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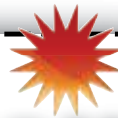
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HAPPY AUGUST!!!

As the summer heat continues, please keep yourself hydrated - drink lots of water and try to avoid the direct sun. Make sure you sit in the shade and put on sunscreen! Don't forget to have fun in the pool!

HOME SELLING PROCESS

This year has been crazy - busy with homes selling throughout our community. Just to update everyone on our policy:

1. Prospective buyers **MUST** be approved to live in our community. Before you take money or have them sign a contract, please ensure that they are approved through our office. You may come by to pick up an application to have ready for any prospective buyers. This will speed up the process. If they are serious, they will have the app back to us ASAP. Once we receive the application and all pertinent documents and app fee, it will take about 1-2 business days to get an answer. Occasionally, it may take longer as we may have to put in a request for an override into our corp. office in order to approve someone. This could take up to a week.
2. Once approved, we will contact the buyer and they will, in turn, contact you to proceed with your transaction.

HURRICANE SEASON

We are coming into peak season. Stop by the office or clubhouse to pick up a hurricane packet. It includes emergency contact phone numbers, shelter info, evacuation info, senior assistance & pet registration forms, and before, during & after the storm check-lists. Be prepared this season!

Have a happy and safe Summer!!!



Are You Ready???

Are YOU ready? The planning is underway for a fantastic 2017-2018 fall and winter season. As of now we have planned the following events. In October we will move the second potluck to Friday nite and serve appetizer type foods. Darrell - the Dune Doctor is scheduled to play from 6 - 9 p.m. This is an Octoberfest/Halloween party so costumes are definitely in order. The food will have a German origin. So put this on your calendar NOW. Plan your costume, call your friends, it's a kickoff to party season! Also in October is the potential for a craft fair on the first Saturday. This is limited to hand crafted items only, no buy/sell type products.

In November more details will be presented about new and revisited ideas for December. On December 10th is the traditional welcome back, hello year round resident's party. Entertainment has been booked for this event. Instead of a 50/50 raffle we will be raffling off gift baskets. There will be a wreath decorating contest. Wreaths will be provided. The wreaths and more information will be provided at the first coffee. All wreaths must be turned in by November 30th, so they can be available for Christmas decorating day, which is traditionally the first Saturday in December. At this time we are considering a white elephant gift exchange for the Christmas dinner.

If it is well received we are hoping to continue "Dinner & a Movie" once a month. This would be a potluck dinner evening.

Of course, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners are scheduled.

Entertainment has been set for the 3 main holidays, New Years Eve, Valentines Day and St. Patrick's Day. Also under consideration at this time is a variety show using the talents of our residents. This would be around the end of January. We will really need people to volunteer for this, so if you are a musician, joke or story teller, actor, dancer or what ever your talent is (including magic tricks or juggling) please consider sharing your talent with everyone. We promise not to bite, but the hook ... well we'll just see what happens. We are also considering a 50's dance with a DJ. This would probably happen around the end of February. The yard sale is in January.

The membership drive will be in January. The cost is only \$5.00 per resident to join.

As will any organization, club, or group - volunteers are always needed and welcomed. You may remember from your youth the expression - "many hands make light work." Working with a group of people is a great way to meet new friends, or catch up with old ones. So even if you just want to give some ideas, or can only help with one event, please consider helping us. All the above being said the last thing to mention is ...

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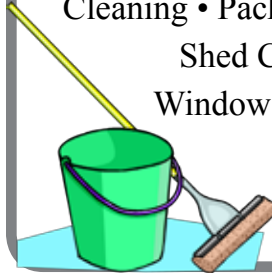
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Dog Days of Summer

The dog days are here, and they've been here for a while. This is what is planned for the month of August.

Starting on the 5th will be coffee hour at 9:00 a.m. Come join your neighbors for some conversation and to learn what future events are being planned. Bring your cup and \$2.00 for coffee and donut.

A reminder that game night is still in progress. Two of the favorites are LCR and FARKLE. Believe me when I say - you don't want to farkle!

Potlucks will be on the 10th and 24th. August birthdays will be celebrated on the 13th with a birthday cake.

On Friday the 18th we will have a PIZZA PARTY, for absolutely no reason at all, EXCEPT to get together with friends. Tickets will be available for this beginning in August. Perhaps there will be shuffleboard, corn hole or croquet afterwards, weather and interest permitting.

Planning is underway for our Veterans Day Tribute on November 11th. If you are a Vet please let Pat at 1009 or Elaine (503) know. We sincerely want your input as the type of event you would attend, AND we may have some questions to ask. This is the first party of this type and if we are honoring Vets, then we want to have their input. Thank you in advance for any suggestions you may have.

August Sudoku

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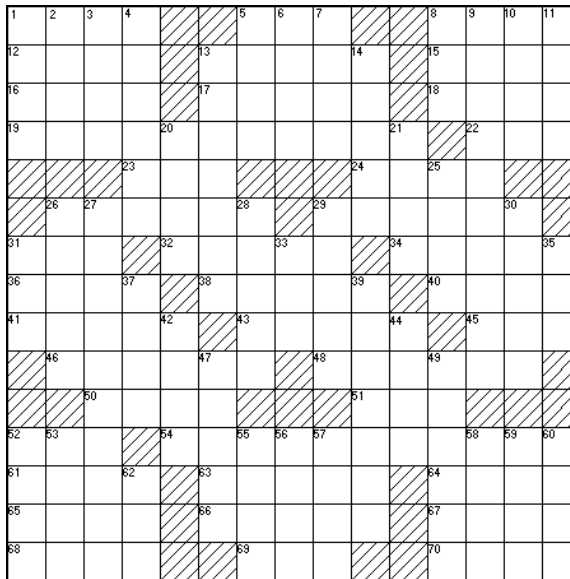


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AUGUST CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Trees of the genus *Ulmus*
5. Exclamation of surprise
8. Loose sleeveless cloaks
12. Italian greeting
13. Piloted a vehicle
15. Italian city
16. Protagonist
17. Made easier to bear
18. Operatic solo
19. Was larger in number
22. A tribe of Israel
23. Before
24. Female horse
26. A river in the Middle East
29. African desert
31. Gentle toss
32. Labor organization
34. Break open
36. Passport
38. Discarded
40. An indefinite period
41. A valley in France
43. Inheritors
45. Born
46. Increase threefold
48. Drunk (slang)
50. Deviate
51. Seven in Roman numerals
52. A leguminous plant
54. Involving carbon compounds
61. A river in central Europe
63. A poem by Homer
64. Cover with asphalt
65. Possessing the necessary skills
66. Mooch
67. Wicked
68. East Asian unit of weight
69. A potent estrogen
70. Banister



DOWN

1. Reflected sound
2. Place
3. Marketplace
4. Not later
5. A Semitic people
6. Flexible tube
7. Assert
8. Macaws
9. Marginal
10. Genus of the dogfish
11. Actor ____ Connery
13. Degrades
14. Swelling under the skin
20. A language of Pakistan and India
21. Anagram of "Dash"
25. Wholly absorbed
26. Floor beam
27. Evident
28. Alcove
29. Escargot
30. Directed
31. Fifty-six in Roman numerals
33. Mineral bearing rock
35. T
37. Region
39. Furnish
42. A river in Spain
44. Ketch
47. Words of a song
49. A baby's undies
52. Partially decayed vegetable matter
53. A Tuscan island
55. Pleased
56. Assistant
57. Bother persistently
58. Magma
59. Fifty-seven in Roman numerals
60. Shout
62. Snake-like fish





Columbus' anchor salvaged from the depths

A team of explorers believe they've discovered an anchor from one of Christopher Columbus' ships in the Caribbean. According to a story on the Fox News website, an analysis of the anchor shows that it dates from somewhere between 1492 and 1550. It weighed 1,200-1,500 pounds and probably belonged to a 300-ton vessel, typical of Columbus' time.

The anchor is believed to come from a fleet of smaller ships called caravels, which included the Pinta. Captained by Vicente Pinzon on one of the "minor voyages" of Columbus' third expedition to the New World, the ship sank in a hurricane near the Turks and Caicos islands in 1500.



In addition to the anchor, the team brought up other artifacts at the shipwreck site, including grappling hooks used for salvaging cargo from shipwrecks, as well as pieces of pottery and an olive jar painted with indigo.

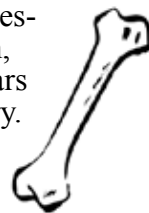
Scientists create negative mass in the laboratory

Negative mass might sound like something out of science fiction, but physicists have created it in a laboratory. The BBC News website reports that scientists at Washington State University have created a particle composed of negative mass by using lasers to trap atoms of rubidium and then cooling them down to just above absolute zero. This caused the atoms to behave as a superfluid liquid, flowing without losing any energy.

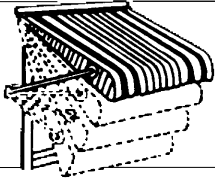
Paradoxically, if you push something with negative mass, it accelerates in your direction, following behavior predicted by quantum mechanics. Scientists expect the technique to help them solve questions about black holes, neutron stars, and dark energy in the cosmos.

Ancient bone raises modern questions

An artifact unearthed in Crimea may shed new light on our Neanderthal ancestors, according to the Sci-News website. It's a bone fragment from a raven, and it's approximately 38,000 years old. A mere 18 mm long, the bone bears a series of notches that are too evenly spaced to be the result of everyday butchery. Archaeologists believe that two notches on the raven bone could have been made intentionally by Neanderthals to create a pattern meant to be consistent or symbolic. The bone may have worn as a personal ornament, some speculate.



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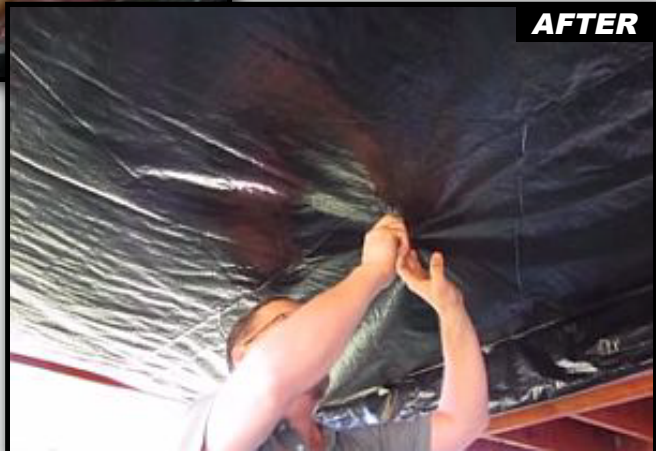
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According to the Chicago Tribune website, during the first nine months of 2016 e-book sales dropped by 18.7 percent compared with the same period a year earlier. On the other hand, hardcovers, paperbacks, and audiobooks did not suffer a similar decline. In the same time frame, e-books’ share of the total market fell to 17.6 percent from 21.7 percent. In addition, sales of hardcover books in 2016 outpaced e-books for the first time in five years.



Don’t panic—books don’t look like they’re being replaced any time soon.

More Americans taking advantage of technology

The digital revolution continues gaining ground, according to the Pew Research Center. Seventy-seven percent of Americans own a smartphone, a figure that’s almost doubled since Pew began tracking smartphone ownership in 2011.



Similarly, broadband access is on an upswing, with home broadband service rising 6 percent in 2016 (after a slight decline from 2013 to 2015). In November 2016, nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of Americans reported having broadband service.

Finally, 69 percent of U.S. adults are using social media, especially young people—86 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds are on at least one social media platform.

New hope for headache sufferers

Cluster headaches, such as migraines, are rare, but they can cause intense pain to the people (mostly men) who suffer from them.

But there’s hope. According to the NBC News website, the Food and Drug Administration has recently approved a device known as the vagus nerve stimulator for treatment of cluster headaches. Sufferers place the small device, named gammaCore, against the neck and send a mild electrical stimulation to the vagus nerve—a large nerve that runs from the brain to the colon. The jolt disrupts signals along the nerve, reducing the pain.

Vagus nerve stimulation is already used to treat ailments such as epilepsy and depression. GammaCore, manufactured by the organization electroCore, is available in Europe, but electroCore plans to begin offering it in the United States later this year.



Coffee more popular than ever

For more and more people, a morning cup of coffee is part of starting the day off right. According to a National Coffee Drinking Trends consumer survey, the number of Americans drinking coffee daily has increased to 62 percent, up from 57 percent in 2016.



The biggest increase is in the 13-18 age bracket. Their daily coffee habit climbed to 37 percent in 2017, up from 31 percent in 2016. Adults ages 18-24 increased their coffee habit from 48 percent to 50 percent, and 63 percent of adults 25-39 drank more, up from 60 percent.

Sixty-four percent of Americans 40-59 drink a daily cup of joe, up from 53 percent last year. The 60-plus crowd moved to 68 percent in 2017 from 64 percent the previous year.

Consumers prefer the human touch

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend. The CRM Buyer website reports that researchers surveyed more than 24,000 consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

- Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human instead of an automated system.
- Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.
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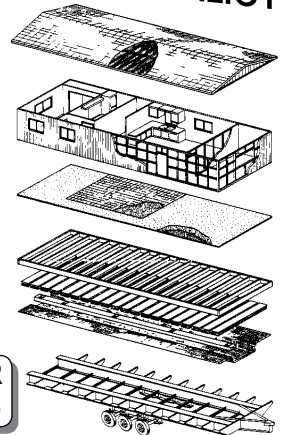
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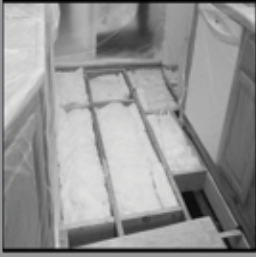
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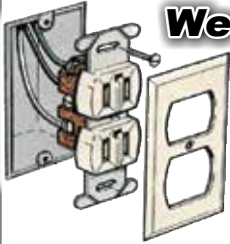
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"Ha!" said one of the managers. "That doesn't count. We were supposed to measure the height of the pole, not its length!"

The wrong assumption?

Two experts in business economics were out for a walk and noticed two men in buildings on opposite sides of the street yelling and screaming at each other out of their windows.

After observing the situation, one of the economists said, "I predict they will never find a way to agree and resolve their argument."

"Why not?"

"Because," said the first, "they are arguing from different premises."

One way to solve a problem

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One evening the farmer, carrying a pail, went down to the pond. Sure enough, a bunch of young people were getting ready to dive in. They outnumbered the lone farmer and showed no signs of fearing him. In fact, they taunted him and dared him to drive them off. But he simply reached in the pail and started tossing chunks of raw meat into the water.

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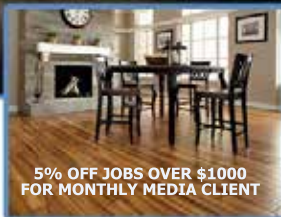
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The science behind creative thinking

Creativity may seem mysterious and magical, but scientists have been studying it for a long time. From the Fast Company website, here's some of what they've learned:

- Creative insights do come in the shower. In one study, 72 percent of participants reported getting new ideas while taking a shower.
- Solitude boosts creativity. The networks in our brains responsible for creativity and imagination work better when we're alone.
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- Trust your hunches. Intuition isn't well understood, but it's led to many creative insights. Learn to let your unconscious mind noodle on problems and ideas without forcing your brain to work.
- Daydreaming has positive effects. Daydreams can enhance creative thought, self-awareness, and long-term planning by giving you a kind of mental incubation for ideas.



Three levels of imagination

Creativity and innovation come in many different forms. An article on the Bizcommunity website points to three distinct levels of imagination:

- Discovery. Sometimes you just see something that looks like a good idea. Keep an open mind as you look around you, and learn to find opportunities in everyday things.
- Invention. Apply the tools you've got to solve the problem in front of you. Look at all your available resources and see which will help you achieve the results you're looking for.
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These herbs may ease diabetes symptoms

Type 2 diabetes afflicts millions of people around the world. Medication such as insulin can help keep your blood sugar levels stable, but according to the Medical News Today website, these herbs can also have a beneficial affect:



- Aloe vera. Known for its skin care benefits, aloe may also help increase the amount of insulin produced by the pancreas. It can be consumed as juiced pulp added to beverages or as extracts available as supplements.
- Cinnamon. This tasty spice offers many benefits for diabetes patients, including positive results in maintaining appropriate blood sugar and insulin levels as well as decreasing blood pressure. Consult with your doctor before using it as a supplement, though.
- Bitter melon. Used for centuries as a traditional medicine in China and India, the seeds from this melon appear to lower blood sugar levels. It's also effective when its pulp is mixed with water and when consumed as juice.
- Milk thistle. An extract called silymarin from this herb has antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, which are beneficial for people with diabetes.
- Fenugreek. The seeds from this herb contain fibers that help slow the digestion of sugar and other carbohydrates. They may also help to lower cholesterol as well.

Always check with your physician before taking any herbs or supplements, of course.

Tolerance for alcohol? Don't count on it

Think you can handle your booze? Think again. Many heavy social drinkers believe they can build up a tolerance for alcohol that lets them perform routine tasks without loss of coordination, but recent studies suggest that may not be the case.



As reported on the LiveScience website, the Chicago Social Drinking Project, begun in 2004, tracked 155 young adults with an average age of 25 at the time over a period of years. More than 80 percent were heavy drinkers, meaning they had consumed 10-40 drinks per week for two years.

In tests carried out over the years, participants were either given a real drink or a placebo beverage that tasted like alcohol and then were tested on some simple fine-motor tasks. Although heavy drinkers actually improved their scores from previous years on the easier tasks, their performance declined on the more challenging tasks—although they still considered themselves less intoxicated than lighter drinkers.

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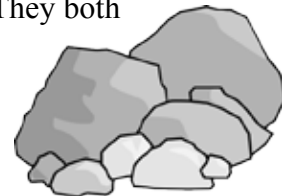


A frugal family tradition

An accountant's thriving business in a small Scottish town had been in the family for generations. The main offices were in an old building, and clients had to walk up a single marble step to reach the front door. Over time, the marble step wore away until a deep dent developed in it from all the footsteps. One day, the accountant asked a stonemason to take a look and tell him how much a new marble step would cost. The stonemason looked at the step and then scratched his head.

"It'll be a big job," said the stonemason. "But I suppose I could give you a new step for 100 pounds."

The accountant frowned. "That's a bit more than I wanted to pay." They both looked at the step, and then the accountant turned to the stonemason: "What if you dug up the step, turned it over, and put it back into the ground? Then it would be good as new."



The stonemason agreed. "20 pounds."

"Do it," said the accountant, and he went back inside the office.

An hour later the stonemason rang the bell. The accountant opened the door and saw the stonemason standing in a hole with the step. A nearly identical dent was evident on the other side.

The stonemason chuckled. "From the looks of it, I'd say your great-great-great-grandfather thought of the same thing about 150 years ago."

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