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## 4TH JULY PICNIC FUN!!! FUN, FAMILY, GOOD TIMES



## **SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS**

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## **JULY 4TH PICNIC**

*By Delores Holmes*



We had a great turn out at our annual July 4th picnic. A big thank you to all who helped with decoration, set up, food service, clean up, obtaining door prizes, etc., including Wava Straw, Lora Mae Voreh & George Hasten, Pete & Nancy Lawrence, Una Preston, Vivian Gedney, Jeff Dieck, George Kaschak, Cindy Garrison and granddaughter McKenna, Katie Stover, Gene Murphy & Brandon, Mary Gibson, Juanita Schafer and Becky Conrad. Special thanks to Mary in the office. The July 4th picnic organizers would like to thank all of the generous vendors and donors who contributed the fantastic door prizes: Minnie Owens - gift basket, Hogbody's - \$300 worth of discount coupons, Tony Vadala, Sun Country Real Estate - gift cards and a scrumptious cake, Myra Santiago - gift cards and wine bottles, AMS - gift cards and place mats, Ellsworth Heating & Cooling - certificates for free A/C cleanings and Bay Breeze Title Co. - gift cards & glasses.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated and made our picnic a super success!!



### **LAWN MOWING HOURS**

**7 AM to 11 PM June 1 through  
August 31st and 8 AM to 11 PM  
September 1st through May 1st.**

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*By: Pam Maynard*

All articles should be sent to Pam Maynard at: [fpsocialnews@gmail.com](mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com) by the 13th of each month for the following month's newsletter. I would appreciate you writing your information in the email in place of an attachment, if possible. Any questions or concerns please email me at the above address or call me at 740-398-4576. Please remember the newsletter continues to run every month all summer long. During the summer months, when the newsletters arrive in the office at the end of each

month, watch the marquee for the newsletters to be picked up in the Clubhouse and Activity Building. They will not be delivered to your home during the summer months, so don't forget to stop and pick up your copy. If you have any special events or places you are visiting this summer or if something exciting happens wherever your travels take you, please share your story and pictures with your Forest Park friends by sending them to [fpsocialnews@gmail.com](mailto:fpsocialnews@gmail.com). Enjoy your summer, travel safely, we will be looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

## **FOREST PARK CALENDAR**

Gail Ford is the person who handles the updates to the calendar. View the calendar anytime and see the most current information at the following website: [www.forestparkonline.com](http://www.forestparkonline.com). This also allows you to view it in various formats i.e., weekly, monthly, etc. Please contact Gail for calendar changes at: [gailford39@gmail.com](mailto:gailford39@gmail.com) or call her 603-878-1047.

## **FAREWELL**

### **Fred Sisson Dadisman**

87, Fort Myers, died 07-10-2015. Arrangements: Affordable Cremations and Horizon

### **George W. Eckert Jr.**

George W. "Bud" Eckert Jr., 83, formerly of Allison Park, died Thursday, June 30, 2015. He was the husband of Shirley M. Eckert; son of the late George W. and Margaret Eckert; father of Kathleen (Charles) Patterson, Keith and Gary (Kathie) Eckert; grandfather of Melissa, Robert, Samantha, Felicia, Brandon and Haley; great-grandfather of Jennifer, Ashley, Danielle, Raymond and Charles; brother of William and Edward Eckert and Marlene Koenig. Visitation will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at NEELY FUNERAL HOME, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Middle Road. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Butler V.A. Hospital "Village of Valor" nursing section, 325 New Castle Road, Butler, PA 16001



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Durden 1  
Patricia Schuren 7  
Gail Ford 8  
Sandra Eckels 9  
Joanne Blake 10  
Ann Teal 10  
Janice Harmon 15  
Janice Arthur 16  
Bob Carson 16  
Norman Reekie 17  
Judy Birkhead 21  
Gail Lang 24  
Connie St. Jean 26  
John Gestro 31



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

David & Sandy Cummins, 855 Hollyberry Ct.  
from OH  
Edward & Marga Eads, 551 Timber Ln. S.  
from FL



## Yay!!! The Forest Park Photo Directories Have Arrived!



The long awaited photo directories are available for those residents who had their photographs taken by Lifetouch. Our photo directory team did a SUPER job in putting together this wonderful treasure for Forest Park!

The directories will be available for pick up in the park office every Friday between 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. You will be asked to sign for your book so that we ensure everyone receives their copy. For those residents who are away, the directories will be held until you return to the park.

## HEALTH & WELFARE

*By: Mary Gibson*

Visiting Nurses will not be offering the flu shots here in Forest Park anymore, Either consult your primary doctor or go the local drugstore.

## Best Manufactured Home Park!!!!



Forest Park was again selected as the Best Manufactured Home Park of North Fort Myers for 2015! Congratulations to Forest Park and thanks to the "North Fort Myers Neighbor" published by Breeze Newspapers and all of the community members who voted for Forest Park.

## WI FI UPDATE

*BY: Doug Ford*

Forest Park residence, at the April membership meeting, approved the wifi upgrade to fiber optics. The FPPOA board has signed a contract with ethx for the installation of the fiber and support for the conversion from our present system. The fiber installation will take up to 90 days, after all the permits are approved. We are looking for a turn on for Nov 1st.

The present system with about 100 users is going just fine with the assistance from Jim Schleter. Have a good summer!

## Use Caution in Hiring Contractors!

When you need to hire a contractor for work on your home (roofing, home repairs, lawn maintenance, etc.), ask the contractor to provide copies of their business license and insurance. This protects you in the event that the contractor is injured on your property. Also ask the contractor to provide references. Get cost estimates and warranties in writing, and do not make final payment until the work is complete. There is a Resource Book in the back of the Clubhouse which contains listings for many different types of contractors. You may also check Angie's List, the Better Business Bureau and other online rating sources. A simple Google search on the business name may provide additional information. Please ask any outside contractor to stop by the office to register and provide copies of their license and insurance. Better safe than sorry! For more information on Florida consumer complaints, visit:

<http://www.stateofflorida.com/Portal/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=57>

*If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be  
sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late*

## RESOURCE BOOK

In the clubhouse there is a Resource Book which has been put together by members of Forest Park. These are referrals or warning of how outside vendors have performed in the Park. Before you hire Someone, please check the book to see if someone in the Park has used that particular company or Person. If you would like to add a name or business you may do so.

## F.P.P.O.A. BOARD NEWS

*By: Bob Lang Secretary*

### 2015-2016 BOD & GM DATES

Oct. 15, 2015	Board Meeting
Oct. 22, 2015	Membership Meeting
Nov. 12, 2015	Board Meeting
Nov. 19, 2015	Membership Meeting
Dec. 10, 2015	Board Meeting
Dec. 17, 2015	Membership Meeting
Dec. 30, 2015	Cut off date for candidates' names to be printed on ballot
Jan. 14, 2016	General Election
Jan. 21, 2016	Board Meeting
Jan. 28, 2016	Membership Meeting
Feb. 18, 2016	Board Meeting
Feb. 25, 2016	Membership Meeting
Mar. 17, 2016	Board Meeting
Mar. 24, 2016	Membership Meeting
Apr. 21, 2016	Board Meeting
Apr. 28, 2016	Membership Meeting



### Reminder - Please Be Conscientious & Conserve Energy

Please remember to turn up the air conditioner thermostats to 78 when you leave the Clubhouse & Activities buildings (just like you would do at your home). The air conditioners have been left running overnight on several occasions. This places an undue strain on them especially during summer months, and increases our electrical bill. Please be considerate

## FOREST PARK VISITORS WRISTBANDS



Visitors unaccompanied by Forest Park residents must wear wristbands when using park recreational facilities (pool, mini-golf, etc.). The wristbands are now available in the park office (2 per family and additional bands may be requested). The bands stretch but if they are not large enough you may pin them to clothing, attach them to a key chain or just bring them along.

Please remember that all owners are responsible for their visitors who must comply with all Forest Park Rules & Regulations. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to assist in maintaining the security of our park.

### Thank You for a Job Well Done!



A big thank you to Bo McClain who repaired and repainted our sidewalks in front of the Clubhouse, and along the western & south sides leading to the pool. Bo did an outstanding job and our walkways look beautiful again! We are so fortunate to have such very talented folks in our community. Please be sure and thank Bo when you see him!

### WARNING ALLIGATOR HAS BEEN SPOTTED



An alligator was spotted in the Hollyberry pond. A trapper came out but the gator was nowhere in sight. Typically, alligators will move on if left alone. Please contact the office if an alligator is presenting a nuisance, posing a threat to people or pets or acting aggressively. Below is some general information regarding alligators and safety tips. Most important: Never feed alligators – it's dangerous and illegal.

Alligators are a fundamental part of Florida's

wetlands, swamps, rivers and lakes, and they are found in all 67 counties. Florida continues to experience human population growth. Many new residents seek waterfront homes, resulting in increased interactions between people and alligators.

Although most Floridians understand that we have alligators living in our state, the potential for conflict exists. Because of their predatory nature, alligators may target pets and livestock as prey. Unfortunately, people also are occasionally bitten. Since 1948, Florida has averaged about five unprovoked bites per year. During that period, a little more than 300 unprovoked bites to people have been documented in Florida, with 22 resulting in deaths.

In the past 10 years, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has received an average of nearly 16,000 alligator-related complaints per year. Most of these complaints deal with alligators occurring in places such as backyard ponds, canals, ditches and streams, but other conflicts occur when alligators wander into garages, swimming pools and golf course ponds. Sometimes, alligators come out of the water to bask in the sun or move between wetlands. In many cases, if left alone, these alligators will eventually move on to areas away from people.

#### Safety Tips

- Generally, alligators less than four feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless handled.

- Be aware of the possibility of alligators when you are in or near fresh or brackish water. Bites may occur when people do not pay close enough attention to their surroundings when working or recreating near water.

- Do not swim outside of posted swimming areas or in waters that might be inhabited by large alligators.

- Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. Therefore, avoid swimming at night.

- Dogs and cats are similar in size to the natural prey of alligators. Don't allow pets to swim, exercise or drink in or near waters that may contain alligators. Dogs often attract an alligator's interest, so do not swim with your dog.

- Leave alligators alone. State law prohibits killing, harassing or possessing alligators. Handling even small alligators can result in injury.

- Never feed alligators – it's dangerous and illegal. When fed, alligators can overcome their natural wariness and learn to associate people with food. When this happens, some of these alligators have to be removed and killed.

- Dispose of fish scraps in garbage cans at boat ramps and fish camps. Do not throw them into the water.

Although you are not intentionally feeding alligators when you do this, the result can be the same.

- Seek immediate medical attention if you are bitten by an alligator. Alligator bites can result in serious infections.

- Observe and photograph alligators only from a distance. Remember, they're an important part of Florida's natural history as well as an integral component of aquatic ecosystems.

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Clubhouse AC: The new 5 ton Clubhouse AC was installed right before the July 4th holiday. Everyone was very pleased with the service level of Air Advantage and it made for a much cooler Clubhouse so that we could enjoy the annual picnic.

Clubhouse refrigerator had a leak which was repaired.

Clubhouse cleaning : The Clubhouse was closed for deep cleaning on July 16th. It is sparkling clean thanks to the efforts of Linda, Butch and John.

Pool rules reminder: Please remember to close the umbrellas at the pool when you leave to avoid damage or injury. Also, please remember that no children with diapers are permitted in the pool. Thank you.

*Do not worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you.*



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## EXERCISE

### RECOMMENDED FOR “KIDS” OF ANY AGE!

Please join us beginning in November on Tuesday & Saturday mornings at 9:00 am in the clubhouse for a fun, easy exercise program. Bring a small hand weight or even a can of soup to use to build muscle. Also bring a small pillow.



### EASY WATER EXERCISE

Most of the water exercises are the same as the Tuesday & Saturday exercises, except they are done in the pool. This means less stress on the joints plus we get those healthy rays of sunshine at the same time.



We have a great time exercising and catching up on the latest in Forest Park. Classes run from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Monday-Friday at the pool and start in the fall through spring. Exercises are also subject to weather cooperating

## FOREST PARK BOOK CLUB

*By: Joan King*

The book group meets on the fourth Friday of the month in the Activities Building. Anyone is invited to attend whether you have read the book or not. We are a friendly group and welcome all. Hope to see you in the fall. Watch the newsletter for the start up information.

## GREEN TREE STICKER

There is a little green tree sticker available in the office that goes on the LEFT SIDE OF YOUR BACK WINDOW of your car. All residents with automobiles should have this highly visible authorization to be in the Park. This will help the safety patrol on their nightly rounds. If you are temporary resident and don't want any stickers on your window, then scotch tape it there while you are here.



## BLUE BARREL RECYCLE



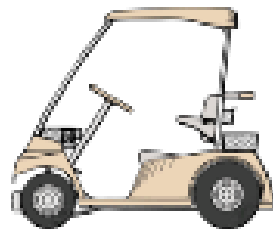
The blue barrel is used for all other types of re-cycling such as paper, metal, plastic, etc. This is a separate Program from our regular trash that is picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The re-cycle truck comes on Wednesdays.

## ALUMINUM CAN RE-CYCLE

*By: Social Club*

Please remember to put your washed out, dry aluminum cans. In a bag and place **UNDER YOUR MAILBOX** early Tuesday morning for pick up. Please make sure your cans are rinsed clean and **DRY**. Please place away from trash bags. **DO NOT** place plastic, glass or metal cans in the bag. Those go in the blue recycle bins. Money collected for can recycle helps pay some of the costs of Social Club activities. It benefits all residents of Forest Park. Please place your aluminum cans out near your mailbox either Monday night, or very early on Tuesday morning. To make the job easier, we are asking that you take the tabs off your cans. It takes as long to take the tabs off the cans as it does to run the crushing machine. You take the tabs off and bag them, when you have a full bag, bring the tabs to the Clubhouse. There is a Big Ronald McDonald cardboard house on the kitchen cabinet where you put your tabs in it. Betty Campbell collects the tabs then takes them to the Ronald McDonald House where they sell aluminum tabs. You are making money for Forest Park's Social Club and if you take the tabs off for the Ronald McDonald house you are doing double duty. We Thank You for your help.



**Remember to use flashing lights or flash lights when you are riding or walking at night.**

## MOBILE HOME DEPOT

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## ART CLASSES

My name is Betty Leis and I am a member of the Art League of Ft Myers and Pine Island Art Assoc. I have been painting for over 40 years and teaching for 35 of those years of which 30 have been in Forest Park. If you have never painted before and have no supplies, I will furnish everything you need to paint ONE painting to get you started. If you find you want to continue with the class you can then purchase your own supplies. I will furnish you a supply list to use and to help you. I will work with you one on one and also as a group by doing a paint along. THIS MEANS: I paint (demo), You watch, I help you and then I will demo again then your will paint again. We do this until the painting is finished. This will make it easier for you to get started. I will also give you a list with color mixtures for specific things, such as shades of green for grasses and trees, blues for skies, water and etc. If you are an accomplished artist you may paint whatever you want and I will be there for help if needed. Mediums I can help with are: Oils, Watercolor and Acrylics. My classes are held on Monday 9 to 12, starting Monday January 11, 2016. The fee is \$10.00per class for new or beginners the first year. After the first year ALL students

pay in advance for the whole 3 month session which runs January through March. If you miss a class we make that up in the month of April. The class is limited to 15 students and I am taking names at this time getting ready for next seasons session. If you need further information or want to join the class please contact: BETTY LEIS at 239-997-1880 OR Boomlei531@gmail.com

*The trouble with an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it.*

## BID EUCHRE

By: Madeline Preston

We have Bid Euchre every Wednesday & Saturday at 6:30 pm in the Clubhouse unless there is another activity going on in there. We then play in the Activity Building. We have several new players and would like to have many more join in on the fun



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## BINGO

*By: Anne Domingos*

Please joins us on Tuesdays at 6:45 for 7:00 pm Bingo in the Clubhouse each week. Cards are \$.50 with a minimum purchase of four cards. Night Owl cards are 25 cents. All three Bingo's go all year round. Check your calendar in the newsletter each month. There is a new addition to our BINGO games. You put a quarter into a "money ball pot." The first number called is the "special number" so that if you bingo on that number, you will win the money that has been collected in the money ball pot plus the money that is allotted for the game that you won. If the money ball pot was not won, the amount is saved from week to week until someone is the winner. Come and Enjoy Playing Bingo!



the club can help fix the problem. If not we can usually define the situation to assist, if professional help is needed. If you have a particular interest or a new piece of equipment like an iPad or similar table or iphone that you would like to show and demonstrate, please join us. This also includes your friends and family who might be visiting. Also, if you have a particular need, or problem that you would like help with, please come along and join us, but let us know in advance so we can schedule it for that weeks meeting. Several member/resident have asked to learn more about Facebook. Sheila Fitzgerald has volunteered to some sessions for us.

We also need people who are familiar with Tablets and cell phones who would volunteer to do some instructing or help others during our sessions. We have connectors for iPads that will allow them to be connected to our projector. Contact Sherrill or John Wright @ 239-349-3827 or fpcclub@yahoo.com

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Last summer, several printers were left in the Activity Building. Since we cannot fix printers, we cannot take any donations of them. Also, if you have any computers you would like to get rid of, please check with Doug Ford before leaving them in the Activity Building.

**\*\*Thank you for your help and co-operation\*\***

## BUNCO

*By: Larry Tsicountouridis*

Bunco is held on the first Saturday of each month in the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. beginning in the fall. Watch the fall newsletter for startup date.

## COMPUTER CLUB

*By: Sherrill Wright*

Recycle: Don't throw away your used ink cartridges!

I can take them to Office Max and get a credit for them, which is then donated back to the Computer Club. There is a collection container on the Activity room counter. If we have fulfilled our quota, they are donated to a local school for them to do the same.

The Computer Club will meet beginning in the fall.

The Computer Club is a group of friendly people who meet every Thursday, 2-4 pm to help each other with computer issues. If you have a problem related to computers, or a skill you think might benefit others, **YOU ARE WHO WE NEED IN OUR CLUB!** Please Come and join the group. Membership costs \$10/Household per winter season. We take a break and have coffee and cookies around 3 pm to socialize. Most members use Windows, but some use Macs or Linus and most software programs are compatible with each system. Each week we usually have a person show something they are experienced in, or we focus on a particular problem. In many cases,



## CRAFT CLUB

*By: June Kearschener*

I'm sure members have heard of Shirley Eckards husband Bud (George) passing away June 25th. Shirley has been a member of our club for many years and much loved by all.

If you would like to give a donation in memory of Bud, please send it to VA Hospice where Bud received wonderful care.

Address: Butler VA Village of Valor  
Nursing Station  
325 Castle Road  
Butler, Pa. 1006

## HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME

*By Carol Lahman*

Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse for the "Hand and Foot" card game. It can be played at a table of 6, 4, or 3. All are welcomed! This card Game goes all through the summer months.

## FOREST PARK CHORALEERS

*By: Joyce Hines*



We are already looking ahead to next year's Spring Fling, Sing and Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Century! We will be singing songs from the 1900's through the 1980's. It promises to be a fun show from beginning to end. Our director, Marilyn Parkinson, already has the music in hand! We will also be singing at the park's 50 Anniversary Dinner. As always, we are looking for new members to join The Choraleers. We rehearse every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our rehearsals for the 2016 season will begin in January. The exact date will be noted in the December Newsletter. If you are interested in joining us, please notify Joyce Hines @ 724-689-5175 or email: hines.joyce@gmail.com

## KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB

*By: Nancy Lawrence*



The Knit and Crochet Club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 pm in the Activity Building. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a fun time. Bring any projects you are working on or share a project you have already done. You can also bring a new project to show or teach us how to do. I have a group project to show you and see if you want to do it. So come and join our little group and have a fun time. Any questions call Nancy Lawrence at 23-543-7629

## PINE TREE KNOTS QUILT CLUB

*By: Gail Ford*

Many of the women in our quilt club have left for the summer. The "Left Overs" will continue to meet each Wed. at 9 AM. On April 2nd we had our spring luncheon at the Golden Corral. The committee outdid themselves with our many lovely gifts. We are working on our "Around the World" lap quilts. Our Summer Project is a contest. We are to applique a Flamingo to a background then decorate/dress it any way we desire. Should be fun.



## DID YOU KNOW FOREST PARK HAS A GREAT LIBRARY?

*By: Patty McCoy FP Librarian*

There's a little oasis of knowledge and information right here in the Forest Park activities building. No need to hop into your car and drive. We have current hardcover and paperback books, reference materials, videos, talking books large print, magazines and even puzzles. You can look up health related issues, financial questions, recipes and advice on retirement. Your favorite authors are in abundance- James Patterson, Clive Cussler, Janet Evanovich, Danielle Steele, John Grisham, Nora Roberts and a juicy collection of romances. At the FP Library, you don't need a library card- just step inside, choose your media and take it home- for as long as you like, return it when you're done. Your library runs on donations. We always need CURRENT popular books, magazines and videos. Consider donating books published in 2010 or newer to our library. We do not accept older books due to space limitations and because we wish to be current and fresh in our offerings so please, take older books to the North Fort Myers Friends of the Library. We also need library style metal bookends and book display easels. Why read? "The benefits of all this mental activity include keeping your memory sharp, your learning capacity nimble, and your mind basically harder as you age... just processing the words boosts the brain"

*A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's: she changes it more often*

## NORTHEAST CLUB

*By: Richard Gagner*

The North East club closed out a great year with a picnic and over 100 in attendance for fried chicken and lots of fun and games. Next year's schedule is set and your summer scavenger hunt includes something to wear to a Wild Wild West party, a Mexican festival party, and a Luau party. Let the searching begin!

December's meeting will be a re-gift swap, so dig deep into your closets for those gifts you received but did not want to keep. We will be having a Christmas cookie bake off with cash prizes to be awarded. Keeping that in mind have a safe, healthy summer and start searching for your prize winning cookie recipe.

## JOKES & FUNNY QUOTES

### SISTERS

A young wife sat on a sofa on a hot humid day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her mother.. As they talked about life, about marriage, about the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter... 'Don't forget your sisters,' she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass. 'They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them. "Remember that 'sisters' means ALL the women....your girlfriends, your daughters, and all your other women relatives too. 'You'll need other women. Women always do. 'What a funny piece of advice!' the young woman thought. Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake! A grownup! Surely my husband and the family we may start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile!" But she listened to her mother. She kept contact with her sisters and made more women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her mother really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, sisters are the mainstays of her life. After more than 50 years of living in this world, here is what I've learned:

#### THIS SAYS IT ALL:

Time passes.

Life happens.

Distance separates.

Children grow up.

Jobs come and go.

Love waxes and wanes.

Men don't do what they're supposed to do.

Hearts break.

Parents die.

Colleagues forget favors.

Careers end.

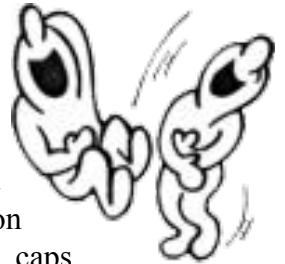
BUT.....

Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach. When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you,

intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end. Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you....Or come in and carry you out. Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers, Grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family: all bless our life! The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I.. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

### THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.



Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it..

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened.

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said,

'GOD BLESS YOU'

And he walked off the stage...

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Isn't this a wonderful story? Pass it on to all your friends.....and

GOD BLESS YOU!!!!

This is a true story; it happened at Eastern Shore District High School in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia.

## IRISHMAN'S FIRST DRINK WITH HIS SON

While reading an article last night about fathers and sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint. Off we went to our local pub only two blocks from the cottage. I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it, so I drank it. Then I got him a Kilkeny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it. Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager? He didn't. I drank it. I thought maybe he'd like whiskey better than beer so we tried a Jameson's nope! In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest. He wouldn't even smell it. What could I do but drink it! By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so shit-faced I could hardly push his stroller back home.

## Fill the hole

A little girl ran up to her mother. "Mommy, my stomach hurts."

"That's because your stomach is empty," the mother said. "You have to put something in it." So she fixed her child a snack.

A few hours later the father came home. "I have the worst headache," he said.



"That's because your head is empty," his daughter said. "You have to put something in it."

## Backyard of Art & Marti Baker at Peace Lake

*By: Becky Conrad*



## ORCHIDS THAT JERI HAS SET IN PLACE

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# Bad Boy Lawnmower



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## AUGUST FUN FACTS

The 8th month of the year is an outstanding one

1. The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx.
2. The zodiac signs for August are Leo (July 23 - August 22) and Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
3. The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and the poppy.
4. On August 1, 1876, Colorado, also known as the Centennial State, became the 38th state of the United States.
5. On August 2, 1909, the Lincoln penny was issued.
6. On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage across the Atlantic.
7. During the Civil War on August 5, 1864, the Battle of Mobile Bay was won by the Union forces.
8. On August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle successfully swam the English Channel.
9. On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was used in warfare on Hiroshima, Japan.
10. On August 7, 1942, the U.S. troops landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands during World War II.
11. On August 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon resigned from office, making him the first United States president to ever resign from office.
12. On August 12, 1877, the phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison.
13. On August 12, 1898, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.
14. National Family Fun Month
15. National Peach Month
16. National Golf Month
17. National Picnic Month
18. Romance Awareness Month
19. Friendship Day - first Sunday of August
20. August 26 - Women's Equality Day

### Plan your vacation with these trends in mind



You may already have taken your summer vacation and are eagerly planning next year's. If so, you might want to consider these 2015 vacation data, according to the Summer Travel Guide from the travel insurance

comparison website InsureMyTrip.com.

The five most popular vacation destinations were the

U.K., France, Italy, the Caribbean, and the Netherlands. Planning ahead makes sense: The survey found that 82 percent of travelers booked their trips more than 30 days ahead of time, with 15 percent waiting until just a week or so before leaving to make their plans, and only 3 percent heading off at the spur of the moment.

Where will you stay? In the 2015 survey, 42 percent of vacationers chose hotels, 25 percent took a cruise, and 18 percent opted for vacation rentals. Only one in 10 survey participants said they bunked in with family or friends while traveling.

### 'Appointment TV' a thing of the past?

Not too long ago, the only way to watch your favorite show was to make sure you were home when the networks decided to broadcast it. Not so much anymore. Modern technology is taking hold of our viewing habits, according to the Digital Democracy Survey from Deloitte.



The study of more than 2,000 U.S. consumers age 14 and up found that 56 percent of viewers are streaming movies on their laptops, tablets, or other devices, and 53 percent stream television shows once a month. More than 42 percent of U.S. households use a video streaming service like Netflix to watch their shows and movies. Meanwhile, only 45 percent prefer to watch TV live.

Video streaming also makes binge-watching a thing, according to the survey: Sixty-eight percent of consumers report sometimes watching at least three episodes of a TV program in one sitting, and 31 percent of them do it once a week or more.

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## Little-known facts about books and language



The world of books, reading, and words is full of surprises. Take a look at some of these stories about writers and other creative people (from the BuzzFeed website):

- **Green Eggs & Ham.** This Dr. Seuss classic was written on a bet. Publisher Bennett Cerf wagered \$50 that Ted Geisel couldn't write a children's book using fewer than 50 different words. Geisel won.
- **Thomas Jefferson.** The third U.S. president (and writer of the Declaration of Independence) invented more than 100 "American" words to distinguish U.S. writing from British usage—including the word "anglophobia."
- **Gone with the Wind.** Margaret Mitchell began work on her first (and only) novel after recovering from an auto accident. During her convalescence, she read so many books from the local library that her husband got tired of going back and forth—so she suggested she try writing a book of her own.
- **Amazon.** The first book sold on the now dominant website was *Fluid Concepts and Creative Analogies*, by Douglas Hofstadter. Its subject: whether machines could be taught to think like people.

### All for the best

A king was friends with a wise doctor. They spent many hours hunting together, talking about the world as they walked through the kingdom. The king was intrigued by the doctor's insistence that events always worked out for the best. He was never convinced, but they remained close friends.

Then one day they went out hunting. The doctor's rifle went off by accident, and the bullet hit the king in the hand. The doctor had to amputate two fingers, and the king was so angry that he had his friend thrown into a dungeon.



Several months later, the king went on a safari in the deep jungle. Bored, he went off by himself and was promptly captured by a band of savages who carried them back to their village.

The king realized that these people planned to eat them, and all his promises of riches and rewards if they freed him were ignored. But when they came to prepare him for their feast, they noticed that his hand lacked two fingers.

Their traditions demanded that they not harm anyone with an amputated limb. They freed the king, and he returned to camp unharmed.

When he got back to his castle, the king immediately freed the doctor. He told his friend the story, and added, "If not for you cutting off my fingers, I might have been killed."

The doctor was happy that the king. "You see, that proves my point about things happening for the best."

"But what about you?" the king asked. "You spent all those months in a dungeon. How did that work out for the best?"

The doctor smiled. "If I hadn't been in the dungeon, I might have been out hunting with you."

### Funny or dumb—or both? You decide

*Can a joke be so stupid it's actually funny? Consider these:*

- If you're ever cold, just stand in a corner for a few minutes. They're usually 90 degrees.
- Did you hear about the two thieves who stole a calendar? They each got six months.
- What's red and bad for your teeth? A brick.
- Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees? Because they're really, really good at it.
- I'm trying to get a job cleaning mirrors professionally. It's something I could really see myself doing.
- What's blue and smells like red paint? Blue paint.
- He has the heart of a lion—and a lifetime ban from the zoo.

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## August Sudoku

**How to play:** The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: medium.

				1		8		
		4			2			
		6			3			4
	3	1		4				
	2					4		1
		9					2	
			8	5				3
	6				7			
7			1		6		9	8

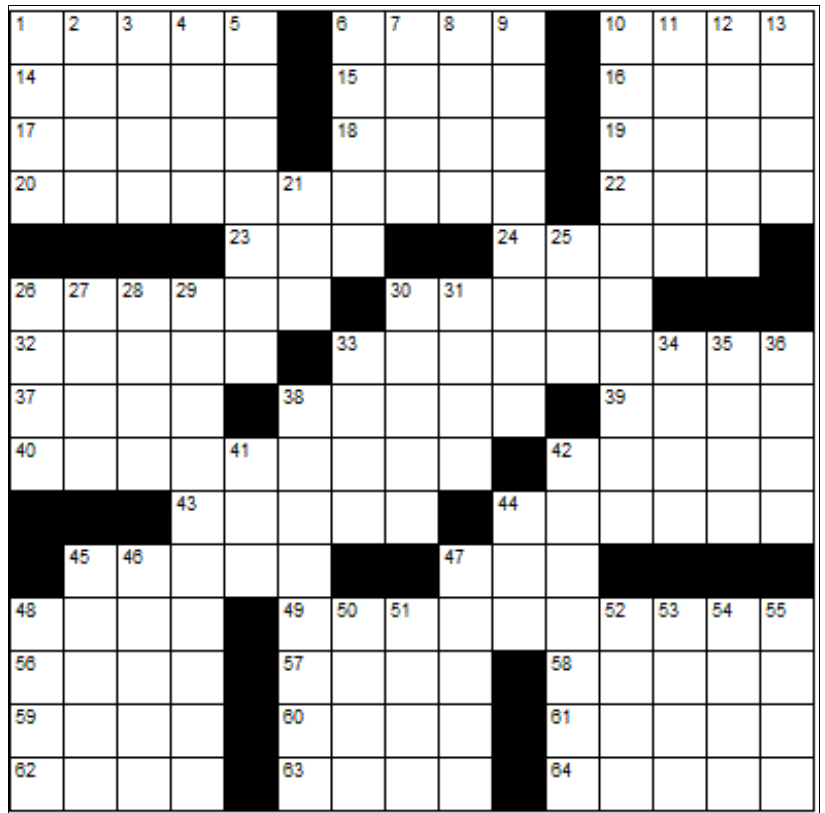
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6	2	6	1	3	2	4	8	5
1	8	4	6	9	3	7	2	5
9	5	9	7	4	8	2	1	3
4	1	4	9	3	8	7	6	2
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***It's Beach  
Time***

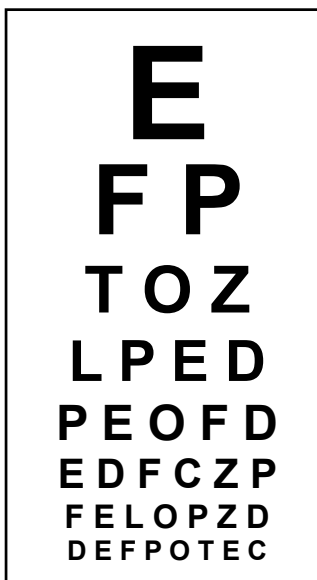
## ACROSS

1. Cursed
6. Petty quarrel
10. Hairdo
14. Burdened
15. List of options
16. LummoX
17. Supplemented
18. Weightlifters pump this
19. Cypher
20. Bad luck
22. Applications
23. Tiny
24. Lariat
26. A change for the better
30. Watchful
32. Flip over
33. Convulsive
37. Tidy
38. City in France
39. Rodents
40. It produces electricity
42. A tart fruit
43. Donated
44. Rat or mouse
45. Welsh dog
47. A small piece of cloth
48. Magma
49. Authorized
56. Adjoin
57. False god
58. Hyrax
59. Man
60. Monster
61. Redress
62. Implored
63. Require
64. Conducts



## DOWN

- |                           |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Close violently        | 21. Ump                   | 41. 18-wheeler    |
| 2. Dry riverbed           | 25. Supply with weapons   | 42. Rational      |
| 3. Probabilities          | 26. A step on a ladder    | 44. Rodent        |
| 4. Coral barrier          | 27. Type of sword         | 45. A clique      |
| 5. Gifted                 | 28. Low-fat               | 46. Small egg     |
| 6. Strike                 | 29. Not segregated        | 47. Angered       |
| 7. South American country | 30. A cook might wear one | 48. Lantern       |
| 8. Nameless               | 31. Den                   | 50. Border        |
| 9. Unmelodious            | 33. Satisfy               | 51. Pierce        |
| 10. Habituated            | 34. 10 cent coin          | 52. Bit of dust   |
| 11. Clean between teeth   | 35. Computer symbol       | 53. Dwarf buffalo |
| 12. Cowboy sport          | 36. 1/100th of a dollar   | 54. Care for      |
| 13. Poems                 | 38. Large tent            | 55. Visual organs |



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Hand and Foot-card game <b>6:30pm</b> Pinochle	<b>27</b> <b>9:00am</b> Dominoes <b>10:00am</b> Shuffleboard <b>2:30pm</b> Bocce <b>6:00pm</b> Karaoke <b>6:30pm</b> Skip-Bo <b>7:00pm</b> Shuffle Fun Nite	<b>28</b> <b>10:00am</b> Women's shuffle <b>6:45pm</b> Bingo	<b>29</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Bid Euchre <b>6:30pm</b> Canadian Euchre	<b>30</b> <b>9:00am</b> Quilt Club <b>10:00am</b> Women's Fellowship <b>1:00pm</b> Change Bingo <b>2:30pm</b> Bocce	<b>31</b> <b>10:00am</b> Shuffleboard <b>6:30pm</b> Friday Bridge	<b>1</b> <b>10:00am</b> Shuffle <b>1:00pm</b> Bingo <b>6:30pm</b> Bid Euchre
<b>2</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Hand and Foot-card game <b>6:30pm</b> Pinochle	<b>3</b> <b>9:00am</b> Dominoes <b>10:00am</b> Shuffleboard <b>2:30pm</b> Bocce <b>6:30pm</b> Skip-Bo <b>7:00pm</b> Shuffle Fun Nite	<b>4</b> <b>10:00am</b> Women's shuffle <b>6:45pm</b> Bingo	<b>5</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Bid Euchre <b>6:30pm</b> Canadian Euchre	<b>6</b> <b>9:00am</b> Quilt Club <b>10:00am</b> Women's Fellowship <b>1:00pm</b> Change Bingo <b>2:30pm</b> Bocce	<b>7</b> <b>10:00am</b> Shuffleboard <b>6:30pm</b> Friday Bridge	<b>8</b> <b>10:00am</b> Shuffle <b>1:00pm</b> Bingo <b>6:30pm</b> Bid Euchre
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