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## From the IITS Media Editor:

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February 15, 2018 –

Welcome to the March edition of your ‘Island in the Sun Sentinel’.

If you notice something that is incorrect, whether on the calendar or in any of the media articles, please let me know, and we will find the correct information and rectify ASAP. Our goal is to send you, our IITS residents, the most updated and correct information pertaining to activities and other articles of interest to our community.

By the time you receive your March media, we will be over halfway into the 2018 deadline for tax filing (if you file by April 15th). I imagine most of you have already filed, and hopefully received your refunds! For those (like me), who are habitual procrastinators, I have included a short article with a couple of websites for free tax help, or a website to file your own taxes if you choose to go that route. The websites list the locations in Pinellas County, and also includes a list of the documents you need to bring.

I am **STILL** looking for articles of interest to our IITS community – humor, current events around our area, perhaps a review of an exceptional restaurant you may have attended, etc. One of my goals is to have IITS featured on the cover of one of our 2018 media magazines. In talking with the Media Magazine editors, I learned that we can have a custom cover photo on our magazine for \$35 per month. So, let’s think about a really great photo or two that we could use, maybe for a special occasion, and I will work with the HOA to approve the expenditure.

I have noticed that for the past few events, there have been none or few pictures posted on FB. Would really like to have at least a few for each event, as I use FB to get pictures to accompany the media articles.

In addition, I need a guest writer each month – this is not a profile article, but a chance to write about something you are passionate about, or feel would be of interest to the community. I have heard people say, ‘but I’m not a writer’. I challenge you to come to me with an idea for something you would like to write, and I will help you put your thoughts to paper. If I don’t get volunteers, I will be randomly roaming the community asking for contributions, so . . . .

Keep in mind that when we do not meet our minimum of 5,000 words + a month, the media company fills in with their own stuff, ads, etc. In my opinion we have lots going on, and many interesting people who can write about various topics, so there should be no need for ‘filler’.

Please submit articles to: [iits.media.magazine@gmail.com](mailto:iits.media.magazine@gmail.com) or if you prefer to submit via handwritten articles, please place them on top of the chest by the slider door in the carport – a box will soon be moved to the front of the house, but that may take a few months, so feel free to drop your items outside the porch, or hand to Jim or me personally.

## RECAP OF PRIOR EVENTS

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As we go to press, January and February have already been filled with fun events, thanks to our Activities Committee and Cal Am.

Cal-Am sponsored a Vegas Night resident appreciation party, which was a great success. The food was good as always, and the prizes were well worth gambling for! The blackjack and roulette tables were filled to capacity (and more), and Tom Clark and Phil Tursi did a great job as dealers/croupiers. The only downside is that there was not enough room

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for everyone to cozy up to the tables and gamble all their play money away! The band was enjoyable, and the photo booth was a great success. Someone asked the photo booth operators about their business, and they said that IITS was by far one of their rowdiest groups. We ROCK! As a 55+ community who knows how to have fun!

Motown Party was held on Jan 30 – it was BYOB and bring your own appetizers, but the community surpassed itself with the great appetizers everyone brought to share with all. Per the theme, the music provided by ‘Magic’ Mike Velez was top notch and he kept everyone on the dance floor.

The Super Bowl party was held on Feb 4th, and a good time was had by all.

Valentines Day was the theme for the February potluck held on Feb 13th.

My apologies for any event not mentioned.



## **Men’s Breakfast/Ladies Luncheon**

### **Men's Breakfast**

*Submitted by: Jerald Cardin. #145*

Benedict's....good food and great service...nothing more can be said except....convenient location and spotless facility!

This will be a favorite for future events according to the 18 Bad Boys who came out to enjoy. This is just a great breakfast place when our better halves don't want to cook.

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## **Ladies Luncheon**

*Submitted by Sudie Borders, #145*

Hello Lovely Island Belles! Some of us shivered our way through January's cold snap while others enjoyed a respite from our temperate Florida winters. No matter your preference we all agree that Johnny's Italian Restaurant is a favorite of everyone.

We appreciated the ample seating in the front as there were 33 of us. There were lots of new faces and several old friends!

"Italian" ....need I say more? Many choices served with many smiles...a little bit of a wait time due to our large group but that was to be expected.

Door prizes this month were donated by Rose LaDuc and Jan Gardy....thanks for your generosity. Our lucky winners???? Linda Opaczewski and Susan Grove.

Remember ladies we meet for lunch on the third Thursday of each month. Sign up sheet is in the Activities book at the Clubhouse. If you have any questions please give me a call or stop by #145, the door is always open.





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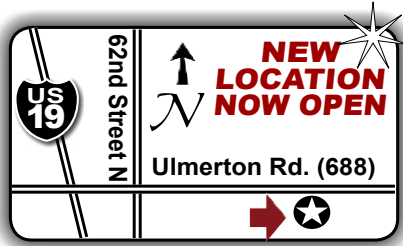
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*Submitted by Nancy Barnes, Lot 157 727-799-2434*

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December 18	Rose Leduc	January 22	Pat Clark/Rick World
		January 29	Betty Mecke/Nancy Barnes

### **RUMMIKUB:**

*Submitted by Pat Clark, Lot 125 727-726-5145*

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		January 30	Rose Leduc/Rose Marie Gornex

## **CURRENT AND FUTURE ARTICLES/INFO**

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**S**t. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DEATH AND THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

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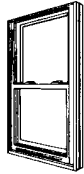
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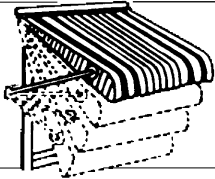
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*More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.*

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. Interestingly, however, the first parade held to honor St. Patrick's Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as with fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

## **GROWTH OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world 's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.

## **THE IRISH IN AMERICA**

Up until the mid-19th century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, close to 1 million poor and uneducated Irish Catholics began pouring into America to escape starvation. Despised for their alien religious beliefs and unfamiliar accents by the American Protestant majority, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

The American Irish soon began to realize, however, that their large and growing numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting bloc, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman attended New York City 's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish Americans whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in the New World.



## THE CHICAGO RIVER DYED GREEN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As Irish immigrants spread out over the United States, other cities developed their own traditions. One of these is Chicago's annual dyeing of the Chicago River green. The practice started in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharges and realized that the green dye might provide a unique way to celebrate the holiday. That year, they released 100 pounds of green vegetable dye into the river—enough to keep it green for a week! Today, in order to minimize environmental damage, only 40 pounds of dye are used, and the river turns green for only several hours.

Although Chicago historians claim their city's idea for a river of green was original, some natives of Savannah, Georgia (whose St. Patrick's Day parade, the oldest in the nation, dates back to 1813) believe the idea originated in their town. They point out that, in 1961, a hotel restaurant manager named Tom Woolley convinced city officials to dye Savannah's river green. The experiment didn't exactly work as planned, and the water only took on a slight greenish hue. Savannah never attempted to dye its river again, but Woolley maintains (though others refute the claim) that he personally suggested the idea to Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley.

## April 6th., Baseball Outing

*Bob Newman, Lot #46*

The game is the Clearwater Threshers vs. the Dunedin Blue Jays on **April 6, 2018** at Spectrum Stadium with the game starting at 6:15 PM. After the subsidy from the HOA, the tickets are **\$18 per person** and includes the game, food and fireworks. Doors open at 5:30 PM and food is served from 5:30-8 PM. Food includes all-you-can-eat hamburger sliders, all beef hot dogs, BBQ pulled chicken, black beans & corn, chips, peanuts, ice cream sandwiches, soft drinks and bottled water. Liquor service is also available for a price and 16 oz. draft beer for just \$2.50 for 2 ½ hrs.



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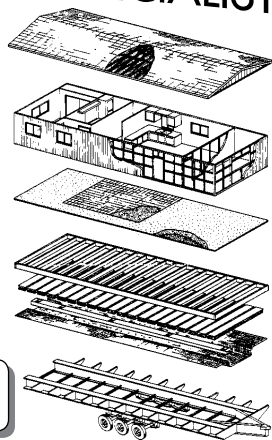
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## Spotlight on Larry and Debbie Frier, Lot 299

*Submitted by Sally Harkness, Lot # 318*

It's my pleasure to introduce Debbie and Larry Frier.

Debbie and Larry are native Indiana Hoosiers; water, warmth and sunshine kept luring them back after they had lived here and then returned to Indiana in 2008 to care for Debbie's ill brother. Valrico had been their previous home but they were asked to consider Ellington to be near Larry's brother, and Oldsmar where their good and longtime friends live. Employment opportunities became a key factor and they decided on the Oldsmar area. Their friends went out and scoured communities within a 10 mile radius of their home and reported back to Debbie and Larry. One community that appealed to them was contacted just before Hurricane Irma and they were told there would be no showings for a few days because they were evacuating. Island in the Sun appealed to them too. Their friends viewed the properties and videotaped them as they walked through. They found one they were really happy with and were pleased they could seal the deal, as their home had sold in only 2 days!

Larry is an accomplished chef, artist and painter. He loves painting and has joined a home exterior and interior painting company. If you are interested, you can see some of his work at #299.





Debbie started and completed Purdue University when she was in her late twenties and is a Senior Home Loan Advisor with Chase Private Client, on Enterprise Rd in Clearwater.

They have two sons, both in the military; one is in the navy and the other in the air force, and they also have one grandson.

Sharing their home are Buddy, a cockatiel and Sophie a chihuahua. Debbie laughed that everyone near them knows because she runs the neighborhood.

Both Debbie and Larry had their own Harley motorcycles for many years, but Debbie gave hers up after some close calls on some neighboring busy roads. Larry's hobbies include cooking, painting and shooting guns. Debbie is a wine connoisseur, golfer, enjoys shooting guns, which she says her steady hand helps her be quite good at it, and is an avid boater, which is her favorite way to relax.

Trivia is one of the park activities Debbie will always try to attend. They said it has been a delight for them to get to know their wonderful neighbors. Their warmth and friendliness make them wonderful neighbors to get acquainted with also.

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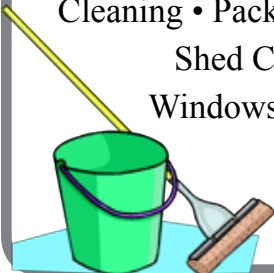
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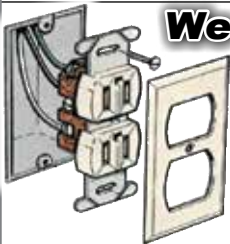
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<p>1-5 PM Game Day<sup>4</sup></p> <p>3-4 PM Strawberry Shortcake - \$3</p> <p>7 PM Texas Holdem</p>	<p>10 AM Bocce Ball<sup>5</sup></p> <p>12:45 Dominoes</p> <p>1 PM Shuffleboard</p> <p>6-7:30 Choir Practice</p> <p>7 PM Pickleball</p>	<p>10 AM Noodle</p> <p>12:45 Rumm</p> <p>7 PM Memb</p>
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<p>1-5 PM Royal Rummy</p> <p>6 PM Sunday Sundae</p> <p>7 PM Texas Holdem</p>	<p>10 AM Bocce Ball<sup>9</sup></p> <p>12:45 Dominoes</p> <p>1 PM Shuffleboard</p> <p>6-7:30 Choir Practice</p> <p>7 PM Pickleball</p>	<p>10 AM Noodle</p> <p>12:45 Rumm</p> <p>First I</p>
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- 31 Keith & Karen Custy

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Linda Walker
- 19 Toni Posey
- 26 Lillian Cutler  
Larry Gomez
- 28 Richard Diamond  
Lorraine Keller
- 29 Rick Gay



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*Per Julie Sanders, Park Manager*

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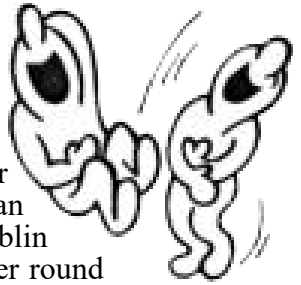
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A young Irishman sat at a pub in the New World drinking beer and conversin' with the barkeep. Another comes in and sits beside him. He says how you do and hears the lilt and says you be Irish? Yes I am. The first man yells barkeep give us another round and one for my friend here he's from the mother country as well. The second man asks-so where in the old country ye from. Dublin responds the first. Dublin you say - so am I and the second man hollers barkeep bring us another round and a shot of your best Irish Whiskey for me and my friend here. Afterwards the first man asks from where in Dublin and the second man responds with the street and the first man says well I'll be - so am I and yells barkeep another pair of beers and Irish Whiskey for the pair of us. The phone behind the bar rings and the barkeep answers it. The owner of the pub asks - how is business. The barkeep responds - not too bad - The O'Malley twins are here getting drunk again.

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It's revolutionary Paris, 1789, and three spies from across the channel are about to be guillotined. "Do you want to be beheaded on your back or your front?" The executioner asked Smith. "On my back," said Smith. "I'm not afraid of death." So Smith was laid on his back under the blade. The executioner pulled the lever. Schlick... and the blade jammed. Smith was reprieved because no man can be sentenced to death twice. Hoskins was next. He too chose to face the knife. Again the blade jammed, and Hoskins was reprieved. Murphy was third. "Back or front?"

"If it's good enough for Smith and Hoskins, it's good enough for me," and so Murphy was laid on his back under the blade. "Begorrah," he said. "Just a minute. I think I can see why it jams."

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An Irish priest and a Rabbi get into a car accident. They both get out of their cars and stumble over to the side of the road. The Rabbi says, "Oy vey! What a wreck!" The priest asks him, "Are you all right, Rabbi?" The Rabbi responds, "Just a little shaken."

The priest pulls a flask of whiskey from his coat and says, "Here, drink some of this it will calm your nerves." The Rabbi takes the flask and drinks it down and says, "Well, what are we going to tell the police?" Well," the priest says, "I don't know what your aft' to be tellin' them. But I'll be tellin' them I wasn't the one drinkin'."

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"Well, Mrs. O'Connor, so you want a divorce?" the solicitor questioned his client. "Tell me about it. Do you have a grudge?"

"Oh, no," replied Mrs. O'Connor. "Shure now, we have a carport."

The solicitor tried again. "Well, does the man beat you up?"

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"No, no," said Mrs. O'Connor, looking puzzled. "O'i'm always first out of bed." Still hopeful, the solicitor tried once again. "Well, does he go in for unnatural connubial practices?"

"Shure now, he plays the flute, but I don't think he knows anything about the connubial." Now desperate, the solicitor pushed on. "What I'm trying to find out are what grounds you have."

"Bless ye, sor. We live in a flat -- not even a window box, let alone grounds."

"Mrs. O'Connor," the solicitor said in considerable exasperation, "you need a reason that the court can consider. What is the reason for you seeking this divorce?"

"Ah, well now," said the lady, "Shure it's because the man can't hold an intelligent conversation."

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## Island in the Sun – Profile on Lucas Kuzma

Submitted by Karen Custy #229

**A**fter doing an exclusive interview with our very own Administrative Assistant Lucas Kuzma, I thought you would all enjoy learning some facts about this very interesting young man.

If you have reason to stop by the Island in the Sun office, you most likely were greeted by Lucas Kuzma, who has been a part of the Cal-Am team for many months now. You can't help but feel welcomed by Lucas who has a way about him that lets you know you have his full attention and willingness to listen to your inquiries.

Lucas was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania but grew up in Wichita, Kansas. However, Lucas has spent the last fifteen years in Los Angeles California where he spent his time doing acting, singing and other entertainment venues. He has worked in the service industry since he was thirteen. Lucas was a theatre major in college, so he's basically been a performer his whole life. He's done theatre, comedic improv, a couple of singing game shows, and he's into voice overs as well. Lucas was Karaoke host for the number one karaoke bar in LA for ten years. He has been in Florida for about a year now and it's taken some getting used to acclimating here from California. Since living here, Lucas has started a band called "Inside Voices", a funky jazz genre. The band writes all original music and will someday hopefully record a CD. He has his parents here and a brother



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who lives in Chicago. Lucas has a seven-year-old dog named Bodhi, who he defines as part wiener dog and part angel.

Lucas, being a people person, loves working for Cal-Am and Island in the Sun. He says he has met a lot of nice genuine people and finds the most important thing about his job here is that everyone gets listened to. He says it's important that people know that their concerns are being heard and to make sure everybody is happy. Quoting him "At the end of the day, this place is about people". He wants people to know when they have concerns that he listens, has empathy and will make his best effort to see if he can rectify any problems.

We are very fortunate to have Lucas here at Island in the Sun. His positive outlook and friendly disposition are only a couple of his noteworthy attributes.

## **Mission Statement – Activities Team**

*Submitted by Karen Custy #229*

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**A** long with our mission statement, we would like to take this opportunity to let all the residents know that we are planning some great events in the coming months. But we need your help and participation. Any ideas or suggestions are welcomed, and we will work with you if you would like to host or chair an event. It's not the scary thing you may perceive it to be. We are your safety net. So please consider this and come to the next activities meeting which is held the first Saturday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. Hope to see you there.

### **Mission Statement for Island in the Sun Activities Team**

**The core purpose of this activities team is to bring quality events and activities to the community. We are here solely for the residents of Island in the Sun. We will form a unified coalition of committed team players to bring the best functions possible at a reasonable cost to the residents. We are dedicated, trustworthy and enthusiastic about this undertaking and promise to fulfill our obligations by presenting the community with fun, exciting and cost-efficient celebrations to bring our community together. We will respect the ideas and opinions of others as their concepts are brought forward to us and together we will make great things happen.**

## **REMEMBRANCE CORNER**

*Dottie Newman Lot #46 724-6283 pcfriar64@yahoo.com or dlnewman823@gmail.com*

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**I** was not contacted by anyone about a death in the park or the illness of a friend or neighbor for this month's media.

To those of you who were sick or suffered the loss of a loved one I am truly sorry if you did not get a condolence or Get Well card.

I am very happy to publish the following "Thank You" message from Alta and Don Keith To all our Island In The Sun friends and neighbors:

We'd like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers over the past several weeks while I



was hospitalized and in rehab. Also, we appreciate those that “checked in” on Don while I was away! We truly are so thankful and blessed to have such kind and generous people surrounding us. I have missed my “pool” time and choir practice and look forward to returning to both very soon.

We appreciate the calls, the meals, the rides offered, the support from each of you! From the bottom of my heart and from my entire family, THANK you!

God Bless,  
Alta and Don Keith  
Thank you and stay well!

NOTE: I do not participate on any social media (my choice), so I depend on friends, family and neighbors to alert me to a resident’s passing or sickness so that an appropriate card can be sent. Please contact me the old fashioned way by calling me @ 724-6283 or the more up-to-date way of emailing @ [pcfriar64@yahoo.com](mailto:pcfriar64@yahoo.com) or [dlnewman823@gmail.com](mailto:dlnewman823@gmail.com).

## Island in the Sun HOA Upcoming Activities and Events

*Submitted by Linda Opaczewski, Lot #312*

The new Activities Team Members are working hard to bring the residents of Island in the Sun great events and parties in the new year. The following is a preview of coming events.

Tickets can be purchased for any of these events from the following:  
Larry Taylor #296    Bill Shiels #133    Bob Newman #46    Karen Custy #229  
Also at bingo on Thursday nights.

### March:

**March 1 to 3** - Community Yard Sale 9-5

**March 3** - Activities Meeting 10AM

### **March 4th Community Game Day and Strawberry Festival**

Game Day from 1 – 5 PM. Come and bring your friends and neighbors and play your favorite games, such as Euchre, Royal Rummy, Poker, whatever you want.

Strawberry festival from 3 – 4 PM

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**March 17th St. Patricks’ Day Party.** Food being served from 5:30PM to 7PM. Entertainments 7-10PM. Enjoy a great homemade meal of Irish Stew, salad, breads and desserts. Refreshments will be served BYOB on liquor. There will be a 50/50 and special prizes Cutoff for ticket sales is March 15th after Bingo. \$9.00 per person.

**March 24th Saturday Salad Bar Luncheon.** Tickets will be \$4.00 From 12 – 2. Come and







enjoy a great meal for a great price. Cutoff for ticket sales is March 22 after Bingo, \$4 per person.

**March 31st Easter Bake Sale** Looking for bakers to donate baked goods for our Easter bake sale. A great time of the year for this event. From 10 – 1. Raffle Prizes also. Thanks for supporting your activities team

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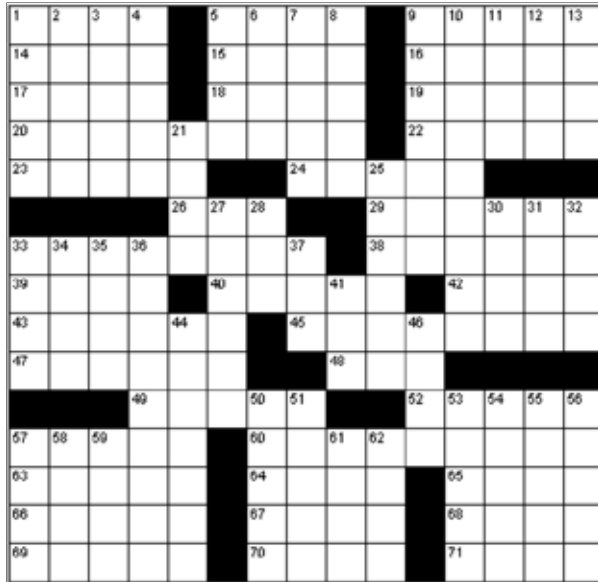
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- 42. Goodbye (slang)
- 43. Enrol
- 45. Savior
- 47. Spiritualist meeting
- 48. Away from the wind
- 49. Disappeared gradually
- 52. Rhythmic ways of speaking
- 57. A colorless inert gas
- 60. The throne of God (2 words)
- 63. Sheared
- 64. Make indistinct
- 65. Minor Western Samoan monetary unit
- 66. Tranquility
- 67. Anagram of "Neat"
- 68. Impulse
- 69. Satisfied
- 70. Coarse file
- 71. Anagram of "Pose"



**DOWN**

- 1. Sings in a particular jazz style
- 2. Title for benevolent deities (Zoroastrianism)
- 3. Not now
- 4. A pointed projection
- 5. Nursemaid
- 6. Avatar of Vishnu
- 7. Sporting venue
- 8. A family of African languages
- 9. Analyze closely
- 10. Bargain
- 11. Anagram of "Bore"
- 12. A fitting reward (archaic)
- 13. Cards with just one symbol
- 21. A source of cocaine
- 25. Lay bare
- 27. Jubilant
- 28. Not young
- 30. Metric unit of weight
- 31. Anagram of "Teen"
- 32. Hebrew month
- 33. 1 1 1 1
- 34. A climbing plant
- 35. Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Fitzgerald
- 36. Make stronger
- 37. Term of address for a man
- 41. Anagram of "Lee"
- 44. Examined quickly
- 46. Resembling snake-like fishes
- 50. A piece of hot glowing coal
- 51. 4th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 53. Publish a magazine
- 54. Looks lasciviously
- 55. Latin-American ballroom dance
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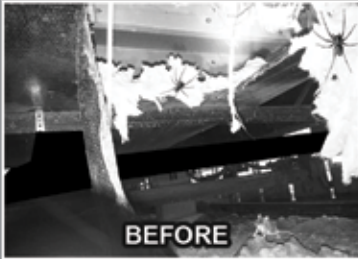
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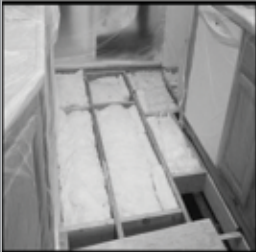
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