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Manager's Report

Submitted by Dean Chandler

HAPPY NEW YEAR!... for the last time.

How long can I say, "Happy New Year"? The tradition of saying "Happy New Year" typically extends through the first few weeks of January. However, many people continue to use "Happy New Year" as a general greeting throughout January, so there is no strict cutoff date. It is always nice to spread positivity and good wishes, so there's no harm in extending the sentiment for as long as it feels appropriate to you and those around you.

ACTIVITIES

This has been said and posted before but some are not following the procedure. If you oversee an activity and need to make ANY changes you need to contact Kathy Warren. Please do not wait until the last minute. We are in full season and cannot promise any make-up dates.

STORM READY SERVICES

The company doing the "Tie Downs," are now in the park. If you signed up for this program, they will be contacting you. They will be in the park for several weeks. They will have Storm Ready trucks wearing Storm Ready clothes.

LAUNDRY

The dryers now have their own breaker and should be in operation. Thank you for your patience.

SALES

Stacy, our Broker, asked for your patience in that her hands are tied just like all of us. We are all waiting for the closing.



President's Report

Submitted by Donna Anderson



Dear Villagers,

I must admit as of this writing (January 10th), I am very frustrated and know that you are, too. It seems this sale, which seemed such an easy process, has turned into a wall we can't get over. Well, I believe you get signs sometimes and as I sat down to write this a funny thing happened.

As those who know me well, know that I sometimes like to use quotes in my messages, letters, reports, and the like. The other day I was searching for a quote on obtaining goals and found one, used it in my message. Today I opened my phone and a screen popped up for quotes on disappointment/frustration. I kid you not! So today this is my quote to carry on through this process.

"To conquer frustration, one must remain intensely focused on the outcome, not the obstacles" T.F.Hodge

With that in mind, I do not have a current update for you on the sale (at this writing). We will be beginning our bi-weekly meetings on Friday, January 12th. Please watch for information on the informational site as well as an eblast.

I hope you all are either attending the Board meetings or at least getting on the conference calls or listening to the recording of the meeting on the web site. We try to keep you updated on the latest information at these meetings and you have an opportunity to ask questions.

The water/sewer project is finishing up with small problems being solved, but as of today we are all on the new system. YEA!

Things are going great here in the Village, I hope you all are enjoying being back! To those of us who live here full time - this weather (58 degrees as I type this) is freezing. It is amazing to me to see people at the pool, when I am in jeans and a jacket with my hands crying out for gloves.

Until next month, please take care!

*Respectfully submitted
Donna Anderson*

Happy Valentine's

Day



February 14th



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February Rule Reminder

Submitted by Belle Ratcliffe, Office Manager

Rule #2 - Guests

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 - i. Guests under the age of 21 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.
 - ii. Any guest occupying a unit in the owner's absence must register at the office.
- b. The resident is responsible for acquainting their guests with Park Rules and Regulations.
- c. Drunken, intoxicated, or offensive behavior shall not be tolerated.
- d. Caregivers: A request for a caregiver must be accompanied by a letter from your healthcare provider.
- e. A Background Check will be required if the Caregiver must remain for over a thirty (30) day period.

Coffee Hour Hosts for February

Submitted by Donna Arkerson, Activities Board

February 3, 2024	District 5	Jane Brogli – 941-896-9150
	District 6	Ann Jenny – 989-906-9651
February 17, 2024	Villages Voices	Penny Kovacs 906-322-5206

90th Birthday Celebration

Submitted by Penny Kovacs

We are having a small celebration for our **90 plus** Seniors, at coffee hour on Saturday, February 17th. So if you know anyone who is turning 90 in 2024 or who are already 90 or more, please contact Penny Kovacs with their name at 906-322-5206. They will get their donut and coffee free, a little tribute to them, and a gift. This will be a special time for them, so please join us to celebrate their lives.



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Chatter News

Submitted by Debra Bernardo, Editor

The deadline for the March 2024 Chatter is Saturday, February 10, 2024. If you want to submit something for the next Chatter, please email me with the copy including your name, complete telephone number, and include how long your club activity will go into the season. Email me at hockeymum47@gmail.com or call my cell at **705-759-3309**. You can also drop off at **A18, Second Street** any scores or copy for your club in the tube labelled "Chatter". **Remember if you want to start a new club, you need to first attend the Activity Board meeting which is the first Thursday of the month to get approval. Also, please ensure that you contact Kathy Warren at 618-599-6979 to get your activity/event on the monthly calendar.**

Bible Study

Submitted by Bob Koning



For February, we have Pastor Jim Krach of Hope Church of Bradenton scheduled to lead us. Please join us in the McWilliams Room in the clubhouse at 9:00 am on Wednesdays. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. For further information contact Bob Koning 616-510-1588 or Andy Brink 616-836-0183.

Vespers Services

Submitted by Roger Laninga

Welcome back everyone, it's good to see so many of you back in the park and so many activities beginning again. We have a full schedule for our February Vespers services.

Feb 4 Living Truth 2, Elroy and Tammie Kosters are on tour again

Feb 11 The Golf Lakes Harmony Notes

Feb 18 The Dunnemans return for a hymn sing

Feb 25 The Gospel Guys

Join us Sunday nights for Vespers, 6 to 7 PM in our club house. Welcome back y'all and God bless!

The Vespers committee

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Michigan Dinner

Submitted Penny Kovacs

Well, it's time for the Michigan Dinner again. It will be held Saturday, February 24th at 6:00 pm. You do not have to be from Michigan to attend. This year Mazzy and Daisy have inherited a Mansion on Mackinaw Island from their Great, Great Aunt! Join them as they travel there to find a treasure worth Millions!! But what obstacles will they encounter??? Come join us and find out.

As of writing this in early January, the menu is not planned yet. But!!! Let's face it!!! It's not about the meal, it's all about the fun adventure we take you on!!!

Tickets will be \$10.00. We Always sell out, so get your tickets early. They will be sold at Coffee Hours or you can contact:

Penny Kovacs	906-322-5206
Char Fischer	810-577-4119
Rita Knierim	906-287-0660
Jill Clone	317-773-4722

Come join in the fun. There will be door prizes, and a Cash Draw. See you on Mackinaw Island!!!



Office News

Submitted by Belle Ratcliffe, Office Manager

Welcome back to our northern friends!

It is so good to see so many familiar faces! A reminder about the annual park fees that went up in January. We have been trying to catch those of you who have not sent in the new amount, however, please make sure you call if you are not sure what it is. Also, we continue to have some people sending in checks with xx's on the amount. We cannot put those through the scanner as it can't read the amount and they must be done by hand. Please just put 00. Thank you!

"Shout Out..."

Submitted by John Hansen, Poker Club

On December 29th there were not one but two Royal flushes. Congratulations to Mary Lou Fisher and John Candelora.

If you or someone in our Village has something nice to share that has happened in the last month, send it to the Editor of The Chatter so a shout out to them can go in our next publication. And, don't be afraid to toot your own horn. Pictures are welcome.

Greens of Manatee Golf News

Submitted by Tom Ladd

This season seems to be flying by so get out and enjoy the great weather. We have had some cool weather so far this season but it is still better than the white stuff up north.

Village Leagues are very busy so come over, sign up, meet some new friends, and have fun. The course is in excellent condition so get out and enjoy it while you can. We also have open golf if a league is not what you are looking for but, it's that time of year, so call ahead for tee times. The season continues to be much dryer than normal and I don't see any snow in our forecast so get out and enjoy some of this great weather.

Scrambles will run twice a month thru spring (on the 2nd and 4th Saturday) and they are going strong so get signed up early.

We are about half way through our replacement program for our golf cart batteries and that is a very costly expense. Donations are greatly appreciated.

The Annual meeting is this month at Golf Lakes Clubhouse on Monday, February 19th at 7:00 PM. Any friends of the Golf Course are welcome to attend. There is no election from the Village this year. We will post our monthly Board meeting times on FB page and in the Pro Shop.

The sale of the Village is getting closer and closer and looks to settle here in the next few months. For those Shareholders that will be getting a check from the sale, please think about donating to the course to make sure the green space is here for many years to come. One half of one percent of your payout (about \$1,000) from most of our Shareholders, would all but eliminate our mortgage and allow us to get some much-needed equipment and upgrade our clubhouse. Participation continues to grow so give us a call if you can help. Thank you to those in the Village that have already sent in their donations.

Enjoy this great weather and come over and enjoy some of the best food around.

Have a great month and thank you for supporting the Golf Course.

Chatter Chuckles...

Talking Dog



A salesman dropped in to see a business customer. Not a soul was in the office except a big dog emptying wastebaskets. The salesman stared at the animal, wondering if his imagination could be playing tricks on him.

The dog looked up and said, "Don't be surprised. This is just part of my job."

"Incredible!" exclaimed the man. "I can't believe it! Does your boss know what a prize he has in you? An animal that can talk!"

"No, no," pleaded the dog. "Please don't! If that man finds out I can talk, he'll have me answering the phone, too!"



Bingo

Submitted by John Candelora

This is your invitation to join us at bingo every Tuesday at the Clubhouse. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. **sharp** with the Bonanza game. Please join us for fun and bring friends. The more people the bigger the prize money. Get here early and get ready to play. Games are simple and laughter is plentiful. Games are designed for your enjoyment.

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From the 'Stacks'!

*Submitted on behalf of the Friends of the Library
by Linda Twait, Librarian*

The January Love Our Library campaign was the most successful ever! The words "THANK YOU" seem inadequate in expressing our gratitude to all the individual donors, the Dance Committee for the New Year's Eve Dance 50/50 raffle, and the dance attendees who bought the raffle tickets. As of this date (January 9th), \$485.00 has been donated and the month is not over! We love you for Loving Our Library! This money will be used to purchase more books for the library. Watch the table in the library for new additions!



THANK YOU, VOTG RESIDENTS!



Mah Jongg News

Submitted by Susan Vincent



Play has begun in 2023. The tables are ready every Thursday afternoon at 1 pm in the McWilliams room at the clubhouse. Come check it out and join the fun! It is not hard to learn, and newcomers are welcome. We will play until mid-April, longer if players are available. For more information contact Susan Vincent at 941-666-9211.

Line Dance Lessons!

Submitted by Kathy Sampson

Kathy's Kountry Klass

Country line dance classes

Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the main hall
Classes starting 1/17/24 and going through 4/10/24
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Submitted by Rita Knierim

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Activities Board Report

Submitted by Penny Manor

Happy February to one and all of our wonderful Village On the Greens residents!

Activities are well on their way in our park. Please remember to thank your activity leader for the activity you are participating in. If it wasn't for the true dedication and commitment of these wonderful leaders, we would not have the incredibly successful activities and events in our park. For all our leaders and participants, we are truly grateful!

Chair Volleyball

Chair Volleyball is one of our most successful activities in our park. If you haven't played, we welcome you to come to the Clubhouse on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 9:50 am with the activity starting at 10 am. It is a low-impact fun activity played with a beach ball where you have 6 players on each side that must stay on their seats to play and get the ball over the net. More fun and more laughs are enjoyed by everyone. Patsy Farris and Tami Dougherty run the program. We are working on making room for the third net to be up to accommodate the larger population of players who come to enjoy the activity.



Park-Wide Yard Sale

Our Park-Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, February 10th and will run from 8 until 11 am. This is a GREAT opportunity for many of us to make a little cash on items you no longer need or want, but someone else surely might! I will advertise in the paper to get the population from outside of our park to shop at our event. I will also have Yard Sale signs for any participant to come and pick up to use at your sale. Good luck selling everyone!



90th Birthday Celebration

Our 90th Birthday Celebration will be held at our Saturday, February 17th Coffee Hour.

It will be run by Penny Kovacs. She does a wonderful job to make sure our 90th Birthday residents are celebrated in a very special way. If you know someone who has turned 90 or will turn 90 very shortly, please let Penny Kovacs know.



Dances!!!

February Dance Event

LET'S GO HAWAIIAN!! Our next dance will be held on Saturday, February 3rd from 7-10 pm. We will feature the popular band, Aloha Sharks. The cost of admission is \$10.00 and you may bring your own drinks and snacks. Please wear your favorite Hawaiian attire if you can. You can pre-purchase your tickets from Penny Manor by calling 518-645-6934. You can also purchase your tickets at the door. You won't want to miss this fun event!



March Dance Event

Our March Dance will be held on Saturday, March 23rd and run from 7-10 pm. We will again feature the ever-popular Dr. Dave Band. The price of the tickets will be \$10.00 and can be purchased from Penny Manor. You can bring your own drinks and snacks for an amazingly fun evening!

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2024!

Great news! I have booked the Dr. Dave Band for this New Year's Eve 2024. It will be another spectacular evening.





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owner

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Activities Board Report *(continued from page 8)*

REVIEW OF DECEMBER EVENTS

Christmas Golf Cart Parade

Our Christmas Golf Cart Parade was a wonderful success with nearly 40 golf carts participating in the event. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Kathy and George Caswell for the delicious BBQ tailgate meal they served to all the participants of the golf cart parade. Here are some photos of our event!



Christmas House Decorating Contest

This year, the residents of the park voted for their top choice to win the Holiday House Decorating Contest. Our park was very beautifully decorated with festively decorated homes. Thank you to all for your participation! Here are the winners of the House Decorating Contest

First Place - Jan and Keith Brubaker

Second Place - Donna Averill

Third Place - George and Kathy Caswell

Honorable Mention - Dianna Higginbotham and Millie Eisenhaur

New Year's Eve Party

Our New Year's Eve Celebration was an incredible success. The Dr Dave Band played until midnight with fun, merriment, and lots of dancing enjoyment. A three-table charcuterie board was a wonderful surprise for our guests who enjoyed the delicious snacks. Here are some photos of our preparation and party.



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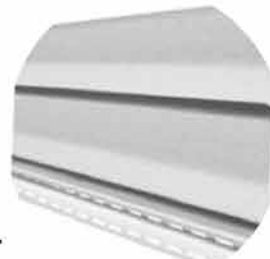
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Shuffleboard Scores

Submitted by Diane Henige

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Hoss Collar Top Scores

Women	Men
1st...Martha Blish.....565	1st... Jerry Peterson686
2nd..Dianna Kennedy....535	2nd.. Don Jordan.....627
3rd...Paulette Lueck497	3rd .. Dave Sickles622

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Hoss Collar Top Scores

Women	Men
1st...Paulette Lueck642	1st... Dave Sickles622
2nd..Martha Blish.....609	2nd.. Mark Fischer.....618
3rd...Dianna Kennedy....597	3rd .. Jeff Yielding612

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Hoss Collar Top Scores

Women	Men
1st...Cecilia Becker640	1st... Duane Lueck696
2nd..Char Fischer.....610	2nd.. Dale Kennedy670
3rd...Martha Blish.....559	3rd .. Don Jordan.....660

Thursday, January 4, 2024 Hoss Collar Top Scores

Women	Men
1st...Char Fischer.....648	1st... Duane Lueck662
2nd..Deb Stevens.....542	2nd.. Jeff Yielding637
3rd...Martha Blish.....589	3rd .. Dave Sickles618

Sunday, January 7, 2024 Hoss Collar Top Scores

Women	Men
1st...Char Fischer.....620	1st... Don Jordan.....679
2nd..Martha Blish.....615	2nd.. Dave Sickles631
3rd...Betty Chauvin.....484	3rd .. Mark Fischer.....630

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 9 am Activity Board Meeting	2 9 am Coffee Hour 10 am Craft Fair 7 pm Aloha Dance
4	5	6 9:30 am Friends of the Library	7 10 am Michigan dinner meeting	8 10 am Board Meeting	9 CHATTER DEADLINE 8 am Park Yard Sale
11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day 10 am Michigan dinner meeting 7 pm Root Beer Social	15	16 9 am Coffee Hour 5 pm Heartland Dinner
18 50 th Anniversary Celebration	19 9:30 am Decorating Clubhouse	20 9 am Health Fair Expo	21 10 am Michigan dinner meeting 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social	23 10 am Michigan Dinner set-up	24 5 pm Michigan Dinner
25	26	27	28 7 pm Root Beer Social	29 4 pm Bingo Meeting and Dinner	

WEEKLY EVENTS				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11 am Pickleball 2 pm Hoss Collar 3 pm Bunco 6 pm I Need That 6 pm Vespers	8 am Exercise 9 am Pool Aerobics 10 am Chair Volleyball 10 am Water Aerobics 12 pm Poker 12 pm Texas Hold'em 1 pm Friends Yarning 1 pm Shuffle 6 pm Feather Your Nest	9 am Village Voices 10 am Library Cards 10 am Bucketball 12:30 pm Busy Bees 1 pm Mah Jongg 1 pm Shuffle 6:30 pm Bingo	8 am Exercise 9 am Pool Aerobics 9 am Bible Study 10 am Water Aerobics 10 am Chair Volleyball 12:30 pm Line Dancing 1 pm Shuffle 6 pm Rummikub 6:30 pm Euchre	9:30 am Craft Club 10 am Hand and Foot in Library 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Hoss Collar 6 pm Dominoes 6 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Hand and Foot
				Friday 8 am Exercise 9 am Pool Aerobics 10 am Water Aerobics 12 pm Poker 1 pm Shuffle 6 pm Pinochle 6:30 pm Bid Euchre
				Saturday 1 pm Shuffle

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Busy Bees

Submitted by Judy Mock



The Busy Bee sewing group meets weekly at the clubhouse on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00. Our group makes baby layettes for the underprivileged and are donated. There are many things you can participate in: cutting, pinning, organizing and hand tying our quilts. Machine sewing can be done at your home. If you are a new resident, this is the perfect way to meet like-minded friends in the park. Hope to see you there!

Bucketball

Submitted by Peter Jellema

Bucketball has begun!

Our first two weeks winners were:

Jan. 2, 24 Roxane Blasko and Peter Jellema

Jan. 9, 24 Karen Breitholtz and Charlene Fischer

If you are interested in playing, please come to common ground by the office on Tuesdays at 9:45 am. Play begins at 10 am! You do not need a partner. We will draw and pair teams up!



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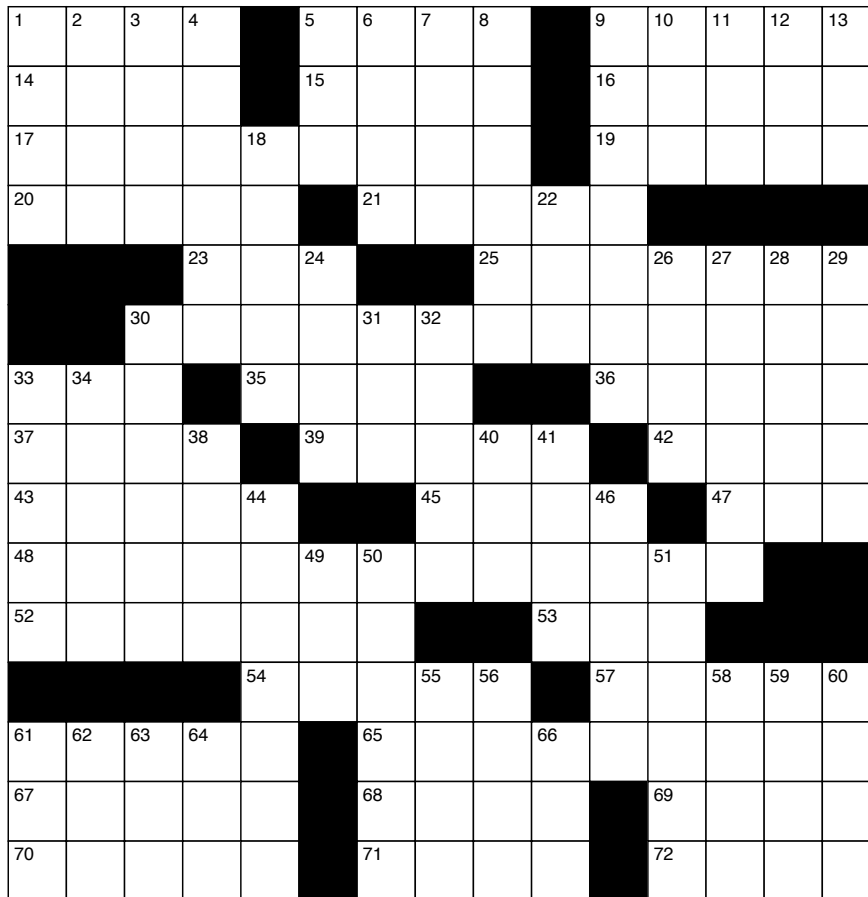
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FEBRUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword #244F2GKU



Across

1. "___ for real?"
5. PC monitors
9. Rice-shaped pastas
14. Convention group
15. Paris playground
16. Critic Thomas
17. Indian ruler
19. Cease, at sea
20. Germ
21. Egypt's Sadat
23. Bar bill
25. Guacamole base
30. Cowardly
33. Pres. after GWB
35. Molokai neighbor
36. Actor Greene
37. Music of India
39. Milk dispenser
42. Idiot
43. "Never ___ moment!"
45. Is in debt

47. Morning hrs.
48. City employee
52. Area of unrest
53. Amour ___ (uncontrollable passion)
54. Acropolis sight
57. Terminix rival
61. Swindler's operation
65. Phrase from one who just dealt an insult
67. Mr. Howe
68. Tiny branch
69. Many-armed Hindu goddess
70. With plenty left over
71. Darth Maul's group
72. Neap anagram

(solution on page 21)

Down

1. Some desktops
2. High-five, e.g.
3. Sweet treat
4. Card game akin to euchre
5. Number cruncher, familiarly
6. Hindu prince
7. Air ___ (budget carrier)
8. He's never out of stock
9. Hot at the casino
10. Toyota ___ 4 (SUV model)
11. When doubled, a Gabor
12. Words of understanding
13. Gel
18. Dominion
22. Road map abbr.
24. Sky shade, in Saxony
26. Vein blockage
27. Combat with fighter-bombers
28. Levi's or Jordache material
29. "Night Music" playwright Clifford
30. Dairy snack
31. African lute
32. Heiress, at times
33. Having some nerve
34. Couldn't help but
38. Draft choices
40. Lamb's mom
41. Mariner's peril
44. Hansen's disease
46. Lampoon
49. With "r," a long trip
50. Acts frugally
51. Shout attributed to Archimedes
55. Part of a bedtime prayer
56. "And ___ goes..."
58. Sack starter
59. Emerald ___
60. Alternative to "ja"
61. "Don't ___ fool!"
62. Historic city on the Danube
63. Light bite
64. Airline to Seoul
66. I would follow these



Friday Night Pinochle

Submitted by Mary Ulander

Come join us every Friday night at 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Mary Ulander 941-254-4426.

Friday Night Pinochle Scores.

Friday, December 15, 2023

1st Place AnnJo Bitely
2nd Place Rita Knierim
2nd Place Mary Ulander
Honorable Mention - Darleen Miller

Friday, December 22, 2023

1st Place AnnJo Bitely
2nd Place Allan Miller
3rd Place Mary Ulander
Honorable Mention - Darleen Miller

Friday, December 29, 2023

1st Place Roger Dunlap
2nd Place Darleen Miller
3rd Place Rita Knierim
Honorable Mention - Allan Miller

Friday, January 5, 2024

1st Place Roger Dunlap
2nd Place Allan Miller
3rd Place Mary Ulander
Honorable Mention - Ken Straub

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Bid Euchre Scores

Submitted by Helen Meyaard

Friday, December 15, 2023

1st Bev Kemerer 227
2nd Annie Hallahan 223
3rd Dave Keukelaar 211
Low Walt Buning 98

Friday, December 22, 2023

1st Pina Caputo 227
2nd Helen Meyaard 206
3rd Tie Peter Urbanek 197
 Dave Keukelaar 197
Low Stan Elliott 117

Friday, December 29, 2023

1st Linda McLean 243
2nd Janice Davis 236
3rd Annie Hallahan 230
Low Peter Urbanek 104

Friday, January 5, 2024

1st Helen Meyaard 233
2nd Donna Arkerson 231
3rd Gary Prouse 228
Low Mike Roy 90

Euchre Scores

Submitted by Helen Meyaard

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

1st Stan Elliott 71
2nd Pina Caputo 69
3rd Diane Henige 63
Low Dale Yarmosh 35

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

1st Ken Straub 59
2nd Tie Dave Keukelaar 51
 Stan Elliott 51
Low Phyllis Tittle 34

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

1st Bev Keukelaar 54
2nd Rusty Miller 59
3rd Neal Cockrell 57
Low Joan Fredericks 33

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

1st Bev Keukelaar 53
2nd Dale Yarmosh 52
3rd Susan Woodrow 51
Low Roger Dunlap 31

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

1st Joyce Miller 57
2nd Mike Roy 54
3rd Tie Dave Keukelaar 52
 Karl Fuerst 52
 Dave Clark 52
Low Stan Elliott 35

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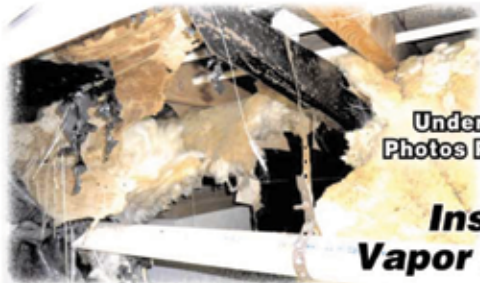
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