forward, but my imagination was much greater than my ability to write software code that could bring those functions and features to life.

I searched for a website developer and hired a firm in Miami with respectable testimonials, a decent portfolio, etc. They said they could do the job, quoted me a price within my budget, and promised to deliver on time. I gave them a deposit, but unfortunately, the experience didn't go as planned and set us back, both in budget and timeline. In February, I finally pulled the plug on that first developer and started another search, and got very, very lucky.

Michael Godoy is a web designer and software developer living in Austin, TX. He had contacted me seven months earlier during my initial search and actually left his phone number. He wasn't associated with a company, and I assumed he probably did websites as a side gig. At least he appeared to live in the USA, considering the majority of website developers who responded were from India. I googled his phone number, and the name matched. I was confident enough to send him a text message.

At the beginning of March, Michael and I spoke for the first time, and I laid out what I envisioned. I asked him whether he thought it was possible to build my website on my limited budget. After a serious conversation, I adjusted my expectations and my budget and hired him. In the weeks since, Michael has enthusiastically engineered a website that is functional and in many ways, exactly as I imagined. We have work ahead of us, as there are always problems with a custom website, especially when traffic increases. However, Michael will stay on contract to help us work through the bugs and add additional features as needed. Barefoot Bay deserves a website as vibrant and connected as its community. This party is just getting started.

An Open Letter to Our Advertisers

By: Rob Allan

On behalf of the Barefoot Bay community and the Allan family, we want to thank you for your continued support of The Tattler newspaper. In uncertain times like these, we're not scaling back—we're expanding, and we're bringing our loyal advertisers along for the ride.

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We're hosting a BarefootBay.com Launch Party this Sunday, April 27, at 7 PM in Buildings D & E. We'll project the new website on the big screen, take everyone on a guided tour, answer your questions, and help you download the app, so it's only a finger touch away.

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And what we can expect in the future...

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A Word From the

CVO

The talk of the town is about the Barefoot Bay Ballot that will be mailed out to all lot owners in early June. There will be several yes or no questions on this ballot, but the most consequential vote will be if the community decides to vote "yes" or "no" on whether or not new single-wide homes will be allowed in Barefoot Bay. The wording will read as allowing the minimum size of homes to be no less than 600 square feet. Please make sure your address for this ballot is correct for the mailing, especially if you leave for the summer. Stop into the Administration Office or call 772-664-3141. This is your chance to be heard!

On a lighter note, let me say "thank you" to all who attended the CVO Annual Golf Tournament this past March. This event always is such a great fundraiser for our Helping Hands Program. A good time was had by all and the community will benefit directly when aid is needed. We also are grateful for the donation from Barefoot Bay Pickleball Club and our Tennis Club. Both have assisted in our programs and we are thankful for your generosity.



Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 23rd: The CVO presents The Starry Starry Night Senior Prom! Enjoy your Senior Prom again, or maybe for the first time! Whether you are 16 or 82..... Senior Prom applies! Grab a date or come as a single, the night will be ours to dance away! The tickets are \$15 each and can be bought at the CVO Office on May 2nd and after, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a BYO appetizers and a cash bar. Dress for fun, dress to the "nines" or however you see yourself at Prom, depending on your era, but don't forget we will be voting for a Prom King and Prom Queen! Time: Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the music begins at 5:30 p.m. and continues until 9:30 p.m. The D.J. rocking the house will be Barwick Entertainment.

Saturday, June 28th: The CVO will present a brand new talent for the Bay: Dry Bar Comedy with Comedian Lucas Bohn! Lucas currently plays the cruise ships nationally and brilliantly showcases accents and delivers stand-up comedy that keeps the cruises howling with laughter! We have invited him here after several Barefoot Bay residents have seen his act on their own personal cruises. So save the date - June 28, 2025, and join our land cruise with Lucas Bohn. Tickets will be available Monday, June 2, 2025, in the CVO Office as well.

And as a lasting paragraph, let me extend a "see ya next year" to our Snowbird Friends! It truly gets quieter after you leave, but we really look forward to the excitement you bring back come the fall! You will be missed! Travel safely and enjoy your summer!

Elaine VanBerschot









A Word From Your Recreation District Chair

Bruce Amoss

BOT Happenings:

3/25/2025 Meeting Highlights:

The annual audit report was prepared by Barefoot Bay Recreation District's independent auditors, Forvis Mazars. The report is required to be submitted to the State of Florida by June 30, 2025.

The BOT approved the presented FY24 Audit Report.

As usual, the audit was "clean", no discrepancies.

The Kids' Event Badge was discussed, and it was determined that the Kids' Event Badge can be used for the Kids' Swim and any events that the Community Manager approves.

During the March 13, 2025 Regular BOT Meeting, the BOT discussed the BBRD policy requirement that anyone on District property, with various exceptions, and all attendees at club functions on District property are required to possess either a valid badge or pass, unless the BOT has approved an event to be open to the public and waived the requirement for attendees to possess a badge or pass.

At the March 25th meeting, it was decided to establish a list of exempt events, so a recurring event won't have to go before the board each time.

4/10/2025

The Violations Committee had two openings, so the board approved moving the two alternates to fill the voting positions. Two alternate positions now need to be filled.

The Board of Trustees approved the Agreement renewal with John Cary, Esq. for Special Magistrate services.

The BOT reviewed the DOR Ad Hoc Committee's list of recommended substantive changes to the DOR.

District 3 Brevard County Commissioner is scheduled to host a Barefoot Bay Town Hall Meeting on April 29th at 6:00 pm in Building D/E. Trustee Van Berschot requested the use of the district's audio-visual vendor to live stream the meeting on the district's website and record the meeting to post on the district's website as well. Staff will bring a Budget Amendment Request to the BOT at a future BOT Regular meeting to approve a transfer of an applicable amount of budgeted funds from the R&W/Capital Projects Reserves to the District Clerk Sub-department.

The Third and possibly final budget meeting will be held on April 17th at 9 AM in Bldg D/E, then the budget mailout will be authorized on May 27th at 1:00 PM. Adoption of FY26 Tentative Budget and Assessment Rate on June 24th at 1:00 PM

BOT Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM. Town Hall Meeting: Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM. BOT Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 8th, 2025, Bldg. D/E, 1 PM.

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A Word From Your

County Commissioner

Kim Adkinson County Commissioner, District 3

Brevard County, FL. - Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30th, and Brevard County Emergency Management wants to remind our Barefoot Bay residents about the five steps to preparedness, which can be found on the Brevard County Emergency Management website at https://brevardfl.gov/ EmergencyManagement.

Basic Disaster Supply Kit: Brevard County Emergency Management recommends having the following items as part of your basic disaster supply kit:

- Water: one gallon of water per person, per day, for at least three days
- · Food: at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio, a weather radio, and extra batteries
 - · Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First aid kit
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, & plastic ties
- Feminine supplies & personal hygiene
 - Manual can opener for food
 - Local maps
- · Cell phone with chargers, inverter, or solar charger
 - Cash
 - Gloves (latex and landscaping)

- Hand Sanitizer
- · Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification,

Additional Supplies: Once your basic supply kit has been stocked, additional items to consider include:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Shot records for pet(s)
- A carrier for each pet
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
 - Complete change of clothing
 - Matches in a waterproof container
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels, and plastic utensils
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- · Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children
 - Paper and pen/pencil

Persons with Disabilities, Barriers or Impairments: By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan, you can be better prepared for any situation. Inventory what you use every day to live independently. Identify the essential items you will need for at least three days. Stock custom essentials in your kit like:

- Durable medical equipment
- Assistive technology
- · List of medications
- Contact information for doctors
- Have a method to communicate your impairments and needs

Pet Disaster Supply Kit: Don't forget to keep necessary items for your pets as part of your disaster supply kit in case you need to evacuate to a pet-friendly shelter. You will need these items:

- Current rabies vaccination certificate
- · Shot records
- · Leash and collar
- County animal license tags
- Medications
- Crate or cage for each animal
- Pet food
- Cleaning supplies
- Newspaper or pet pad
- Comfort items for your pets
- Remember, being ready is the key to maintaining your independence.
 - Pet Disaster Supply Kit

Emergency Preparedness Plans for Individuals with Special Needs

The Brevard County Special Needs program is for residents with specific health and/ or medical conditions needing assistance with sheltering in times of an emergency or disaster during an evacuation. Residents who meet the Special Needs criteria and have no other alternative for a safe shelter should register with Emergency Management.

You can register in the following ways:

- Using the Everbridge Online Application
- Faxing (321-633-1738) or emailing us a paper copy of the Special Needs Application
 - By calling 321-637-6670
- You can also talk to your home health care agency, hospice agency, medical supply company, or other caregiver, who can assist with completing the application.

Preparedness is a community effort. Talk with your neighbors, especially those who may need extra help, and encourage them to make a plan too. Whether it's sharing resources or checking in after a storm, small acts of preparedness can have a big impact. If you would like additional hurricane preparedness information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 321-633-2075.

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Hi teens. Thank you for your help at the Easter Egg Hunt and Family Swim!

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Badges or Guest Passes are required for all LOL activities at all locations, except approved swim events. Teens can get an annual badge for \$34 at the Admin Building with a copy of their guardians' lease, even if their guardians don't have badges. Call the Admin Office for more info.

LOL Craft Day is May 3rd at 10 a.m. at Building D&E for ages 5-17. We are painting vases for our Mother's Day Floral Event, which will be May 10th in Building E. Sign up by emailing lolyouthgroup24@gmail.com. Kids ages 3-17 are invited to make floral arrangements for \$5 each, even if they cannot attend our craft day. Let your guardians, dads, and granddads know about the floral event for your younger siblings as well.

LOL Basketball will start up in June.

LOL is holding Paint & Sip fundraisers

on May 17th and 24th to benefit the LOL Rainbow Bridge and LOL Youth Group. Teens are encouraged to help set up, and adults can sign up to attend through email.

Young Christians Youth Group continues to meet at the gym. RSVP to Lynne Fraser at 239-404-4788.

I hope the last month of school goes by quickly. Do good things!

Becky Culp

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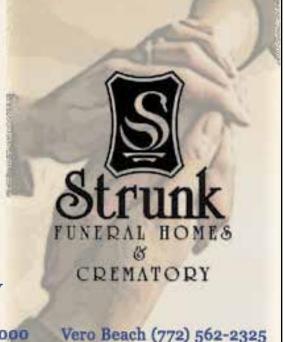
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Artists' Guild Artist of the Month



Lazy Turtle

Barefoot Bay Artists' Guild is proud to announce that the Artist for the month of May is Barbara Hyde. Barbara came to Florida 13 years ago from beautiful New England. She gets her inspiration from that area, though after moving to Florida, she has concentrated on working on birds, fish, turtles, and sunsets. Barbara has no formal art training and took it up as a hobby during COVID. She was a florist in her past life, so that was some help. She managed to connect with another artist, Sherrel Galeotti, who agreed to give her lessons during that time. Sherrel tells her that you can't teach talent—only mechanics, and who knows, maybe we are all artists at heart.

Her beautiful paintings will be displayed in Bldg. A from April 27th to June 1st.









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Another scam that has hit this area again is the Romance Scam. Again, the scammer has done his research- he may get your name from an obituary that includes where you and your spouse lived, your family status, and where you live now. This will help him 'endear' himself to you; you both came from the same state or city, went to the same high school, and went to the same place of work, as well as lots of other information that obituaries usually reveal. At some point, now that you trust him, he is going to ask for help- a little money to help him because of a bad investment, a new investment, or an upcoming trip to come to visit you as your relationship deepens. If you don't think these discoveries are possible, just Google your own name with your city and state and see what you can learn. If you keep searching through all of the resources, you can get your birthdate and year of birth, you can find out how you voted, past residences, and people who may be associated with your name, and even your current phone number. For a small fee, the scammer can get even more information about you- this would be a small investment when you consider the intention of this "romance." Please remember that not only are widows targets, but widowers are also targets of this scam.

If you think you have been contacted by a scammer or have been a victim, talk to a trusted friend, report the call to law enforcement or the AARP FraudWatch Network Helpline. (877-908-3360) This is a free call, and you will be talking with trained specialists to provide guidance on what to do and how to avoid future scams. If you have been a victim of a scam and need help to deal with the emotional hurt, AARP has a safe place for you to talk about your needs. The victim support website is aarp.org/FraudSupport.

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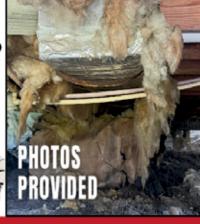
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BarefootBay.com Is LIVE!

By: Rob Allan

We're thrilled to invite you to explore the brand-new BarefootBay.com, your go-to hub for all things Barefoot Bay. While the site is still in its soft launch phase, everything is currently viewable, even without registering. Eventually, registration will be required to post 'For Sale' ads, and Premium Sponsors will unlock full access to commenting, "liking", and posting on the Forum and Calendar Event pages. Our goal is to foster authentic community dialogue while keeping out misinformation and trolls. As always, expect ongoing improvements.

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CALENDAR

The heart of BarefootBay.com. View events by day, week, or month. Each listing includes a full description, time, location, badge requirements (if any), and contact details when available.

FORUM

This is where we'll post news and updates. Soon, my posts and weather updates will live exclusively on BarefootBay.com. (No more Facebook nonsense.) Premium Sponsors can post in General Discussions, which will eventually be made private. This helps maintain a respectful, troll-free space for real community talk.

FOR SALE

It's early, so expect sample listings at first as examples. Real estate ads (for sale or rent) include photos, videos, maps, and contact information, and run for 30 days for \$50.

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COMMUNITY

This section is launching with limited content, but it will grow to include documents, contact information, and helpful links relevant to life in Barefoot Bay. Eventually, you'll be able to use the AI search bar to jump right to the info you need.

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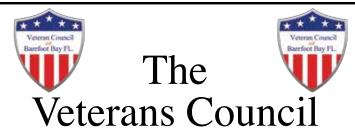
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Detect to Protect: Safeguard Your Family from Online Threats: Consumers rely on the internet now more than ever. While it offers many advantages, the internet also presents significant risks, particularly for military children. Though their digital proficiency allows them to operate technology with ease, it can also put them in vulnerable positions. As internet usage continues to increase, scammers and their tactics continue to evolve. Phishing emails, online shopping scams, and romance scams are a few tactics scammers use to try to steal Personally Identifiable Information (PII). During the Month of the Military Child, VA is committed to raising awareness and protecting the military and Veterans community from online scams, along with providing Veterans and their families with the knowledge to keep themselves safe.

Financial Literacy Awareness Month Celebration: The Department of Veterans Affairs and Virginia Tech will host a Financial Literacy Month Celebration on April 11, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT. This event is offered at no cost to Veterans, transitioning service members, spouses, family members, caregivers, and survivors. It will include financially focused classes, a Veterans' financial resource fair, and a virtual hiring fair. VA will also host virtual options for those not in the area, including four Financial Literacy classes and a hiring fair.

Adapt Your Car with VA: Do you have a disability related to your military service that prevents you from driving? You may be eligible for a one-time payment or grant to help with buying a specially equipped vehicle or adaptive equipment.

Change Your VA Direct Deposit noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm hours are Monday and Wednesd to 12 and Wednesday from 130 from VA, you can update direct deposit information in your VA.gov profile. You'll need your bank's routing number and account number to make the updates.

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Tax Season Guidance for Veterans: After checking, this last month's insert is not valid, and it came from the VA. The link is fraud. Do not use Miltax. Please go to the IRS site to get the right information and file for free.

Women-Veterans' Support Groups Really Work: "It turned out to be the best decision I had ever made," one Veteran says. Hear women Veterans discuss how they found support through shared experiences and group therapy. Would you want to start a support group for Women Veterans? Contact us for a free place to meet.

VA has a new FLAG policy: Under the new directive, only specific flags may be publicly displayed or depicted at VA facilities. These include the United States flag, flags of U.S. states and territories, military service flags, VA flags and official flags of U.S. agencies. Additionally, flags representing prisoner

of war/missing in action (POW/MIA), Senior Executive Service (SES), military command units and burial flags for honoring Veterans and reservists are permitted.

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Survivor Benefits and Reporting a Veteran Death: Losing a loved one is a challenging time — we are here to help. As the survivor of a Veteran or Service member, check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation.

Please contact the VA to report the Veteran's death and avoid an overpayment of the Veteran's benefits. You can report the death in person at a VA Regional Office, by mail, or by phone. When you do this, VA will stop any benefit payments the Veteran received as required by law. Reporting the death timely will help ensure survivors or executors of the Veteran's estate do not experience additional financial stress.

Did you know: you have access your VA claims development letters on VA.gov? You don't have to wait. By Calling 800-698-2411, 24/7, & 877-222-8387, 8 am to 8 pm. If you recently lost a loved one, ask us for a checklist to help you deal with the things that need to be done.

Margaritaville Ship is BACK, only bigger: With a new, larger ship, but the same reasons for doing their cruises. First responders and the military are invited to attend their cruises. Online info Margaritaville At Sea Port of Palm Beach 1 East 11th Street Riviera Beach, FL 33404, 800-814-7100. Do a search online, and you will be able to get more information.

Hosts and Hostesses: Still looking for Hosts and Hostesses for "The Veterans Meeting Center". You can also email us at: veteranscouncil32976@gmail.com. Our area is like a day room where everyone can gather, talk, play cards, play games, or read in the library

The 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 772-663-0644! We are 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 from 9 to 12 and Wednesday from 1300 to 1600 for fun, games, and movies from 2 to 4. We Served, now we Serve! We hope we see you at "The Veterans Meeting Center."

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Rummage Sale: Tuesday, May 20th: 12:00 PM to 7:45 PM;

Wednesday, May 21st: 10:00 AM to 1:45 PM; and Thursday, May 22nd: 12:00 PM to 7:45

Adult Programs

Please call the library at 772-664-4066 for more information regarding programs.

Come in for Gentle Yoga every Monday at 10 AM. Gentle Yoga is a low-impact form of yoga that uses slow and controlled movements. Chair for poses and balance is optional.

Please bring a yoga mat and water. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Come in and work on your quilting pieces every Thursday at 6:00 PM.

This is a non-instructional group.

Come in for Chair yoga every Friday at 10:30 AM. Chair Yoga is gentle and uses a chair for poses and balance. The fee is \$5.00/session, payable to the instructor.

Movies at the Library

Join us for the movie Conclave and limited snacks on Thursday, May 1st, at 1 PM.

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, and John Lithgow. PG 2 hr

Come in and play BINGO with friends and family on Monday, May 5th, and May 19th, at

Memoir Writers: Learn how to pen your own memoirs on Monday, May 12th at 11 AM. Adult Art Classes

Naomi will assist you with an art project on Monday, May 12th at 1 PM.

A \$5.00 nonrefundable fee for supplies will be payable at the time of preregistration at the Circulation Desk.

Mystery Book Club

The Bookbinder by Pip Williams, with a meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 2 PM.

Third Thursday @ Three

Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner, with a meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 3 PM. Painting for Beginners

Learn the basics of painting and how to enjoy art on Fridays, May 16th and May 30th, at 12 PM. The instructor charges a \$5.00 nonrefundable fee for supplies.

Adult Classes

Beginning Computer Classes

Learn the basics about computers on Wednesday, May 7th, at 1 p.m. This class includes using a laptop, mouse, and keyboard, and navigating the desktop environment.

One-on-One Computer Classes – by appointment only at the Reference Desk

Learn more about technology and more with the library staff. \$5.00/session payable to

One-on-One Skills Classes - by appointment only at the Reference Desk

Learn a new skill or hobby with library staff. \$5.00/session payable to the instructor.

Youth Services Programs

Please call the library at 772-664-4066 for more information regarding programs.

All Youth programs are free.

Read Your Way to K Playdate - Babies and Toddlers

We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for an hour of stories, songs, and games every Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Children's Room. Reading and storytelling allow our littlest patrons to discover speech patterns, new words, and language. Our fun and informal program is designed to enhance those skills through age-appropriate play.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM)

Experiment, Explore, and Engage with some fun hands-on projects every Friday at 3 PM in the Meeting Room! This program is intended for ages seven and up, and a supervising adult is required to be present in the room at all times.

Family Movies at the Library

Join us for the family-friendly movie If and limited snacks on Saturday, May 24th at 11 AM. A young girl who goes through a difficult experience begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life friends have grown up.

Starring Cailey Fleming, Ryan Reynolds, and John Krasinski. PG 1 hr 44 min

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Wednesday and Saturday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,

Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or event due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location at which the event is held at least seven days prior to the event. This flyer is intended to be ephemeral in nature; as a result, if you need 508-compliant information, please contact the location, and it can be provided.

Lagoon Artisans of Barefoot Bay Featured Artist May 2025









Hazel Butler

Hazel Butler recently joined Lagoon Artisans but has a lifelong history as an artist. She had a rich history in art in high school. Like many of us, life got in the arts' way. Hazel's passion for art was reignited in 2022.

While living in Fellsmere, she created the Fellsmere series, featuring 15 unique paintings. She has also created other exciting series, including the Star series, Heart series, Yellow series, and miscellaneous paintings.

She thrives on capturing likeness, light, and color in her work. When not working on her art, she enjoys gardening and exploring antiques. Hazel is an artist at Shady Oaks Art Studio in Fellsmere, Florida.



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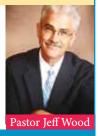
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY #366

Unit 366 had the honor of entertaining our department president, Charlotte Bass, and the district president, Mary Fish, on April 4, 2025, in the Veterans Center in Barefoot Bay. It is always a pleasure to meet with our state American Legion Auxiliary leaders.

The unit had a very successful Hawaiian Luau on April 12, 2025. As always, the students from Sebastian ROTC assisted in serving the dinner and cleaning up. They are very much appreciated and seem to enjoy their contribution.

Our meetings for the season are coming to an end, although we will still be available to help with Flag Day, Memorial Day, and any celebrations our American Legion participates in. New members to our Legion and the auxiliary are always welcome.

For God and Country,

Sue Reddy, 1st Vice President

AMERICAN LEGION POST #366

Barefoot Bay American Legion Post 366 continues its regular meetings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, at 1 p.m. in Building D. This will be our last meeting before returning in October. Our agenda will include Memorial Day and Flag Day plans. With the passing of the LEGION Act by Congress, any veteran who has honorably served since Pearl Harbor is eligible to join. For further information, please call Commander Jeff Grunow at 772-202-4926.

Memorial Day Service: The annual Barefoot Bay Memorial Day Service will be held inside Building A on Monday, May 26, at 11 AM. Light refreshments to follow. Any club or organization that may like to participate, please contact Jeff Grunow at 772-202-4926.

ARTISTS' GUILD

Hello from the BFB Artists' Guild:

Greetings to all. The "snowbirds" will be heading to their northern homes pretty soon, if they haven't already. We hope that they have a wonderful and safe summer.

Even though Summer will be arriving in November soon, the Art Guild will continue during the summer with loads of exciting workshops and presentations. We asked the Members for any suggestions for workshop ideas. There will be no Art Guild business meetings during the summer, and the next meeting in the fall will be October 3rd.

Ruth Feldman will be having a workshop on jelly prints in the Month of May. Linda Weinstein will show the members how to paint something, of their choice, on a canvas bag. An outing is also planned in the middle of the month. It should be a full month of enjoyment.

We want to welcome three new members to the Artists' Guild. Sue Vozeh, Becky Culp, and Joe Fernandez. They are looking forward to discovering how to paint new projects, along with unique techniques that we all share. All members have the opportunity to discover new skills taught by our members. We are inclined to help anyone who needs support. Our classes are not only fun but also informative. There is always something new to learn. If you would like to join our fun-loving group, please contact Maureen Fitzpatrick at jawafitz@gmail.com.

Artist for the month of May is Barbara Hyde. Please read her article on another page.

Until the next Tattler issue, stay safe, have a grand summer, and enjoy life's blessings.

Bonnie J. Murphy

BOAT AND FISHING CLUB

Commodore Steve Johnson opened the regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club and asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following votes to approve the Yeoman (secretary) report and the Purser (treasurer) report, Johnson and Jim Hale (Rear Commodore) provided details for the club's planned group lunch at Old Fish House. Members signed up to meet with others at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, for the final gathering of the season.

The Commodore asked members to report on fishing trips. Two members reported some success, with catches of a puffer fish and a pompano recently.

Members then discussed the possibility of moving next season's events from the Micco pavilion to the Barefoot Bay pavilion near Building A. Members also suggested the possibility of using the park area near Grant. The final decision will be made in early fall for the October event.

Members then discussed how to attract new members to the club. Suggestions included calling for new members in the Tattler, scheduling speakers on subjects such as fishing in Florida, boating trips, and preparing a flyer asking for new members.

The next regular meeting of the Barefoot Bay Boat and Fishing Club will be held on October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Building D&E.

**The club will welcome any new members and former members. Contact Jim Hale at 618-314-3542, Steve Johnson at 781-953-7600, or Sue Johnson at 781-789-1496, or come to the October meeting to sign up in person.

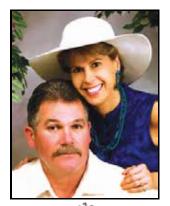
BOCCE CLUB

The Thursday and Friday Barefoot Bay Bocce Clubs concluded their seasons with a combined Brunch supplied by Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage. Our seasons begin in November and continue through to April. We have many "Snow Birds", and we adapt to their modified season. Consider joining either of us, or like some, both clubs! Stop by and throw a few Bocce balls. We're there starting at 9 am. Locate us in front of Building A.

BRITISH CLUB

April's British Club meeting was the final one for the 2024-2025 regular season. This is always our year-end Anniversary party, which is now being held indoors at building A. We enjoyed a Taco Bar with all the fixings for the meal, and Dougie provided the music. We also had Horse Racing using our new horses with human jockeys. (Pictures coming next month.) Although at this writing the meeting is a couple of days away, I am positive that there will be lots of laughs and fun all around. In Kentucky Derby style, there will be a Hat contest with three prizes for the prettiest, funniest, and most creative. Winners will be announced in next month's article. We have also invited the Barefoot Angels to attend and receive a donation of

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This year, we celebrated 35 years as the British Heritage Club!!! We had a wonderful year with lots of new members, new entertainment, and different food selections. Based on the survey that was passed out, it seems that most everyone approves and is having a great time. Let's keep it up for 35 more!

Summer Fun Nights start Tuesday, May 20th, in building A. Our meal will be salad, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, candied carrots with angel food cake, strawberries, and whipped cream for dessert. These nights are always a great time to build friendships, meet new friends, and play your favorite games.

Tickets are \$15.00, and you do not need to be a member to attend, so bring a friend or two. Please contact Debbie O'Hara at 320408-1687 for tickets by May 15th.

Safe travels to all of our seasonal friends. Stay safe and see you next season!

Cheers,

Cyndie

CANADA CLUB

Well, it's time to head north to our summer homes after another great winter. The Canada Club had a very successful season this year, with all our events well attended. Our last event was a wine and cheese farewell at the D building on April 4. I'd like to thank all the ladies who contributed to the making of the hors d'oeuvres for this event. Also, this time, I'd like to thank everyone for our successful picnic at the Fisherman's Landing. Our first event in the fall is on November 12. More info to follow in the fall. It is a meet and greet and welcome back at the D building. We have planned all our events for next season and are looking forward to seeing everyone again. A special interest will be our AGM meeting in January. At that meeting, we will have a representative from the Canadian snowbirds association talking about travelling south of the border and other important topics.

I would also like to thank all the people who helped me make this a successful season. Please have a safe trip home.

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Hopefully, we'll see you all next season.

Brad Jackson President

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

We had a wonderful Easter celebration! He Is Risen! Easter is the most important celebration in Christianity. It is when Jesus took our sins to the cross, and rose to leave an empty tomb.

The opening prayer was given by Nancy Eisele. Thanks, Nancy. That was followed by our wonderful choir, who opened the luncheon with several hymns.

We had a great lunch made by Dottie and her crew. We thank all of them for their hard work. I also want to thank all the ladies who show up early to get the tables ready, always so beautiful.

The two ladies who are always at the front table to greet us do such a great job. Lynne Kahl and Ruth Lanning are also in charge of the National Day of Prayer, which will be held May 1, noon, under the Oaks next to the administration building. All are welcome, bring a folding chair, or come in your golf cart. It is a nice way to pray for our nation.

Cecelia Deschenes came from a Christian ministry called LoveJustice, which works in human trafficking. Many thousands of children are trafficked every year. Their work consists of placing people at bus and train stations, looking for children who are with one or more men. They find a way to ask the child if they know the man. The children will say they do not; the men will claim to be the father. That is when they take the child and return them to their home. They have saved 81,000 children, and that is only the tip of the iceberg. If you would like to

donate to them, their address is: Love, P.O. Box 67195, Lincoln, NE 68906. There are several great Christian organizations that work to save trafficked children. Tim Tebow Foundation and International Justice Mission are two. Many children have come into our country with traffickers; they disappear into the country, and no one knows where they are. We all need to be concerned and help.

Our next luncheon is May 13, and it will be tea. Bring a teacup. Call Ruth at 772-202-4251 for reservations.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Calling all Patriots who believe in our Nation's founding values, God, Country, Family, and Freedom, and the need to celebrate these values. Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month in Bldg D/E at 2:30 pm. It is hard to believe it is May already, and sadly, we have seen many of our friends return to their northern nests. They will be missed. At our April meeting, we were able to donate the proceeds of the Elvis Show to some great charities in the community. The American Legion Post #366 right here in the Bay, Barefoot Angels, Cause for Compassion, and the Purple Heart Cane Project. The representatives of each organization were able to join our April meeting to collect their donations. We are positive the money will be put to good use by each organization. We are preparing to send off more boxes for Holidays for Heroes and are still collecting items for the late-May mailing, as it is National Military Appreciation Month. Information on the Holidays for Heroes project, along with mailing kits and a list of items needed for the boxes, is available on our Facebook page, Barefoot Bay Conservative Club, and at www.militarymomsprayergroup. com. All donations for filling the boxes and/ or mailing fees are greatly appreciated. The club spent Earth Day on the Islands and Indian River picking up debris and having a nice picnic together, while leaving only footprints. The Club members are also going to enjoy Cinco de Mayo together at one of our favorite local Mexican restaurants, Ay Jalisco. We have lots of great outings coming up and invite everyone to join us at our next meeting, which will be held May 22nd in Bldg D/E at 2:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Regardless of what is going on in our Country, our Club continues to be active in many ways! We have been happy to join in some of the recent local rallies and will continue to participate.

March was the date of our annual yard sale, and we raised more money than any other year. This money goes to helping keep our Club running, but we also donate to local and nationwide charities. We donated to the World Kitchen this spring, which went to helping people affected by the California wildfires. As you can see, there are many ways that Democrats can stay active in an off-year election cycle! Please see below if you are ready to join the DWC of BB and get active. We look forward to welcoming you!

At our April meeting we made signs to use to express our opinions and perhaps, you will see us rallying in the Bay sometime this spring! Come join us.

Reminder: it is necessary for everyone to renew their option for having a ballot mailed to them. Also, renewal needs to be done after every election cycle! Share with your friends and neighbors how easy it is to use this method of voting. Just go to:

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Call 321-633-2127 to request one!

If you are a registered Democrat from any state, please join us. Both men and women are welcome! Democratic-leaning Independents are encouraged to attend after contacting us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 pm in Building D next to the 19th Hole. You can learn more about

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WHAT DO YOU CALL A DEER WITH NO EYES? **NO-EYE-DEER**

Dear Valued Patients,

Glaucoma is a stealthy disease of the optic nerve, where prolonged high pressure can lead to irreversible damage. Like blood pressure, we can't feel our eye pressure, making early detection challenging. Primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG), the most common type, often progresses silently, with no symptoms until irreversible nerve damage has occurred. The optic nerve, much like the cable for your TV, is the only connection between your eyes and your brain.



POAG requires preventive management. However, eye pressure alone isn't enough for diagnosis, as individuals have varying pressure sensitivities. Some with elevated intraocular pressure (IOP) have ocular hypertension (OHTN) but don't develop glaucoma, while others, despite statistically normal pressures, develop normal tension glaucoma (NTG), leading to nerve damage.

Ophthalmologists use specialized tests like optic nerve scans (OCT), photography, and visual field tests to monitor changes over time. The hallmark signs of glaucoma include optic nerve thinning, increased cupping, and peripheral vision loss.

Early diagnosis is crucial, as nerve damage is irreversible. Fortunately, modern treatments like selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT), prescription eye drops (often blood pressure meds in drop form), and minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS) offer effective management. MIGS, often combined with cataract surgery, safely lowers eye pressure with minimal added risk.

Regular eye exams, especially for those with a family history or suspicious optic nerve appearance, are essential. Without testing you will have no-eyedeer—prevention and early intervention are key to preserving your vision and quality of life!

Warm regards, Val Zudans, M.D.

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GARDEN CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Garden Club had a demonstration in assembling a "Fairy Garden" by member Mary Metta. Miniaturized homesteads with natural products were constructed in dish gardens for all that attended. Our season will be concluding after our April picnic with an Auction. Look for future information to join us in October in the Tattler. Mark your calendar for the third Wednesday of the month at 9 am in Building D&E.

GOLF CART CLUB

The Barefoot Bay Golf Cart Club had a wonderful season full of fun activities, including the Poker Runs, Road Rally, Scavenger Hunt, and Cart Wash. Thanks to all who participated.

In addition, with our club members' generosity, we were able to donate over \$900 to Barefoot Bay! Donations were made to the Senior Lunch Program, Barefoot Angels, Helping Hands, CVO, LOL Youth Group, and the Rainbow Bridge Project. Our Scavenger Hunt was for the BFB Food Pantry, and it was also a huge success. We shared lots of laughs during our Holiday Light Tour and participated in the Annual BFB Christmas Parade.

We thank all of our members for making our Club so much fun and successful.

Membership is just \$5 per year, and most events are \$5 or free for our members.

Our Golf Cart Club will be back in full gear in October. Watch the Peek at the Week and Facebook for information on our events. Come join the fun!

GREAT LAKES STATES CLUB

Hi Club Members! Happy Summer Days

May's Issue is an insert of April's issue that didn't get published. At the April 8th meeting, we had 25 boxes of Pizza Varieties from Aunt Louise Pizzeria in Sebastian. Many selections to choose from: meat, sausage, cheese, pineapple, and pepperoni. More than enough for 40 club members to enjoy! Many slices left over for free handouts. The plentiful variety of desserts was all eaten up! The entertainment came from the Moose Lodge, and the DJ was Tofer. He played numbers known songs, for 4 Bingo Sheets, as we listened and sang along. We had five winners. A very fun evening!

Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter! May the summer be comfortable and pleasant. Enjoy the 'lazy days' of summer. Safe journey, travels, and stay well. See everyone back in the November 11, 2025, meeting. The meal will be Fried Chicken, and the music entertainment will be DJ Russ, to excite you

Until then, after the summer break, be ready to join the club meetings

with fun, cheer, and good food. I will be glad to see everyone again!

> Daphnia Missad, Secretary

IRISH CLUB

The Irish Club hosted its end-of-season dinner dance with a 50s Sock Hop. Barefoot Bay Food and Beverage delivered the traditional meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, and fries. Dessert followed with Ice Cream Sodas. The best of the "poodle skirts" are featured in the photo. The "greaser" also won praise for his costume!

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

The Italian American Club has had a fantastic season this year. To celebrate all our success, we will be meeting in the offseason for pizza nights, as we have for the past two years. Look for my emails about pizza nights. We have to relocate for our

pizza nights. I will be sending out e-mails with further details. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped out this year with the meetings and all the events we hosted. Our volunteers are the backbone of our club. Stay in touch through the summer months as we prepare for another great season starting in October of 2025. Please watch for the emails or the Peek of the Week. Thanks.

> Ron Fashano President

JEWISH CLUB

If by chance, this is the first time you are reading this, welcome to the Jewish Social Club. This club is dedicated to understanding our common roots and welcoming folks of all religions. This is not a religious or political

Our Passover Seder was wonderful. We had 10 folks. It was excellent. Everyone contributed food. We ordered more different Haggadahs (Passover booklets) for next year. So, for next year, we will all be on the same

We are looking forward to more events in the future and would welcome all new members. Keep an eye on Facebook for more updates. Also, emails and texts that we have will be sent out. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 3:30 pm. at our home.

Please call or text Joanne at 860-869-2982 or Jerry at 860-869-2981 if you have

Shalom (Peace).

LAGOON ARTISANS

LABB artists ended their art season Saturday, April 26th, with an art show and a luncheon after their April meeting.

The first show next year is a two-day holiday show on Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23rd, the same weekend as Candy Cane Lane; January 25 with the CVO Car Show; February 2; and April 4. All are in Building A from 10 to 3.

These activities support our mission to create opportunities to show and sell our work while supporting each other as fine artists creating and having fun. Many members belong to other art associations and galleries to gain the widest exposure to their art. Creating it is one aspect; selling it is another that takes much effort.

LABB meets every second Wednesday, October through April, at Building D/E from 10 to noon. Meetings involve routine matters, techniques and skills demonstrations, and managing the art shows. Luncheons are held after several meetings at local restaurants.

Local artists interested in exploring opportunities are encouraged to call President Georgene Granholm at 908-337-9400 or me and plan to attend a meeting or show. We enjoy meeting new artists, sharing, and learning with each other.

This was a very productive year for the club. We welcomed several new members, and we have gained new followers from the new communities being built in the area. Many artists have also distinguished themselves in galleries in Melbourne and Vero Beach, as well as regional competitions.

Text me an email address if you wish to join our contact list and keep up to date with club events. LABB also has volunteer opportunities at our shows for folks who would like to engage in the art community.

Learn with us, create with us, and add a little color to your life with us.

> 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 Thursdays in Building A. The instructor will be Dona Gionet, assisted by Eileen Derrick.

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The schedule will be:

9:30 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 the Veterans at the end of the season.

Many of our Snowbirds have already left or will be leaving soon. We will miss them and wish them a good summer. However, we will continue to dance as much as we can through the month of May.

Also, our Vice President, Jill Anderson, is leaving for PA for good. We will miss her too. Mary Ellen Stagliano has graciously stepped up to be Vice President.

The May 2025 schedule will be May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

See you on the dance floor in May!

Joanne Blum, President Jill Anderson, Vice President Doris McNamara, Treasurer

LOL YOUTH GROUP

See the G-A+Z-ETTE article on page 5.

OPEN MIC CLUB

Hello Music Lovers! All performances in May are scheduled to be under the Oaks at Pool 2. Club T-Shirts, which we sell to raise funds to support local charities, are available at all events. Remember to check our FB page for any updates on venue changes due to bad weather. The FB page is also an excellent way to see if your favorite performer may be playing outside the bay. So remember to walk, bike, golf cart, or drive over to Pool 2, under the Oaks, from 1:30 to 4:00 every Tuesday to hear the free live sounds of the Barefoot Bay Open Mic club. See you there.

ORGAN, KEYBOARD, AND PIANO CLUB

We had a great year. Our next and last meeting of the season is April 23rd at 1:00 pm in Bldg. A. Several new members joined our club

We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer and look forward to another great year in the fall in Barefoot Bay.

Rollin Rice, President

SENIOR SOFTBALL

Barefoot Bay Food Store was crowned Champion for the 2025 Season. They also won the regular season with only one loss during that time. However, the playoffs brought a new season between the six rival teams: Barefoot Bay Food Store, Ridge Automotive, Affordable Air, Schneider Insurance, Indian River Fitness, and Sabol Air. This time of year at the field brings out the best of team strategies, the ball players' "A" games, and a lot of fun in a double-elimination playoff.

Barefoot Bay Food Store and Ridge Automotive each received a bye for the first round of the playoffs. Unfortunately, Schneider Insurance and Sabol Air were knocked out early. Lingering injuries during the regular season proved to be too much to overcome as Affordable Air and Indian River Fitness advanced. Indian River Fitness had to fight off a desperate Schneider Insurance, winning a tight and exciting game, 19-18. Affordable Air dominated Sabol Air 19-9. Up next was a game everyone was looking forward to, Barefoot Bay Food Store hosting Ridge Automotive. This would be the first of three meetings in the playoffs. Ridge jumped out to a five-run 1st inning and never looked back, handing the Food Store only their 2nd loss of the year, 22-13. Affordable Air knocked off Indian River Fitness and advanced to play the Food Store in the next round. Ridge Automotive received another bye as they moved through the winner's bracket. In the next round, Affordable Air put

on a great show, but the powerful bats of the Food Store proved to be too much for Air men, losing 17-9.

Now it was down to the top two teams, Ridge and the Food Store, for the championship. Ridge Auto jumped out to another 5-run lead in the 1st inning, but the bats went silent after that. Barefoot Bay Food Store started out slow, but kept adding runs each inning, taking the game, 15-9. But Ridge still had another opportunity, as this was their first loss of the tournament

Friday morning found the Spring air crisp, the bleachers and sidelines filled with cheering spectators, and two teams ready to do battle. Once again, Ridge jumped out to a 5-run lead in the first inning. Barefoot Bay Food Store answered, keeping the game close. It was anybody's game going into the 6th inning, but Ridge could not get runners across the plate in the top half of the inning. The Food Store showed them how it was done in the bottom half by consistently dropping balls into the field and advancing runners. By the end of the inning, The Food Store had taken a 15-9 lead and only needed three outs to win the championship. Ridge Automotive rolled over, showed their belly, and headed for the showers. Congratulations to the Barefoot Bay Food Store Team!

Now that the official season is over, Barefoot Bay Senior Softball still plays with pickup games every Tuesday and Thursday. If you are interested in playing, come on out to the field. We get started at 8:30, and everyone is welcome.

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Hi, tennis players near and far, another edition of the Tattler's Tennis Club News is here! As the temperature rises, the number of our Snow Bird friends is starting to drop. Our local die-hards will continue with early court times and plenty of hydration. Remember, the fluids are as important as the racket and the ball when it is hot. Listen to your body and enjoy. The match with SFTC was a hit, the Barefoot Bay Tennis Club represented itself well, and had so much fun. Thanks to the hosts!

FYI:

- Tennis was originally played with bare hands
- Tennis took a 64-year hiatus from the Olympic Games.
- As of 2021, Novak Djokovic has the longest match-winning streak in men's singles tennis at 43 matches.

Call Barry at 321-419-8593

THE WHITE CAPS - RETIRED NURSES

Hello all, this will be our last luncheon till October. Our friends, the Snow Birds, will be going north for the summer.

Just a reminder, we welcome all our Retired Nursing friends, no matter where they're from. The more, the merrier!!

On May 14th, we will be going to Giuseppe's Pizzeria & Italian Cuisine, 935 Sebastian Blvd, Sebastian, FL 32958, at 1

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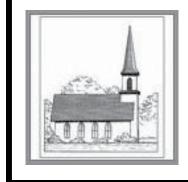
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CHURCH NEWS

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What a busy Spring we have had already! We feel the excitement of warming temperatures, the sadness when our seasonal people leave our area for their northern homes and family, the lessons of the Lenten journey, the joy of the Resurrection, and the promises to be more Christ-like in our personal journeys and the knowledge that we will likely fall short in our goals. The message to each of us is constant- keep trying to live an honest, kind, and loving life, and God will forgive the shortcomings. We are blessed to have forgiveness when we ask, and we certainly need to know that God is our help and our salvation at Easter time and always. If you would like to hear more about what God has planned for you or what he is asking you to do, please feel free to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. All are welcome as we learn more about who we are supposed to be; pray for healing, hope, forgiveness, and love for our neighbors and ourselves; and sing praises to our God.

We continue to thank the community who so generously donate non-perishable items to the Roseland Food Pantry (on Roseland Road). The Food Pantry serves the Barefoot Bay community with distributions on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The need continues to rise, with about 30 new families registering for food support each month. We believe that it is our duty to support our neighbors in need, as we are able. There is a donation basket just inside the south entry doors at Concordia to leave your food donations. (Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon.) Monetary donations are also accepted at Concordia. Will you help us to help others by donating to the Food Pantry?

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Easter came, and Eastertide, that fifty-day period between the empty tomb and the ascending Jesus, is here. What a good practice to go often, in these special days, to what is probably more recited by more people in more countries over more centuries than any other set of words, the Lord's Prayer. His followers sensed Jesus' connection with God and saw his prayer life as foundational in that connection. Do you want to be connected to God? Then join the disciples in asking Jesus to show you how to pray and delve into the answer he gave that has helped millions over two thousand years. One author, writing about the Lord's Prayer, titles his book Fifty-Seven Words That Change The World. Note that the title is not Changed the World but Change, not past tense but present tense. Do you want your world to change? Then join in praying the Jesus-given prayer. Do you wonder what Jesus thought about and wanted? Then ponder his prayer. It's a disclosure of his heart.

Be careful of just saying the prayer. Pray it. And may God bless us all. Worship at 10 am on Sundays.

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Obituary

Viviane Viau

Viviane Viau, 74 of Barefoot Bay, died Friday, March 28, with family by her side.

She was originally from Cornwall, Ontario. She and her husband moved to Barefoot Bay in 1996.

She loved her home in Barefoot Bay. She enjoyed going to pool #2, where she would talk with many friends, as well as her friends at Brighthouse.

She graduated from Nazareth Academy in Rochester, New York.

She will be missed by her husband Andre, her children Alain(Tammy) and Michelle(Michael), her sister Denise (Ken), her sister-in-law Marie Ange, her six grandchildren Jesse, Jonathan, Christopher, Liam, Andrew, and Samantha, her greatgranddaughter Alailah, her many nieces and nephews, and her many friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, Leo and Marie Ange Sigouin. As well as her son Jeremy(Joy). Her brothers Bernie, Rene(Joanne),and sisters Paulette(Ron) Cecile(Bill) Jeannine(Marcel) Gisele(Rheal)

The family is deeply grateful for the exceptional support and kindness she received from all the medical staff at Health First and hospice.



Visitation will be on April 22 between 4-6 at Seawinds Funeral Home, 735 S Fleming Street off 512. Burial will be held at a later date

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the cancer institute.

Online condolences may be shared at www.seawindsfh.com.

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March 4 & 11, 2025 - Presiden	t's Cup
Low Net Overall - Beth Gillette	-
Flight 1	110
1st - Louise Mulihill	-117
2nd - Elaine Stevenson	-123
3rd - Brenda Duke	-125
Flight 2	1_0
1st - Tricia Farrell	-122
2nd - Ann McDonough	-124
3rd - Zeny LaBarge	-128
Flight 3	120
1st - Mary Landenberger	-120
2nd - Barbara Smith	-122
3rd - Terry Perry	-122
CTP #7 - Anastasia Baptiste	
CTP #13 - Judy Gagnon	
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March 18, 2025 - Low Net

1st - Dianne Kallop

2nd - Anna Pettit

3rd - Gert Finnegan 4th - Tricia Farrell 5th - Faith Porter 6th - Sandra Morgan

7th - Judy Farrell 8th - Raylene McSally 9th - Ann McDonough CTP #7 - Sheila Crawford CTP #11 - Debra Linstrum

March 25, 2025 - Best 2 of 4

1st - Doris McClintock, Zeny LaBarge, Cathy LeBlanc, Sandy Kirkman 2nd - Judy Farrell, Sharon Gerthoffer, Jane Cypher, Tish Garrett 3rd - Sheila Crawford, Kathy Hazelett, Mary Landenberger, Pat Wright

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3/19/25 - 4 Man / 2 Best Ball Flight 1

1st - Dave Maslanka, Paul Stevens, Tom Smith. John Morrison

2nd - Mike Maino, Alan Sacher, Jim McClintock -10

Flight 2

1st - Tom Rock, Gary Collins, Herb Steelman, David McGraw

2nd - Dale Fowler, Denis Doran, Paul Shamansky, Tom Felke Flight 3

1st - Manny Pereira, Jack Marti, George

2nd - Walter Jamieson, Don Oldakoeski, Bill Jackson, Jack Vickers

Pin Shots

Flight 1 - Mike Maino

Flight 2 - Dave Foisy

Flight 3 - Jack Marti

3/26/25 - Shamble With Points

1st - Dave Maslanka, Stu Schwab, En 114 Points Gionet, Jim McSally 2nd - Paul Stevens, Bob Starr, Joe Cali 110 Points

Flight 2

1st - Gary Collins, Steve Morris, Jas Sellers, Virgil Cypher 91 Points 2nd - Jerry Martin, Harvey Willford, Brad

Jackson, Art Whipple 83 Points 4/02/25 - Cha-Cha-Cha

Flight 1

1st - Dave Lane, Paul Stevens, Jim McClintock

2nd - Mike Maino, Scott Cochrane, Larry Lebarge, Kris Vasiliu

Flight 2

1st - John Chickadell, Joe Cali, Jim

2nd - Denis Doran, Dale Harrington, Gary Collins, Bob Starr

Flight 3

1st - Manny Pereira, Jas Sellers, Rob

2nd - Mark Farrell, Bill Jackson, Don Moilanen, Virgil Cypher

Closest To The Pins

Flight 1 - Scott Cochrane Flight 2 - John Chickadel

Flight 3 - Art Whipple

4/09/25 - Individual Low Net

Flight 1

1st - Dave Lane -3 2nd - Rich Krywe -1

Flight 2

1st - Dan Strom -2

2nd - Jim Atalian +1

Flight 3

1st - Don Page Even

2nd - Harvey Willford Even

Pin Shots

Flight 1 - Brian Jackson Flight 2 - Paul Shamansky

Flight 3 - Floyd Lynds

Strikers Bowling League

High Score for the Month of March High Scratch Single High Scratch Series March 3, 2025 March 3, 2025 David Beam -223 Wally Frank -596Kathy Passagno -191 Kathy Passagno March 10, 2025 March 10, 2025 Al Urenowich -649 Al Urenowich -243 Maria Santospirito Maria Santospirito -225 -631 March 17, 2025 March 17, 2025 Roger McGill -225 David Beam -602 Amy Beil -226 Amy Beil -562 March 24, 2025 March 24, 2025 -258 Al Urenocvich Al Urenovich -664Maria Santospirito Maria Santospirito -230 -581 March 31, 2025 March 31, 2025 Ken Sabol -213 Al Urenovich -579 Amy Beil Amy Beil -520 -211

Thank you all for bowling this season. May you all have a wonderful summer. For anyone wanting to bowl this season, come as you want. We are starting on April 14th at 12:30, at Shore Lane on Dairy Road, Palm Bay.

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4	5 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30p KITCHEN OPEN 4-7pm	6 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm Day late Cinco de Mayo buffet TUESDAY 5-8p	7 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	8 RUSTIC PUB 3-7pm RUSTIC ROAST 4-7pm BLDG A	9 ALLEN WRONKO LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	10 PHOENIX BAND LAKE STAGE 6-10p
11 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH 10-1PM TA WILLIAMS 10-1p THE KORE LAKE STAGE 2-6pm	12 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30p KITCHEN OPEN 4-7pm	13 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8p	14 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	15 RUSTIC PUB 3-7pm RUSTIC ROAST 4-7pm BLDG A KEN SCHNEIDER 19TH HOLE 4:30-7:30pm	16 LOOKIN' BACK LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	17 NEXT LEVEL LAKE STAGE 6-10p
18	19 MUSIC BINGO BLDG A 5:30-8:30p KITCHEN OPEN 4-7pm	20 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8p	21 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	22 RUSTIC PUB 3-7pm RUSTIC ROAST 4-7pm BLDG A	23 CHECKMATE LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	24 FLASH BACKS LAKE STAGE 6-10p
25	26 NO MUSIC BINGO MEMORIAL DAY RADAR RED LAKE STAGE 2-6p FOOD TRUCK 11-7	27 DOUGIES KARAOKE LAKE STAGE 5:30-9:30pm TACO TUESDAY 4-8p	28 TRIVIA LOUNGE 6-8pm Pizz Asta Night 19th Hole 4-7:00p	29 BURNY TORRES 19TH HOLE 4:30-7:30pm	30 GREG & BRIAN LAKE STAGE 7-10:30pm	31 SOULTIME LAKE STAGE 6-10:00pm



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