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Friday, May 24, 2019

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Fri. June 28 & Sat. June 29
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Car Show Request

by Diana Lindberg

Do you have a pop-up tent that we may borrow for the upcoming Show & Shine Car Show on July 14, 2019? Please contact Diana at 503-804-1440. We can pick up and return. Thank you.

News & Views Carrier Needed

by Vicki Spencer

We are in need of a carrier for the Hampton Way route. It entails 24 papers, can be done in half an hour, and is only twice a month. This was Donna Wood's route for many years; but sorry to say, Donna has been unable to do the route for some time due to health issues. I thank Donna for all the years she did this route and hope she gets well enough to do a route sometime in the future if she so desires.

While I'm at it, I'm asking for anyone who wishes to deliver papers once in a while, I do have a list for substitutes. Anyone interested either for Donna's old route or to be a substitute please call me at 503-982-2027 or 503-757-9550. Call me now as I will not be available in June for the 14th and 28th paper deliveries.

Farewell to Punch Card Program

by Sharyn Cornett

Since the Country Cottage Restaurant came to Woodburn Estates in October of 2012, they have graciously offered a punch card program. This allowed customers to get \$10.00 off a meal with a fully punched card. Those of you who currently have an active punch card can continue to collect punches. Once full, you may then redeem for a \$10 off meal, however, Country Cottage will no longer be issuing new cards. The punch card program is being eliminated effective immediately.

Owner, Renee Hayes, is saddened that the actions of one individual would force her to end this program. Renee gives so much to our community, from donating a weekly gift certificate at coffee hour, as well as sponsoring many events and tournaments.

I know that many residents, myself included, have looked forward to getting a discount now and then on a meal. However, I do understand the reasoning behind the decision to end this program. Renee and the entire staff at Country Cottage work their butts off for all of us. Please share with them your appreciation and show them respect for all of their hard work. The restaurant is the heart of this community. You can always get a cup of coffee, a meal fixed the way you want it and visit with friends and neighbors and usually take home leftovers for another meal. It is really nice to have this service so close to home. Cooking for one is not fun, but eating with a group is always good.

2019 News & Views Schedule

In June, News & Views will be published on:

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NEWS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Bucket List Travel Club

by Constance Cobb

We had a good turnout for our first meeting in the Conference Room. What a diverse group of people, from cyclists, RVers, cruisers, escorted tourers and independent travelers. All had exciting memories and stories to share.

There are folks who have adventures already planned for the next several months like Italy, the Caribbean, Hawaii and Alaska just to name a few. One trip that everyone seems to have on their BUCKET LIST is Ireland and Scotland. Hmm...maybe 2020?

We will meet again on the first Monday, June 3, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please join us.

DIE WITH MEMORIES – NOT DREAMS

Important Craft Sale Meeting

by Karen Linton

Craft Sale meeting, Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. in the Blue Room. Imperative to attend to get table selection and pay. Questions, call Karen Linton 830-708-7983.

Woodburn Estates Dance and Social Club

by Bill Coleman, Chairman

RE: “Island Fever!”

The Woodburn Estates Dance and Social Club open their 2019 Concert season on Sunday, June 2, at 3:00 p.m. with the exotic sounds of the South Pacific performed by “Koral Jam.” This *free event* is presented at the Woodburn Estates and Golf Auditorium, 1776 Country Club Road, and is open to the public regardless of age.

“Koral Jam” has been featured at many local Woodburn events, and at fairs and festivals throughout the northwest, pleasing audiences with their authentic Hawaiian music and dance. While the performance is free of charge, we encourage a donation to the artists...baskets will be distributed during the concert for this purpose.

Enjoy an assortment of bargain priced domestic and imported beers, or a glass of wine at the show. There will be a short intermission with coffee and cookies, and a few moments to meet the artists up close and personal.

Coming up: We kick off the 4th of July fireworks on June 30 with a free summer concert featuring “Taska and the Party Band” performing a lively Rhythm and Blues/comedy show. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to see one of the Northwest’s top performers.

Wrinkle City Players Presents

“Pretty Good Used Cars” is a short comedy play presented by our revived Wrinkle City Players. The new and talented cast will be in the Auditorium Thursday, June 6, as part of the Coffee Hour entertainment. Join us by 10 a.m. to see, hear, and laugh as we get back into the swing of presenting short plays for future dates.

Hoodview Church Hosts Annual Scholarship Concert

by Pastor Steve Kufeldt

Hoodview Church of God will host the Annual David M. Dougherty Scholarship Concert on Sunday evening, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. This benefit concert continues the legacy of former Hoodview Church pastor Dave Dougherty, who had a passion to help young people achieve their educational dreams.

What started originally as a basketball free throw fundraiser, in which Pastor Dougherty would make 95 shots (or better) out of 100 free throws, as Pastor Dave’s health worsened, the fundraiser transformed into another of his passions—music. This annual event has now provided scholarships to over 43 recipients over the past 24 years.

This year’s concert will feature once again local favorites Roger & Nancy Wilhite along with musicians from the Woodburn community. The program will be a variety of sacred and secular pieces, including patriotic selections and sing-along opportunities as well. The public is invited to this free concert but a free-will offering will be received to support the David M. Dougherty Scholarship Fund.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Hoodview Church of God is located at 1530 Mount Hood Avenue in Woodburn. For more information, call 503-981-1660 or visit www.hoodviewchurchofgod.com.

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Next Publication of *NEWS & VIEWS*

June 14, 2019

Deadline for Articles, Thursday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.

We LOVE to have your free ads and articles.

The BEST way to get your information in *News & Views* is to send us this information by e-mail to nv@WoodburnEstatesGolf.com.

When submitting free ads be sure to include your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

MOVING SALE: 1721 Sallal Rd. Friday May 24. Lots of miscellaneous. Also large shelving system. \$50. Come see what we have.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 1963, 1968, & 2034 Lilac Way. Thu – Sat, May 30, 31, June 1.

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Response to Concerned Homeowner *RE: Cats at large*

by *anonymous*

Dear Concerned Homeowner:

Have you noticed the absence of mice, voles, rats, lizards, and large insects? You are welcome.

Signed: The Neighborhood Cats

P.S. Raccoons, skunks, and other nocturnal critters set off night lights, as well as doing some of the other things you have noted.

St. Monicas Circle

by *Rita Girard*

There was more than a hint of Spring in the air on May 6 when we had our meeting in the Dining Hall. Becky Butts was the hostess, and the decorating and lunch were so special.

Rita Girard reported on the Craft Fair Planning Meeting she attended. The date of the Craft Fair is September 21. All were asked to begin thinking about what homemade items they will be making.

We will not be meeting in July or August so the volunteers for the Church Linens was decided as follows:

- June 1-14: Rita Girard
- June 15-30: Becky Butts
- July 1-14: Rita Girard
- July 15-31: Barbara Rose
- August 1-14: Rita Girard
- August 15-31: Becky Butts
- September 1-14: Vera Jeli
- September 15-30: Pauline Dionne

Barbara Wilson presented a very informative report on "Why the Cross?" Bible Study based on what was covered in a 5-day class she had attended at Mt. Angel.

Plans were covered for a very important birthday. The celebration will be to honor Ryllis Linday on her 100th Birthday on June 3 at 10 a.m. in the Woodburn Estates Dining Hall.

In Memory Of...

Johnson, Rosemary - May 7, 2019 (age 98)

Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses

by *Kathy Hiller*

Thank you to the snowbirds who have saved their pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Portland. It’s wonderful to see the gallon jar being filled up. Non-snowbirds are to be thanked also, as all contributions are appreciated for this worthy charity. For the past several years, WEG members have contributed an average of 8 to 10 boxes of aluminum pull tabs that are collected in the *News & Views* office (or the gallon jar in the Dining Hall) and Allan Lindberg takes them to the RMH location in Portland which turns them in for aluminum recycling.

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There is another gallon jar in the Dining Hall that used to be for Campbell Soup labels, but Campbell discontinued that program. We now collect Mega Foods cash register receipts. This is another way that many of our members are helping Woodburn raise funds for local charities. If you shop at Mega Foods, please put your receipts in the gallon jar. (I also know several members who scour the Mega Foods parking lots for discarded receipts to add to the jar.)

Daily Dinner Specials

Monday
Burger Baskets

Tuesday
All-You-Can-Eat Tacos
Nachos

Wednesday
Beef Stroganoff
Chef’s Choice Special

Thursday
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Please bring your own plates and eating utensils.

Sign up: Must pay by cash or check.
5/1 through 5/20, entry fee is \$18.00 each.
May 27 at 2:30pm – dinner fee is \$18.00 each.
Note: 5/20 last day to cancel for refund.

Game format: Shotgun start 8:30am
4-person scramble, minimum 4-drives each.
Men: white tees – Women: red tees
HDCP percentages: 20%, 15%, 10%, 5% of A, B, C, D, player.

Must have 5 games played before event to establish handicap to play.

Golf Green Fees are \$25.00 paid by Punch Card or Cash or check at Sign-up.

Spring Tournament
June 15, Saturday
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Sign up: Must pay by cash or check.
5/28 through 6/8, entry fee is \$18.00 each.
June 15 at 2:30pm –dinner fee is \$18.00 each.
Note: 6/8 last day to cancel for refund.

Game format: Shotgun start 8:30am
4-Person Mexican Scramble, minimum 4 drives each
Men: white tees – Women: red tees
HDCP percentages: 20%, 15%, 10%, 5% of A, B, C, D, player.



WELCOME BACK,
LADY PUTTERS



Lady Putters 2019



Submitted by Mickey Harrison and Gwen Egan

Monday, May 6, arrived and the weather was perfect for the opening day of the 15th season of Lady Putters. Can you believe it? It was a joyous and noisy affair as everyone gathered in the Ladies Lounge, happy to see each other and get acquainted with new members. We had 26 ladies present including three new members and 8 holes-in-one were made; not a bad start after a long fall/winter/spring break. All in all, it was a grand day and a rousing beginning to our new season.

The Lady Putters donated a new bench honoring our founder, Inger Stigerts. It has been royally placed near the putting green for all to see and admire.

We have room for all who would like to join our friendly group. Just come over to the Ladies Lounge on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and participate in the action. The more the merrier! Our first big event is in July when we invite the men to play with us and have a free lunch. Stay tuned for more about that.

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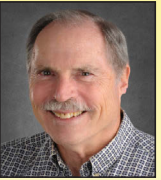
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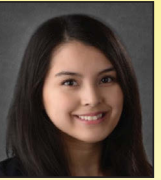
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Cheerio A Real Groaner

by Rick A. Wehler

Traditionally, a couple weeks before Easter, I buy one 10 oz. bag of Brach’s Jelly Beans at a ridiculously expensive price, in part to remind myself of the upcoming holiday. There’s seldom more than 6 cherry jelly beans in the entire freaking bag, but no shortage of pink, whatever flavor that is.

Today, Tuesday after Easter, is nearly the best markdown-candy-holiday of the year, second only to Halloween. To date, I’ve eaten less than half of last Halloween’s haul. Marriage has its disadvantages.

I’m standing in aisle 4 of our local grocery store, the markdown aisle. This year Pick and Save management decided to forego the gradual markdowns over the next 3 weeks, and priced it all at 50% off. They’ll be out in mere days. I’ve got decisions to make.

Chocolate bunnies, no, I’ve learned to discount such purchases. The ears are tasty, but the hollow head and body disappear in two bites. It’s like ordering a chocolate-dipped cone from Dairy Queen and finding no “ice cream” in the middle.

Five-1lb. bags of jelly beans should net me nearly 6 ounces of cherry-flavored beans. Wifey will sort out the black beans for the Goth, licorice monster, loan officer at our local credit union, who’ll in turn grant us an extra month to pay up. I’ll set aside the pink jellies for next Halloween’s trick or treaters.

Thanks to Hershey’s, I’ll indulge in the heart-healthy aspects of solid chocolate bunny eggs...3lbs.

Peeps, well, I’m not much of a fan, but slicing up a nest of Peep’s Easter bunnies, and sprinkling the remains on my Cheerios, adds color, and keeps the sugar bowl in the cupboard.

Consumption of copious quantities of sugar is detrimental to my long-term health, but a significant burst to my short-term energy level; a reasonable trade-off.

After three bowls of embellished, whole grain Cheerios, I headed out to our 65-acre forested property, along with my Crapsman pole chainsaw, and enough chocolate bunny eggs to sustain my heart health and energy level. Man, I was a manic Paul Bunyan, cutting up and stacking dead trees without mercy.

Upon homecoming, I felt uncomfortable, off balance, and my chest hurt. The emergency room doctor, Henry D. Aeth, sporting a British accent, stated, “My dear boy, your blood pressure is 149/100 and pulse rate is 132, most likely A-fib. We’re going to set up an I.V., administer some fluids, medications, and follow through with an MRI and a smattering of blood tests.”

Two hours later Dr. Aeth informed, “Your MRI and blood tests came back rather well, except for an inexplicably high level of glucose (sugar). Your B.P. and pulse have calmed down to 97/55 and 56 respectively. Perhaps, the A-fib was due to a short-term energy burst. Take this medication until you meet with your healthcare provider. Cheerio!”

Health Advice: What Should You Believe?

Submitted from Facebook by Linda Hepburn

Eat five small meals per day and run. Also, eat only breakfast and dinner, and walk. Also, eat lots of protein and lift, and don’t ever do any cardio, it’s bad for your joints. Also, don’t eat too much protein and make sure you’re sleeping a lot. But don’t be sedentary. But don’t be too active. Make sure you replace all your lost salt, but never eat too much sodium. It’s easy, just eat vegetables. Don’t eat potatoes though, or corn. Fruit is obviously good for you, and also it’s all sugar and is bad for you. Sugar, I forgot to mention, is a vital source of quick burning carbohydrates that your brain needs to survive, and you should avoid it at all costs. Protein is hurting your kidneys. Make sure you eat a lot of it. Drink water. Don’t over-hydrate. Never starve yourself unless you’re calling it “intermittent fasting” and then it’s okay to starve yourself a little bit. Being vegan is obviously the healthiest lifestyle, and also no it’s not. Fish is obviously super good for you, and it’s full of mercury and killing you. Get some sun every day for vitamin D and skin cancer.

Q: What’s the difference between a cat and a comma?
A: One has claws at the end of its paws, and the other has a pause at the end of a clause.

Who Does What?

Author Unknown

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, “You should do it because you get up first, and then we don’t have to wait as long to get our coffee.

The husband said, “You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.”

Wife replies, “No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.”

Husband replies, “I can’t believe that, show me.”

So she fetched the Bible, opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages that it indeed says: HEBREWS.



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MY FIRST PACK TRIP

Golden Lake, Oregon



Lunch stop at Park Meadow

by *Linda Hanson*

After getting my mules, at some point it crossed my mind that I would like to pack. One of my mules had prior packing experience, and I had ponied before.

I was new to Backcountry Horsemen but when a pack trip was mentioned, I thought this might be the time to try it. It would be better to be with others, right? One couple, Don and Gerry Jimmerson, are pushing 80. Who better to learn from? So I called Gerry, who was leading the trip, and told her I'd like to go, too. She and I had ridden together once, so she knew I rode. "Do you have a pack mule?" she asked.

"Well, one that packed for its last owner" I replied.

"Do you have a pack saddle?"

"Yes, I got one in the spring. It's still brand new." I could sense a little concern, but she told me where to meet on the first day of the trip.

Then I got worried, since I did not want to be a burden. I called Kate, a packing friend, and asked her to help me learn. It had just occurred to me that filling the pack bags was probably not going to be sufficient, as I knew there was such a thing as a lash cinch, that I had, that must go somewhere. Kate came over and helped me learn a box hitch, and assured me I'd do fine.

I met up with Les Fillis who was also going on the trip and thankfully followed him to camp or I might have gotten lost. I am not good with directions and naming a meeting spot does not tell me where at that spot we are to meet. The Three Creeks campground is 17 miles out of Sisters, Ore., at 6,600 foot elevation. Parking in the overflow area was free.

I had already weighed everything and put the weight in marking pen on my tent, sleeping bag and each food bag. I knew I had to bring pellets for animal feed, since weed free feed was required and hay takes up too much room. But no one could agree on the amount I'd need for two mules. The feed store said to weigh the hay I feed and plan on the same in pellets, since it was just compressed. So, I had 15 pounds of pellets per day, per mule, for two mules, and two days (Friday morning to Sunday afternoon) or 60 pounds all together. I took 75 pounds to be safe. With that much weight, I did not take a stove for me, only ready to eat cold food, and two gallons of water. I took a hikers hammock instead of any kind of chair, as it was lighter. I might need to scrimp but my mules wouldn't! I packed the pellets in meal sized bags, and loaded the pack bags with equal weight on each side.

I got help tying the load on, and was happy to accept it. Don, Gerry, Les and I left Three Creeks parking lot on a Friday morning and rode about seven miles to Golden Lake. It was remarkably uneventful. Dixie is good to lead, and Nabob is a great pack animal, as I had been told. At lunch we'd stopped to eat at Park Meadow and let the animals graze. There was more grass than I had imagined, and plenty of water for the stock.

Once we reached Golden Lake, we set up camp and let the mules graze with hobbles. I had used hobbles before, and when the mules are hungry, they go to eating

and don't travel much. I highlined when I saw they were doing more moving than eating. We all settled into dinner and I shared the cookies I had. Others had hot food but I am good with jerky, dried fruit and chocolate. The four of us had seven animals in our group - only Les had a horse and it was a PMU draft and such a pretty thing.

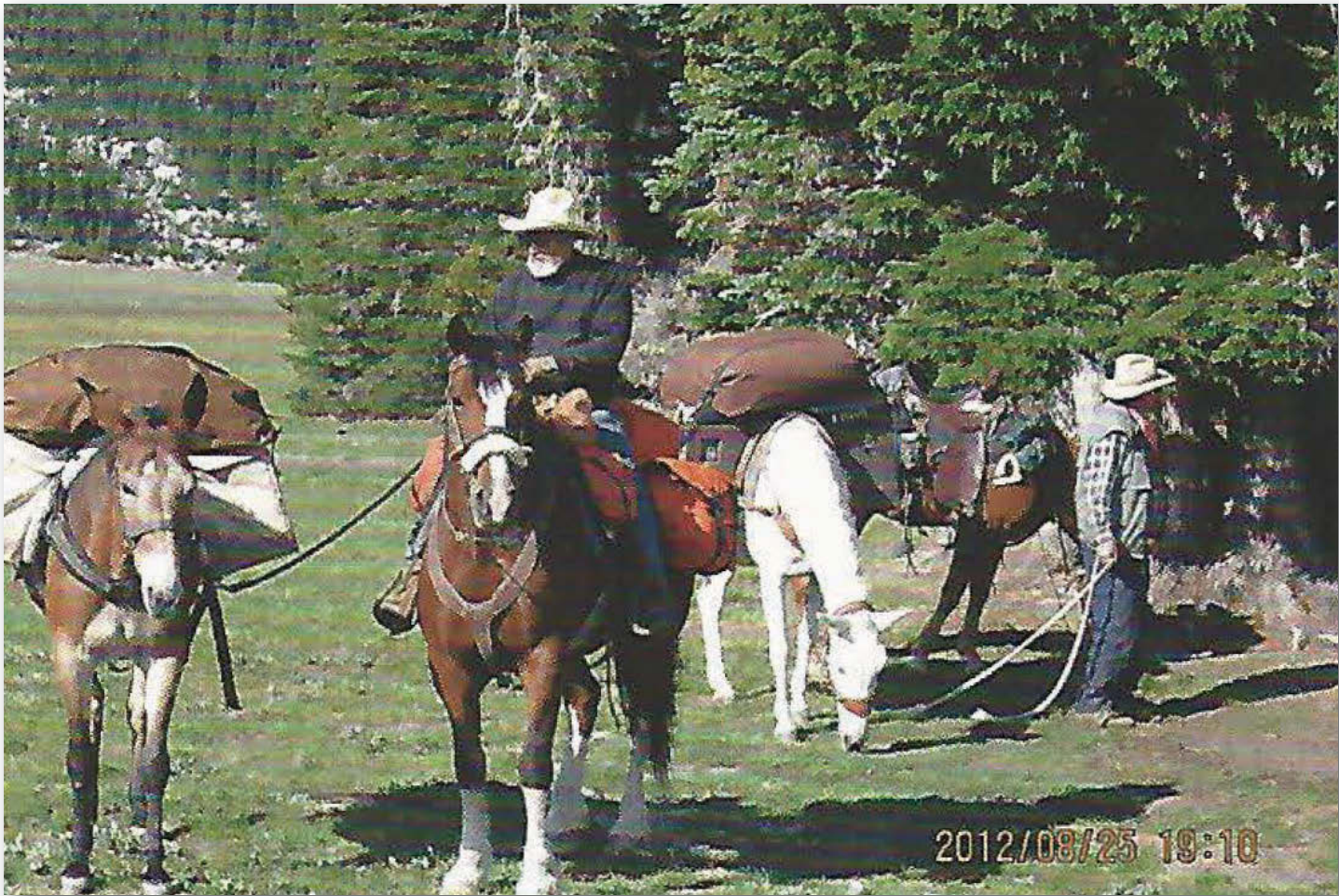
The next day we ponied the pack animals, empty, and rode on up to more lakes. We met others and had nothing but positive interactions with hikers we met. It was only about seven miles each way, perfect for a first trip. Back at our base camp that afternoon, a Forest Service employee stopped by and said our camp looked good. He appreciated that our high lines kept animals from damaging trees and that we were not on the lake shore. He traveled on foot and covered several miles to keep track of what was going on. He was out for a few weeks, then off for a few, and seemed to like it. I asked him why he didn't ride, but the Forest Service did not provide an animal for him.

That evening two other friends from Backcountry Horseman, Kate (who'd shown me a box hitch) and Diana, rode up to our camp to warn us of a mountain bike race the next day to be held on the very trail we came in on. There were going to be a lot of bikers, and we'd need to take an alternate route down. Kate knew of such a route, so all we had to do was find it.

Sunday morning we packed up to go home. We found the alternate route just fine, and missed the 100+ bicyclists that would be on the trail at full speed.

I'd found that the mules did well and there are a lot of advantages to 18 year old animals. A hammock makes a great chair, cold food will work, and I had twice the pellets I needed and hauled half home! It was a wonderful trip, with nice weather and gorgeous sights. Bugs were just about nonexistent. Water and grass were plentiful. I think I am ready for another trip.

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Les Fillis of LaPine, Ore.



Linda with Dixie and Nabob

The Old Phone

by Paul Villard

When I was quite young, my family had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember well the polished oak case fastened to the wall on the lower stair landing. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I even remembered the number - 105. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked into it. Once, she lifted me up to speak to my father, who was away on business. Magic! Then I discovered that somewhere inside that wonderful device lived an amazing person, her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing that she did not know. My mother could ask her for anybody's number and when our clock ran down, Information Please immediately supplied the correct time.

My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-receiver came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there didn't seem to be much use crying because there was no one home to offer sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver and held it to my

ear. "Information Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two, and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information." "I hurt my finger," I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience. "Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody's at home but me," I blubbered. "Are you bleeding?" "No", I replied. "I hit it with the hammer and it hurts". "Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it on your finger. That will stop the hurt. Be careful when you use

the ice pick," she admonished. "And don't cry. You'll be alright".

After that, I called Information Please for everything. I asked for help with my Geography and she told me where Philadelphia was, and the Orinoco--the romantic river I was going to explore when I grew up. She helped me with my Arithmetic, and she told me that a pet chipmunk--I had caught him in the park just that day before--would eat fruits and nuts. And there was the time that Petey, our pet canary, died. I called Information Please and told her the sad story. She listened, then said the usual things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was unconsolated. Why was it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to whole families, only to end as a heap of feathers, feet up, on the bottom of a cage? She must have sensed my deep concern, for she quietly said, "Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow, I felt better.

Another day I was at the telephone. "Information," said the now familiar voice. "How do you spell fix?" "F-I-X." At that instant my sister, who took unholy joy in scaring me, jumped off the stairs at me with a banshee shriek-"Yaaaaaaaaaaaa!" I fell off the stool, pulling the receiver out of the box by its roots. We were both terrified--Information Please was no longer there, and I was not at all sure that I hadn't hurt her when I pulled the receiver out. Minutes later, there was a man on the porch. "I'm a telephone repairman. I was working down the street and the operator said there might be some trouble at this number." He reached for the receiver in my hand. "What happened?" I told him. "Well, we can fix that in a minute or two." He opened the telephone box exposing a maze of wires and coils, and fiddled for a while with the end of the receiver cord, tightened things with a small screwdriver. He jiggled the hook up and down a few times, then spoke into the phone. "Hi, this is Pete. Everything's under control at 105. The kid's sister scared him and he pulled the cord out of the box." He hung up, smiled, gave me a pat on the head and walked out the door.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. Then, when I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston-and I missed my mentor acutely. Information Please belonged in that old wooden box back at home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, skinny new phone that sat on the small table in the hall. Yet, as I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversation never really left me. Often in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had when I knew that I could call Information Please and get the right answer. I appreciated now how very patient, understanding and kind she was to have wasted her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way back to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about half an hour between plan connections, and I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister who lived there now, happily mellowed by marriage and motherhood. Then, really without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please." Miraculously, I heard again the small, clear voice that I knew so well. I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you tell me, please, how to spell the word 'fix'?" There was a long pause. Then came the softly spoken answer. "I guess," said Information Please, "that your finger must have healed by now." I laughed. "So it's really still you. I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during all that time." "I wonder," she replied, "if you know how much you meant to me? I never had any children, and I used to look forward to your calls. Silly, wasn't it?" It didn't seem silly, but I didn't say so. Instead, I told her how often I had thought of her over the years, and I asked if I could call her again when I come back to visit my sister when the semester was over. "Please do. Just ask for Sally." "Goodbye Sally." It sounded strange for Information Please to have a name. "If I run into any chipmunks, I'll tell them to eat fruits and nuts." "Do that," she said. "And I expect one of these days you'll be off for the Orinoco. Well, good-bye."

Just three months later, I was back again at the Seattle airport. A different voice answered, "Information," and I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" "Yes," I said. "An old friend." "Then I'm sorry to have to tell you. Sally had only been working part-time in the last few years because she was ill. She died five weeks ago." But before I could hung up, she said, "Wait a minute. Did you say your name was Villard?" "Yes." "Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down." "What was it?" I asked, almost knowing in advance what it would be. "Here it is, I'll read it-'Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean'"

I thanked her and hung up. I did know what Sally meant.

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The Creepy Crawlers of Old Age

by Angie Brady

I feel like I always did, that feeling of self, discovered at the age of five when I first knew I was a person. I still, most of the time, know that person.

That is, until I look in the mirror. I see droops and age spots. Everywhere. A dear friend tells me she doesn't like what's happening to her body. I call it the creepy crawlers of old age. Certainly, old age creeps up on one. First, you're young, then a bit older and finally, according to the calendar, you are entering the gate of old age. Creepy, isn't it?

Acknowledging one can look forward to only a few more years, according to the actuarial tables, I'm thankful. I thank God because many friends did not have the opportunity to see the change from youth to old age. They died early from cancer, heart disease or a car accident.

I try (hard) to remain thankful as I discover a new age spot or a deeper eye crinkle, a crevice around my mouth or turkey skin developing. My varicose veined legs still hold my ever-increasing girth and my bunion-clod feet still push those legs ahead. An aged head still houses my brain which, although not as nimble as once it was, is capable of reaching conclusions by deductive reasoning – most of the time.

And friendships endure, some for more than 50 years. I also cherish each moment with newer friends. One dear friend is getting married this month and I'm honored to be her matron of honor. In spite of all the creepy crawlers, I'm as excited about it as if I was at the threshold of youth because, in my heart, I'm still the five-year-old, the 20-year-old, the 40-year-old and so on.

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Goodbye

by Rick A. Wehler

Cora the Dish, my wife of 46 years and change, took over our finances and began signing my name the day I said, "I do." If I were to autograph something, anything, I'd be arrested for forgery. As you might expect, Cora pays the bills, and I've learned to live with my unadjusted-for-inflation allowance.

Recently, the Dish informed me that she and her sister Bev would be going on a 10-day safari to the wilds of suburban Colorado Springs to help Bev's son and his family prepare to sell their home and move to low-key Kokomo. As Cora labeled this to be a "sister's trek," she did not encourage my company. Ten days. That's the longest period I've been without my girlfriend since the day we met. Goodbye Dish.

On the plus side, Cora deposited \$50, two twenties and a ten, in effect doubling my allowance, into the lock box on her dresser and agreed to text me the key's location should the need arise.

The Dish did not leave me a list of chores as I've been the house-husband as long as she's been the accountant. She did though assign the following responsibility: collect the daily mail and review it for anomalies; whatever that means.

While fulfilling her instructions, I noticed that our electric bill envelope was torn on the corner. I felt justified in reviewing its contents. I noticed that our electrical usage had dropped by 70% compared to the same month last year. Curious, I investigated our history and found similar results during the previous 3 months. How can that be? We watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune nightly, just as we did last year.

Fully authorized, I took the anomalous bill to the power company. Sparky, the attendant, was taken aback either by my inquiry or that I wasn't Cora. He did a computer check on our electrical usage and stated, "At this rate, soon we'll be paying you. Most likely your aged power meter is malfunctioning. We'll replace it next week and your electrical usage and charges should revert to their original levels."

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- A bike can't stand alone... because it's two-tired.
- A dyslexic poet... writes inverse.
- Acupuncture is... a jab well done.
- Bakers trade recipes... on a knead to know basis.
- I break into song... if I can't find the key.
- If a clock gets hungry... it goes back four seconds.
- Jumping off a Paris bridge... makes you in Seine.
- Once you've seen one shopping center... you've seen the mall.
- Santa's helpers... are subordinate clauses.
- The bride got a new name... and a dress.
- Your calendar's days... are numbered.

You Too? or Just Me?

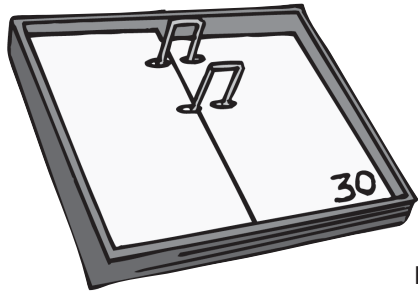
by Betty Judevine

- Have you noticed in recent years how much the steps in your house have grown?
- How many cans of food seem to be protected from can openers when you are the navigator?
- How mirrors have become like black and white movies that remove all color from your hair and make you look like a character actor?
- How food needs an 'herbal fix' to make it palatable?
- How restaurants seem to be a harbor for noise and discourage 'listenable' conversation?
- How much your old clothes fit better than your new clothes that are the same size?
- How much higher groceries cost despite the fact that you are eating less?
- How your ears are decreasing the size of your head and your hair is increasing the size of your forehead?
- That long sleeves, long pants and skirts are "all the rage" to wear?
- That many utensils are getting so slick that they jump right out of your hand?
- And finally, how daylight-saving-time doesn't really save any time at all!

Travel Plans

Submitted by Lon Eckdahl

- I have been in many places and plan to visit many more, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone; you have to be in Kahoots with someone.
- I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.
- I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my spouse, children, friends, family and work.
- I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.
- I've also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.
- I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
- Sometimes I find myself in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.
- One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!
- I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing they tell me; it is very wet and damp there.
- Whatever place you find yourself in, especially as you get older, just determine in your heart to enjoy it.



Activities Calendar

* Any change of date, time, activity, or place
MUST be made with the office 503-982-1776.

| Saturday, May 25 | | Sunday, May 26 | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 12:00p | Private Party – Blue Room |
| 2:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 2:00p | Music Jammers – DH/Kit |
| 4:00p | Hand & Foot Cards – Blue Room | | |

| Monday, May 27 | | Tuesday, May 28 | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool |
| 8:30a | Estates Quilters – Craft Room | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH |
| 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 9:00a | Bicycle Club – By the Flag Pole |
| 9:00a | Ladies Pool – Billiard Room | 9:30a | Tai Chi for Better Balance – Aud |
| 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Room | 10:00a | Needle Craft – Blue Room |
| 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 12:00p | Uke-De-Do's (Beginners) – Craft Room |
| 10:15a | Easy Bridge – Blue Room | 12:30p | Canasta – Blue Room |
| 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | 1:00p | Uke-De-Do's (Intermediate & Advanced) – Craft Room |
| 12:00p | Men's & Women's Golf Club Mixed Tournament Luncheon – Aud/DH/Kit/Aud Foyer/DH Foyer | 1:30p | Board Meeting – DH |
| 1:00p | Mixed Bridge Swiss Pairs – Blue Room | 2:30p | Exec Session – Conf Room |
| 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | 2:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool |
| 3:00p | Sundowners – Gazebo | 5:00p | Poker – Card Room |
| 5:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 6:00p | Beginning Line Dancing – Aud |
| 6:30p | Son Shiners Bible Study Club – Blue Rm | 7:00p | Intermediate Line Dancing – Aud |

| Wednesday, May 29 | | Thursday, May 30 | | Friday, May 31 | | Saturday, June 1 | |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH |
| 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 8:30a | Estates Quilters – Craft Room | 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 10:00a | Craft Fair Meeting – Blue Room |
| 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 9:00a | Bicycle Club – By the Flag Pole | 9:00a | Estates Bible Study – Craft Room | 2:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool |
| 9:00a | Woodburn Estates Wood Carving – Craft Room | 9:30a | Coffee Hour – Aud/DH/Kit | 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 4:00p | Hand & Foot Cards – Blue Room |
| 9:00a | History Wall Committee – Conf Room | 1:00p | Woodburn Estates Community Chorus – Country Meadows Activity Room | 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Room | | |
| 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 4:30p | Rules Committee – Conf Room | 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | | |
| 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Rm | 5:00p | Poker – Card Room | 11:00a | Tai Chi for Better Balance – Aud | | |
| 10:00a | Metaphysical Book Club – Blue Room | 5:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 12:30p | Bunco – Craft Room | | |
| 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | 6:00p | Pinochle – Blue Room | 1:00p | Friday Bridge – Blue Room | | |
| 12:00p | Ladies Pool – Billiard Room | 6:00p | Advanced Line Dance – Aud | 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | | |
| 12:00p | Friends of Bill W. – Craft Room | | | 3:00p | Friday Funnies Golf – Golf Lounge | | |
| 12:30p | 5 Handed Pinochle – Blue Room | | | 5:00p | Wrinkle City Players – Aud | | |
| 1:00p | Library – Travel Office | | | 5:30p | Friday Funnies Potluck – Gazebo | | |
| 1:00p | Mixed Bridge – Card Room | | | | | | |
| 1:30p | Wii Bowling – DH | | | | | | |
| 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | | | | | | |
| 5:00p | Wrinkle City Players – Aud | | | | | | |
| 6:00p | Pinochle – Blue Room | | | | | | |
| 6:00p | Bingo – DH | | | | | | |

| Monday, June 3 | | Tuesday, June 4 | | Wednesday, June 5 | | Thursday, June 6 | |
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| 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | All Day | <i>News & Views</i> Copy Deadline |
| 8:30a | Estates Quilters – Craft Room | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool |
| 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 9:00a | Bicycle Club – By the Flag Pole | 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 8:30a | Estates Quilters – Craft Room |
| 9:00a | Ladies Pool – Billiard Room | 9:30a | Tai Chi for Better Balance – Aud | 9:00a | Woodburn Estates Wood Carving – Craft Room | 9:00a | Bicycle Club – By the Flag Pole |
| 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Room | 10:00a | Needle Craft – Blue Room | 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Rm | 9:30a | Coffee Hour – Aud/DH/Kit |
| 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 12:00p | Uke-De-Do's (Beginners) – Craft Room | 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 1:00p | Mixed Bridge Swiss Pairs – Blue Room |
| 10:00a | St. Monica's Circle – DH/Kitchen | 12:30p | Canasta – Blue Room | 10:00a | Men's Golf Club Monthly Mtng – DH | 1:00p | Woodburn Estates Community Chorus – Country Meadows Activity Room |
| 10:15a | Easy Bridge – Blue Room | 12:30p | Woodburn Garden Club – Blue Room | 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | 4:30p | Rules Committee – Conf Room |
| 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | 1:00p | Uke-De-Do's (Intermediate & Advanced) – Craft Room | 11:30a | The Alice Lunch Group – Country Cottage Restaurant | 5:00p | Poker – Card Room |
| 1:00p | Mixed Bridge Swiss Pairs – Blue Room | 2:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 12:00p | Ladies Pool – Billiard Room | 5:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool |
| 1:00p | Music Makers – Aud/Kit | 5:00p | Poker – Card Room | 12:00p | Friends of Bill W. – Craft Room | 6:00p | Pinochle – Blue Room |
| 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | 6:00p | Card Making Class – Craft Room | 12:30p | 5 Handed Pinochle – Blue Room | 6:00p | Advanced Line Dance – Aud |
| 3:00p | Sundowners – Gazebo | 6:00p | Beginning Line Dancing – Aud | 1:00p | Library – Travel Office | | |
| 3:00p | Bucket List Travel Club – Conf Room | 7:00p | Intermediate Line Dancing – Aud | 1:00p | Writing Group – Conf Room | | |
| 5:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | | | 1:30p | Wii Bowling – DH | | |
| 6:30p | Son Shiner's Bible Study Club – Blue Room | | | 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | | |
| 7:00p | Golden Squares Square Dancing – Aud/Kit | | | 5:00p | Wrinkle City Players – Aud | | |
| | | | | 6:00p | Pinochle – Blue Room | | |
| | | | | 6:00p | Bingo – DH | | |

| Friday, June 7 | | Saturday, June 8 | | Monday, June 10 | | Tuesday, June 11 | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 7:00a | Women's Golf Club Rose-A-Rama Golf Tournament – Aud/Kit | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool |
| 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 8:30a | Estates Quilters – Craft Room | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH |
| 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 2:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 9:00a | Bicycle Club – By the Flag Pole |
| 9:00a | Estates Bible Study – Craft Room | 4:00p | Hand & Foot Cards – Blue Room | 9:00a | Ladies Pool – Billiard Room | 9:30a | Tai Chi for Better Balance – Aud |
| 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Rm | | | 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Room | 10:00a | Needle Craft – Blue Room |
| 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | | | 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 12:00p | Uke-De-Do's (Beginners) – Craft Room |
| 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | | | 10:15a | Easy Bridge – Blue Room | 12:30p | Canasta – Blue Room |
| 10:30a | Yoga Social – Blue Room | | | 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | 1:00p | Uke-De-Do's (Intermediate & Advanced) – Craft Room |
| 11:00a | Tai Chi for Better Balance – Aud | | | 1:00p | Mixed Bridge Swiss Pairs – Blue Room | 2:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool |
| 12:30p | Bunco – Craft Room | | | 2:00p | Green's Committee Mtng – Conf Room | 5:00p | Poker – Card Room |
| 1:00p | Friday Bridge – Blue Room | | | 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | 6:00p | Beginning Line Dancing – Aud |
| 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | | | 3:00p | Sundowners – Gazebo | 7:00p | Intermediate Line Dancing – Aud |
| 3:00p | Friday Funnies Golf – Golf Lounge | | | 5:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | | |
| 5:30p | Friday Funnies Potluck – Gazebo | | | 6:30p | Son Shiner's Bible Study Club – Blue Room | | |
| 6:00p | Women's Golf Club Rose-A-Rama Golf Tournament – Aud/Kit | | | | | | |

| Wednesday, June 12 | | Thursday, June 13 | | Friday, June 14 | |
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| 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool | All Day | <i>News & Views</i> Publication |
| 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH | 8:30a | Estates Quilters – Craft Room | 8:00a | Water Exercise – Swimming Pool |
| 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud | 9:00a | Bicycle Club – By the Flag Pole | 8:30a | Ping Pong – DH |
| 9:00a | Woodburn Estates Wood Carving – Craft Room | 9:30a | Coffee Hour – Aud/DH/Kit | 8:30a | Walking Club – Aud |
| 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Rm | 11:00a | Activities Meeting – Conf Room | 9:00a | Estates Bible Study – Craft Room |
| 9:30a | Yoga – Aud | 1:00p | Woodburn Estates Community Chorus – Country Meadows Activity Room | 9:30a | Ladies Chat & Laugh Group – Blue Room |
| 10:15a | Zumba – Aud | 1:30p | Neighborhood Bunco Group – Blue Room | 9:30a | Yoga – Aud |
| 10:30a | Crafts for Fun – Blue Room | 1:30p | Genealogy Club – Conf Room | 10:00a | Walking Club Bunco – Blue Room |
| 12:00p | Ladies Pool – Billiard Room | 4:30p | Rules Committee – Conf Room | 10:15a | Zumba – Aud |
| 12:00p | Friends of Bill W. – Craft Room | 5:00p | Poker – Card Room | 11:00a | Tai Chi for Better Balance – Aud |
| 12:30p | 5 Handed Pinochle – Blue Room | 5:45p | Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 12:30p | Bunco – Craft Room |
| 1:00p | Library – Travel Office | 6:00p | Pinochle – Blue Room | 1:00p | Friday Bridge – Blue Room |
| 1:00p | Car Show Planning Mtng – Conf Room | 6:00p | Advanced Line Dance – Aud | 1:00p | House Committee – Conf Room |
| 1:30p | Wii Bowling – DH | | | 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool |
| 2:00p | Aftn Pool Aerobics – Swimming Pool | | | 3:00p | Friday Funnies Golf – Golf Lounge |
| 2:00p | Communications/Publications Meeting – N&V Room | | | 5:30p | Friday Funnies Potluck – Gazebo |
| 6:00p | Pinochle – Blue Room | | | | |
| 6:00p | Bingo – DH | | | | |

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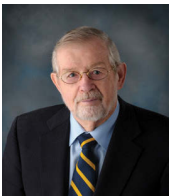
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