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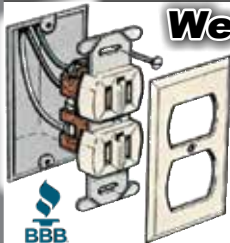
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### NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please take notice that the Briar Creek 1 Board of Directors will hold a workshop on Wednesday, December 16th at 10:00am at the Clubhouse. Attendance is voluntary if you feel comfortable doing so. All Centre for Disease Control and Pinellas County protocols and guidelines must be followed by everyone.

### Director, Lawn Maintenance/Trees/Landscaping

Roy O'Neill

Hoping this note finds everyone healthy, happy and preparing for the Christmas season. Ho, Ho, Ho. We are doing the same this year with our family here in Ontario, Canada.



We are not returning to Florida this winter as our borders are closed to non-essential travel and we do not know at this time when they will open again. As long as COVID numbers keep on spiking in Canada and the United States, I'm sure the borders will remain closed, maybe even until the Spring. I am told that going to Florida to escape the freezing cold and snow is non-essential but as far as I'm concerned, it's essential (Brrrrr) LOL. Since we are unable to be at our home in Briar Creek this winter, I am not going to accept a

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second term on the Board of Directors with the responsibility for Lawn Maintenance, Trees and Landscaping. I don't think it's fair to the residents of BCI to have a director stuck in Canada for the winter because of COVID-19 and the border being closed. I believe that if you have an issue during the winter months with lawn maintenance or landscaping, there should be a director in the park that you can talk to in person. The same director should also be there on site to keep an eye on the park to ensure that it is being kept looking great. This will probably be my last message to you in the Bugle to provide you with the lawn care schedule.

It was a pleasure working for everyone in BCI and the Board of Directors. Take care, be safe over the winter and we will see you next winter, God willing.

Your lawn mowing schedule for December 2020 will be as follows, weather permitting:

- Tuesday, December 8
- Tuesday, December 22

## **DECEMBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*Betty Chatigny*

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**P**lease check out your name(s) on the following birthday/anniversary lists. If there are any corrections, changes or additions needed, please email to [bettychatigny@hotmail.com](mailto:bettychatigny@hotmail.com).

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### **ANNIVERSARIES**

December 5	Martin Shapiro & Vivian Rodriguez	2015
December 13	David & Connie Holmes	2014
December 14	Andy & Sharon Philyaw	
December 24	Leonard & Aleece Montoya	1988
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December 30	John & Joyce Kroening	



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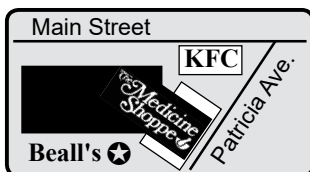
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December 4 Jim Muir  
December 5 Dennis Day  
December 5 Dave Hunkins  
December 5 Lloyd Johnson  
December 6 Toni Beaton  
December 7 Judy Faught  
December 7 Barbara Lee  
December 8 John Garill  
December 9 Gladys McClanahan  
December 10 Thomas Kalbfleisch  
December 10 Roy Martin  
December 13 Ken Cichy  
December 14 Mary Kay Brown  
December 14 Kathleen Cory  
December 14 Susan Reaver  
December 15 Ruben Encalado  
December 15 Karen French  
December 15 Jeanne Glasheen  
December 15 Tim Glasheen  
December 15 Karen Roberts



December 15 Katherine Scanniello  
December 16 Gloria Merrill  
December 16 Mary Miller  
December 17 Jean-Paul Dion  
December 19 Phil Fiacable  
December 20 Don Beaton  
December 20 Bill Bloom  
December 20 Barbara Thomas  
December 23 Carol Keller-Michaelis  
December 24 Ralph Vitiello  
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December 27 Betty Chatigny  
December 27 Bridget Porter  
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*Betty Chatigny*



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If you have any questions about how the system works or any other concerns, please give me a call at 727-216-3871. We look forward to adding your name to our ever-growing list of those residents who are "in the know."

## BC MART

*Dave Doran and Ray Jablonski*



It's a great time to come and poke around. There's lots of nice stuff for holiday gifts including some great furniture! Keep watching for a December garage sale similar to the one we had in October and November, however this one will be on December 21st for last minute offerings and goodies. Remember that all the dollars generated go into the Social Club. Come support it with family and friends. Who knows, we may even have some "freebies"!



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We also have a lot planned for you in 2021 including good tips, advice and information. All your feedback on what we have shared with you in the past, as well as what we will share with you in the future, is greatly appreciated. Most of all, have a very Merry Christmas.

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone in Phase I and Phase II. This has been a tough year and we are trying hard to work together as a community, do more activities together and communicate better. When someone asks you where you live, you answer “Briar Creek”. You don’t say “Briar Creek Phase I” or Briar Creek Phase II”, right? We are not guests in each other’s community either, we are one community that has wonderful people who can work together and support each other to improve the whole community. It adds richness for all of us in many ways!

## DIAL DIRECTORY

*Helen Coar*

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**I**f you are just returning to Briar Creek and have not received the 2020-2021 Directory give me a call at 727-726-3923.



## PLEASE NOTE

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1. All Social Club **activities** now taking place in the Clubhouse are subject to the rules and guidelines as posted on the cork board inside the Clubhouse. PLEASE be sure to read them. If you choose to participate in any of the activities which are listed in this month’s Bugle Calendar, be aware that these are the MINIMUM guidelines for participation.
2. All Social Club **activities** now taking place in the Clubhouse are still restricted to Phase I residents only.
3. **Looking for new activity leaders** - We now have several people retiring after many years of leading activities at the Clubhouse for our residents. If you would like to co-

ordinate an activity, whether it's a pre-existing or new activity, and have fun while doing so, please contact the retiring leader or an officer of the Social Club. These people and their phone numbers are listed on the front and/or back inside cover of the Bugle. We are currently seeking leaders for BINGO, EUCHRE, CRAFTS and BRIDGE so that when the time is right, these activities can be restarted and included in our weekly schedule/calendar. Don't be shy, step up to volunteer so that our many activities can resume as soon as protocols and/or the virus situation permits.

## MEN'S POKER TABLE

*Gene Arend*

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**T**akes place every Thursday from 5:30 to 7 pm. Please note that while Covid-19 continues to hang around, the maximum number of players is limited to eight (8).



## BINGO

*Pat Dion*

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**F**or many, many years now, Jean Richter efficiently organized Bingo games for large crowds of residents from Phase I as well as some from Phase II.

It's a very popular activity in our community. Those who attended had a lot of fun every week. Jean, and husband Jerry who always helped out, were there to ensure everything ran smoothly. Jean has now retired from this position and is looking for a volunteer, or a group of volunteers, to take over leading this activity. She will train you to ensure a smooth transition so the activity can resume as soon as safe protocols/guidelines are established and the Covid situation permits.



On behalf of the whole Briar Creek family, I thank you Jean and Jerry for providing an opportunity for us all to have weekly fun and take part in some pretty yummy treats during break time. You will certainly be missed.

## EUCHRE

*Phil Houpt*

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**E**uchre will be suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus. Anyone interested in running Euchre in the future please contact me at 727-754-2881.



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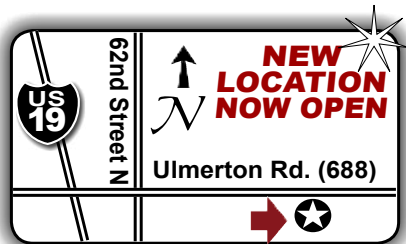
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# TRAVEL CLUB

Gene Arend

Judy Young, our Travel Co[ordinator for so many years and for so many memorable trips, has unfortunately passed away. A new team has been formed to carry on her many years of dedication to our Briar Creek travelers. Although current travel is facing some new challenges, a team from Briar Creek has stepped forward to try and fill the void left by Judy.

Rather than one person bearing the burden of planning all travel, we have formed a team. The team consists of Carol Keller-Michaelis, Donna Hartin, Jo Ann Barr, Gene Arend and Toni Beaton. We have met on a few occasions and held a meeting with some of our Briar Creek members. We have collected many ideas for future travel and have even planned a few events, Our Travel Club, sponsored by Briar Creek Social Club 1 Community 1, Inc., is open to all residents of Briar Creek and their family and friends. If you wish to have your name added to our e-mail notifications, please send your name/s to [www.upcsportshub.com](http://www.upcsportshub.com). You will then periodically receive information on travel plans.

On December 9th and again on January 23rd , we have planned a day at the beach from 11am to –4pm at the Fred Howard Park. Then optional dinner at Frenchie’s at the end of the day. While a sign up is not required, we do encourage it since we will carpool to the beach. When you arrive at the beach, look for the “Fun in the Sun” banner shown on the Poster on our web page.

On February 28th , we have planned the Early Bird Dinner Theatre at 49th Street and Ulmerton Road. Dinner is at 4pm and the show to follow is “Over the River and Thru the Woods”.

We are also looking to do a day trip to EPCOT Center one day during the week of April 11th, a morning at Sunken Gardens with lunch afterwards in late April or early May. We are also planning a cruise in the 1st quarter of 2022 details of which will follow later. There are other ideas and plans you can read about by visiting [www.upcsportshub.com](http://www.upcsportshub.com) and click on “Travel Club”. As you can see, we have planned outdoor events or events at a facility that is providing excellent social distancing and other measures for our first few events. For more information see our webpage and contact us so we can add you to our emailing list. If you don’t have access to email, we’ll figure something out. Email is just the quickest and simplest way for us to communicate and send information.



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN BRIAR CREEK THESE DAYS

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Mary Kay Brown – 44

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Linda Fitton – 25, 43

Chuck Van Dette – 25

### October 28th

Bob Barr – 34

Ray Jablonski – 25

Pete Fedelem – 67, 28

Linda Fitton – 28,29,52

Sal Centamore – 28,26



### November 6th

Mary Kay Brown – 58

Dave Doran – 50

Bob Barr – 31

Tom Lacey – 89

Joe Simpson – 43

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### October 21st

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### November 6th

Mary Kay Brown - 199

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## BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB Phase I & Phase II

Jane McKenzie

**A**re you interested in joining a book club? Do you enjoy reading a variety of genres and have fun discussing books with friends? We presently have openings. The next meeting is December 8 and the book we will discuss is *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Meeting place TBD.

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# Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – December 2020

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)  
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## Board of Directors:

### Ron Prevost – President

I would like to thank all of our residents who came out on numerous days to get the edging done on the sides of our roadways.

It made our end result a much better appearing project. In all it took over 125 man/woman hours to accomplish this feat.

A thank you also to all of our residents who worked to clean your own road fronts. Your co-operation during the road sealing process is much appreciated.

A big thank you to Vice President Tom Feeley for working so faithfully to print and deliver all the notices to keep you informed where the sealing crew would be. It involves everyone and can be problematic at times but is necessary to maintain our community to the standards we strive for.



The annual meeting notices have been delivered as well as your proxies and ballots. I urge each and every home to get your proxies in so we have a quorum to open the meeting.

Covid 19 is running rampant in Florida.

Your board is carefully monitoring the Pinellas County Covid 19 restrictions and following them to keep our residents healthy. The pool, exercise room, and library remain open for residents only with guidelines for your use. Please enjoy them but mask up and social distance when required.

Welcome back to the snowbirds returning home. I wish all of you a happy holiday season.

### Jean Schmidt - Condo Secretary/Alterations/Director

All Phase II owners/residents.....please remember you **must be approved** for outside alterations **before** engaging a contractor or purchasing products. Please submit your request forms **well before** work is intended to avoid aggravation. It can take up to a week to receive approval. Requests are visited to clarify job intended. Then I have to find 4 Board Members home to sign approval. Next is an approval letter that you sign agreeing not to deviate from original request. Upon **completion** of this cycle, work should begin.

I hope to see a slate with multiple choices for election to the Board. New and experienced candidates are needed to continue Briar Creek II's successful, clean, well maintained, & pleasant atmosphere.

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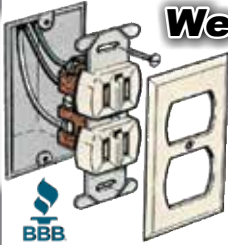
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I have met many new neighbors, learned about my community, and filled some of my free time with volunteer chores for our community. I enjoy working with the team of Board Members, even if I disagree with some decisions made. A quorum of members make the decisions, not any one individual.

The “Briar Creek II Document Review Committee” will continue working on updating and making proposals for amendments to our restrictions as well as outdated bylaws. Our next meeting will be announced shortly. We have a great informed and energetic group!

### **Joan Davis – Director – Treasurer**

**Annual meeting will be Dec. 7th @ 7:00 PM. The coronavirus has changed so many ways of doing things today. I urge everyone to Please Vote EARLY and follow the directions. Your Proxy and Ballot must be in separate envelopes. You can mail them to Progressive Management or deposit them in our Condo Office. They will be carried to Progressive weekly. Your Proxy gives us the quorum needed to proceed with our meeting as well as proceeding in 2021. Please feel free to call me with any questions you might have.**

### **Clark Woodard – Director**

I would like to thank everyone that helped with different projects during my tenure as a board member over the past 4 years. You know who you are, there are too many of you to mention every name. It makes the job so much easier to have the support of many hands. I am not running for re-election and look forward to getting involved with other activities. In the future, I will be glad to help and support the new board members.

## **REMINDERS**

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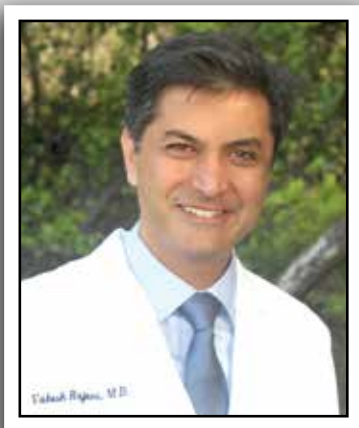
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# President Elect – Social Club

Michael Schmidt



**A**s President elect, soon to be President, I hope all is doing well. With this difficult time I am not sure if 2021 will get us any closer to normality.

Saturday the 19th of December is our regular social club board meeting to get our slate of officers for the year 2021. Anyone interested in holding a position on the social club board see our president Lois. I am hoping to have all my committees assigned by the first of the year.

There was no request for the spending of monies so far this month.

## Bocce Games

**R**on and Russ have returned from the north and are ready to help "get the ball rolling" once again on the old Bocce court.

For now, we would like to pick up where we left off, having our regular game day on Fridays - starting 11/12 at 10am.



No experience is necessary to play. Instructions provided at no additional cost. You are also welcome to just come and watch if you want to observe the game in play. Cheerleaders are always welcomed too!

Also, remember that if you have a group that wants to play, you can come any time you like...you are not restricted to the Friday morning time.

If you happen to be new to Briar Creek, our court is just north of the shuffleboard courts and parking lot of the Phase II Clubhouse.

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Ciao for now,

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We also ask that there be no more than 2 people in the library at a time to ensure appropriate social distancing and face masks are required.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

Linda at [lme@iquest.net](mailto:lme@iquest.net) and Ellen at [ellenreports@yahoo.com](mailto:ellenreports@yahoo.com)

**L**ast month, Ellen wrote the story of Beverly Alho who has lived in Briar Creek since 1977. To me it is fascinating to listen to our neighbors' stories and learn about their experiences here.

This month, I talked with Joan Davis in Phase 2. Joan and her husband moved to Briar Creek in 1983, 37 years ago. When they first arrived in Briar Creek they commented to each other that with the trees, the crooked roads, the hills, and wildlife, it was as close to being in upstate New York you could get here in Florida. They liked that BC was not a rubber stamped community. Joan had left her busy and responsible professional position as an Assistant Administrator for 240 residents and 320 employees to retire here. She told her husband if she was bored in 6 months she would go back to work. Needless to say, she did not.

One of the best features about Briar Creek is that residents are safe here. She can recall less than 5 incidents that involved law enforcement. One was her golf cart stolen and then later she was able to retrieve it with the help of a neighbor in Phase 1., Another incident was a pot being thrown into a window of a vacant house. Another best characteristic of neighbors in Briar Creek is neighbors' concern for their neighbors. When her husband was hospitalized often, cards from their Briar Creek neighbors filled the wall in his room. The support she felt for her and her husband was priceless. She feels that living in Florida gives people an extra 10 years of living.

Joan was on the Board of Directors from 1987-1988 and now since 2007, as the Treasurer. She is committed to having reserve funds so that we are not assessed every year which is typical

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of other condominiums. She is adamant about having a budget and sticking to it, pleased that this is a board with working members, and that there are neighbors that are willing to help without a board position.

Joan is grateful for Progressive Management. The Progressive Management staff has always been helpful and responsive. Briar Creek is fortunate to be a partner with them.

The biggest change Joan has seen in Briar Creek is that it is no longer a predominate retirement community and that neighbors are not as community oriented as in the past. Her request is that more neighbors pitch in and do what needs to be done. Sounds like an invitation to anyone who has a slight interest in making a contribution to do so.

Thank you Joan for sharing your observations and thoughts about living in Briar Creek with us.

Make it a great day in the neighborhood!

## **Bereavement**

*Barbara Bergling*

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Barbara Bergling

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## **Entertainment**

*Carol Rodrigues*

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**T**he entertainment committee has cancelled all events for this coming winter. The committee is looking for things we can do within the bounds of the social distancing rules however with the current increase in cases we want everyone to stay safe. Watch your newsletter and the BCII phone tree for more updated details

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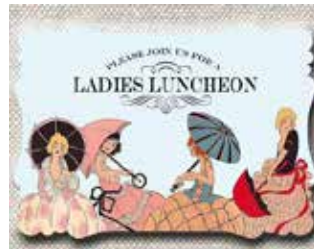
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## Ladies' Luncheon

Carol Smitley



The December 9th Luncheon is scheduled to be held at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater. We went there last year and everyone enjoyed it so much that we reserved it for this year for our Christmas luncheon. Phase II as well as Phase I ladies and guests are always welcomed. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway, Phase II. Reservations will be turned in the Monday before the luncheon. If for some reason you signed up but you can't make it please give ME a call. Remember, it is at 1:00.

## Crafts, Knitting, Crocheting

Darlene Beyer



If you are knitters crocheters and have yarn, you can get started on making scarves and hats for the children at the Sheriff's Ranch or the cancer patients while you're sitting in your homes during this quarantine time. This will help you fill your time and feel productive while doing something for others in need.

## Mingle

Sandy and Billie

Watch for any info on the phone tree or in the next Media.

## Food Pantry

Joan Davis

December 17th will be our next collection. This is a THURSDAY. Time is the same 9-11AM. Our truck will be in front of the clubhouse (Rain will put us in the garage). This is a Thanksgiving collection. Our world is upside down with the Coronavirus but you all have supported us thru out the summer. Your donations are Greatly Appreciated. We thank you all. See you on THURSDAY the 19th.



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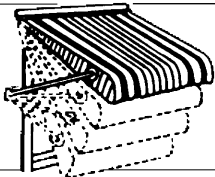
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# Bowling

Arnold Williams

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<u>10/20/20</u>	Pins Over	Score	<u>11/10/20</u>	Pins Over	Score
Gene Arend	27	194	Patty Fontaine	28 & 29	136 & 137
<u>10/27/20</u>			Ray Jablonski	35 & 39	177 & 181
Ray Jablonski	54	181	Bob Barr	26	207
Chuck VanDette	61	209	Sharon Cann	32	149
<u>11/3/20</u>			Chuck VanDette	34	192
Barb Jefferson	48	168	Alice Williams	36	153
Joan Davis	26	155	Arnold Williams	28	179
Bev Wilson	29	162			
Jim Foster	54	188			
Tom Lacoy	43	190			
Skip Taylor	36	156			



# Humane Society & The Haven

Barbara Bergling

Briar Creek residents are the most generous people I have ever met. Thank you all for your donations to the humane society and to the Haven. During this time few people are traveling, but you are still going to the dentist. If you don't use the toothbrush, floss or toothpaste, consider donating them to the Haven. The Humane Society can always use old bath towels, blankets and decorative pillows that you no longer want. As always, you can drop any contributions off inside my screen room. 93 Briarwood Pl.

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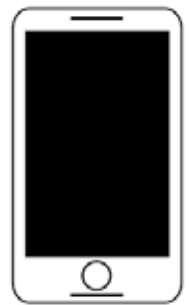
Marsha Bowlby

If you're not on the phone tree, and you have an e-mail address, maybe you should think about getting on. All you must do is e-mail me at [BC2phonetree@gmail.com](mailto:BC2phonetree@gmail.com) with your name, e-mail address, your street address and phone number. A response will be sent saying you have joined. I use Google Groups; your e-mail does not show in the group. I'm the only one who has your email address and I do not share it. I have around 160 households on the phone tree currently.

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Marge Grohskopf



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**A**s I write this, I can hear the crows making a racket outside in the trees. At this time of year, the camphor trees produce those small dark-blue to black berries, and the crows love them. We have two kinds of crows down here. Most people are familiar with the American crow because it's widespread. The fish crow is mostly southeastern, and likes to live near wetlands. The two look pretty much the same, but you can tell them apart by their calls. American crows make the familiar CAW! CAW! sounds. Fish crows have a kind of hiccup: WAH-AH! WAH-AH! Both of them like camphor berries, and they also break off twigs, making quite a mess. Of course, this doesn't last for long.

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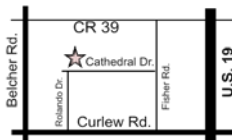
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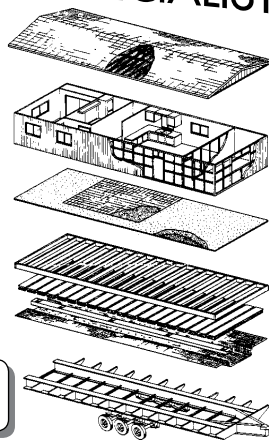
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Jody Larson  
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*Kathy Cobb*



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## Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

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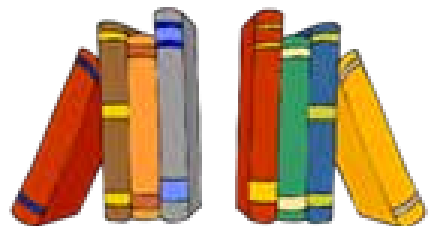
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# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

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12/04	Brian Bailey
12/05	Russ Lipari
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12/07	Gloria Boettger
12/09	Arnold Grohskopf
12/10	Jo Cicale
12/11	Ken Kellerman
12/15	Jackie Labounty
12/15	Donna Stockmaster
12/16	Ava Ulrey
12/16	Gerald Mudge
12/21	Wayne Clark
12/26	Richard Whipple
12/26	Henry Kalinoski
12/27	Ed Hoage
12/28	Larry Van Wormer
12/29	Tom Feeley
12/29	Russ Jordan
12/30	Bonnie Briggs
12/31	Richard Milewski
12/31	Betty Rizzo



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