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MANAGER'S CORNER

By: Victoria Greenwood

February 1, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID BEWLEY!

If you see David in the park, give him a big shout out congratulating him for 40 years of working at Sugar Creek, as of January 1, 2026. We are grateful to him for being a valuable employee and resident of the Park. Thank you, David, for all of the dedication and hard work you have put into Sugar Creek these past 40 years! We greatly appreciate you and look forward to your next anniversary with Sugar Creek. If anyone would like to drop off a card, etc. for David, please feel free to do so.

HOME MAINTENANCE

Washing your home will be the focus for February. Please take a look around your home and take care of washing your home and carport. Of course, we also check for other home issues. With your help we can keep Sugar Creek looking its best. As always, letters will be sent out if you don't comply. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

RULES AND REGULATIONS MONTHLY REMINDER: COMPLAINTS

If you have complaints or recommendations, please discuss them with park management and not with your neighbors. Come to the office where we will be pleased to correct any unfair situation. If your complaint involves another resident, please bring a signed statement outlining your complaint with you. Your privacy will be respected. This rule is not meant to infringe upon the right of the mobile homeowners or tenants to communicate or assemble among themselves, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, for the purpose of discussing any problems relative to the mobile home park.

OUR STREETS IN SUGAR CREEK

We pride ourselves on the compliments we receive from residents as well as visitors for how well kept our park is, compared to others. Thank you to the residents who take care of their yards and homes and clean up any leaves on the streets and sidewalks in front of their homes.

GARBAGE AND CIGARETTE BUTTS

Please throw your garbage in your garbage bin. Do not throw cigarette butts on the street or in the yards of residents. Dispose of them properly. It is one of the ways you can keep Sugar Creek looking its best.

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HOME SALES

If you know anyone wanting to purchase a home, now is the time to have them call the office and see all the options.

Current residents that refer someone who purchases a home from Sugar Creek's sales team will receive a \$250.00 referral check after closing! Are you considering selling your home? Give Daniel or Vicki a call or stop in the office and we will use the resources at our fingertips to sell your home as quickly as possible. 727-586-2002.

Happy Valentines' Day to all!

SUGAR CREEK MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

The HOA held their annual members meeting on 1/12/26. We are glad to report that Deborah Polchlopek accepted the nomination for the 2026 term as the HOA President, Philip Hough the Secretary, Terri Carlisle the Treasurer, and Mickey Crocker as a Director. We still would appreciate two volunteers to complete the Board. Please contact one of the new Board members if you are interested.

We will be having a membership drive in the near future. The cost of our HOA membership is \$10 a year per household. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining by contacting a Board member.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting on February 9 at 7:00. The new Board members will be sworn in at this meeting.

Thank you,
Philip Hough, President



SUGAR CREEK SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Time really does fly when you're having fun. Here is to more fun times. The Christmas Lights in the park are done by the residents for the residents to enjoy. Volunteers are needed to continue this tradition. We will be passing out a flyer to find out your interest in volunteering. If we can't get more people to help, we may not be able to continue the festivities.

Elections for Social Club will be held in March. There is a sign-up sheet on the board if you have interest in a position please sign up.

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Things to come.

Feb 2 – Social Club Meeting 6:30pm

Feb 8 – Super Bowl Party – 5pm – Pot Luck – sign-up sheet is on the board.

Feb 14 - Breakfast 9a-11a – French Toast & Sausage with Melon tickets \$6. Buy your tickets by 2/11.

Feb 14 & Feb 28th Meatball & Cheese Hoagies at 5:30 to 6:30 served with chips and a Soda for \$5. This will be served before each Music Bingo this season. Pay when you order. Music Bingo starts at 7pm - \$5 a card.

On March 8th we will have the 2nd annual Block Party at the pool deck from 4pm to 7pm. Music by Paul & Richard. Food – Ribs, Baked Potato, Beans, Cole Slaw etc. \$15 members, \$20 non-members Buy your tickets by 2/22. See Joe if you wish to donate a bottle for the liquor basket.

March 28th the annual Pool Party 4p-7p. Music will be provided by Tangent. We are looking for bakers to participate in the Cake Raffle. Other details to follow.

Please enjoy all the activities that are being offered within the Park.

Debra McClain

MEMBERSHIP S.C.C.C.: The cost is \$10.00 per person per year or \$25.00 per person for 3 years. Remember the members of the S.C.C.C. always get first choice. Please contact Diana Williams to join.

IN MEMORY OF

James Duprey, Lot #193. James is the son of Tina and Patrick Ramsburg. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends.



EXERCISE WORKOUT

Please join us every Tuesday and Thursday at the Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. New attendees welcome. Just drop in wearing your running shoes for a gentle Senior workout fit for any age and level. Call me at 306-222-3527 if any questions.

Cheryl Mercier





KARAOKE

There is a change of time for the weekly karaoke. New time will be 7:00-9:00. Hope to see you there.



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1	Betty Balas	12	Ted Spanburgh
3	Paul Hastay	17	Pam Toni
4	Daniel Wilfeard	18	Tamara Eik
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Please advise the editor if birthday or anniversary dates are incorrect or omitted so that corrections can be made.

HA HA HA

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Thanks, Kate McGettigan and Floyd Michielson

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Have a Great month,

Thanks everyone, Kate McGettigan

EDITOR:

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March newsletter submissions need to be received by February 7, 2026. Please email me at terricarlisle48@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please call me at 727-224-5650.
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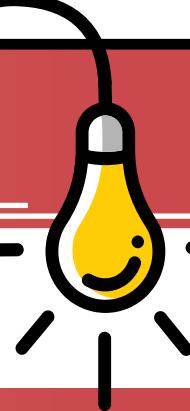


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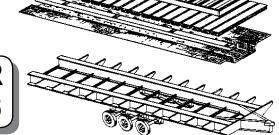
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Monthly

African American History Month. An annual observance to recognize and commemorate African American culture, African American History Month (or Black History Month) is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, and in the United Kingdom in October.

Dog Training Education Month. Every day of the month, perform one training activity with your dog: jumping, herding, racing, etc. By the end of the month, you'll notice an improvement in your dog's temperament, and you'll share a closer bond.

National Haiku Writing Month. Write one haiku a day throughout February—the shortest month for the world's shortest genre of poetry. Don't think writing a good haiku is easy, though. As French philosopher and literary theorist Roland Barthes once observed, "Haiku has this rather fantasmagorical property: That we always suppose we ourselves can write such things easily."

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. A national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it. One in three teens in the United States will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by a partner in a relationship before they become adults. Spread awareness, and stop dating abuse before it starts.

Weekly

Burn Awareness Week, Feb. 1-7. Observed the first full week in February, Burn Awareness Week is intended to provide an opportunity for burn, fire, and life safety educators to share the message of burn awareness and prevention in communities around the nation.

National School Counseling Week, Feb. 1-5. This year's theme, "School Counseling: Helping Students Realize Their Potential," will focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors and highlight the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Children of Alcoholics Week, Feb. 8-14. A campaign led by the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA) to raise awareness of children affected by parental alcohol problems. Children of Alcoholics Week is celebrated internationally each year during the week in which Valentine's Day falls.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Feb. 23-27. Raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional, international, and national levels. Participating organizations include the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Nature Conservancy.



Feeling sick? Don't depend on the internet for a cure

The internet is good for some things, but when you want to find out what's making you feel sick, you're generally better off with your doctor than with a medical website or smartphone app. That's the diagnosis of a study by Harvard Medical School that was recently written up in the JAMA Internal Medicine journal.

The research involved 234 physicians and 23 diagnostic tools offered by such websites as the Mayo Clinic and Web MD, along with apps for the iPhone and Android smartphones. Given 45 hypothetical patients and their symptoms, the human doctors got the correct diagnosis right away in 72 percent of the cases, while the computerized symptom checkers were correct only 34 percent of the time.



When asked to provide not one but three possible diagnoses, physicians again outperformed their technological counterparts, hitting the right diagnosis with their top three 84 percent of the time. Websites and apps found the correct diagnosis just 51 percent of the time.

So although you might be tempted to just Google your symptoms and head to the drugstore, most of the time you're better making an appointment with your doctor.

Spare your back by lifting safely

A major cause of back pain and injury is improperly lifting heavy items at work or in the home. Remember these basic techniques for safe lifting:

- Assess whether you need help. Before you even think of lifting an object, ask yourself whether you can really handle the load alone or you should ask a co-worker for assistance, or get some kind of mechanical aid, like a dolly.
- Always bend your knees. Bending at the waist when you lift something strains your back. Bending at the knees helps you maintain your balance and lets your stronger leg muscles do the work of lifting.
- Hug your load. Keep the object as close to your body as you can. Gradually straighten your legs to a standing position.
- Don't twist. Twisting can overload your spine and cause serious injury. Keep your feet, knees, and torso pointed in the same direction when you lift.
- Put your load down carefully. Use the same techniques in setting down the object that you do when lifting it.

Quote:

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An ancient mystery: How old are Saturn's rings?

The rings of Saturn have dazzled humans ever since they were found in the sky, but they contain many unexplained mysteries. One is how old they are. One theory states that they date back approximately 4.6 billion years; another suggests that they're just 100 million years old.

Scientists backing the younger theory contend that the rings should show more evidence of space debris from the Kuiper Belt, which would make them darker than they appear today. Proponents of the older view note that the rings were probably created by a moon or some other icy object falling apart as it passed close by Saturn, an event which doesn't seem to have happened in recent times ("recent" in astronomical terms, at any rate).

Some of the trouble comes from not knowing precisely how massive the rings are—a lighter series of rings could have formed more recently than a heavy-scale one.

The case may be solved by the Cassini space probe, which is scheduled to fly between Saturn and its rings in September 2017 on the last leg of its mission. Inside the rings, researchers can measure the gravitational pull on Cassini from both directions and compare those figures with earlier data from orbits farther out, when Saturn and the rings tugged the probe together from the same direction. Scientists are eager to know—according to the Science News website, researchers have a betting pool on the findings.

One more reason to fear spiders? Their hearing

Spiders can't "hear" exactly, but they can sense and respond to vibrations in the air over relatively long distances. Until recently, scientists believed they were only sensitive to sounds from a few inches away. However, the Sci-News website reports that researchers at Cornell University have found that jumping spiders (*Phidippus audax*) can pick up low-frequency sounds from up to 10 feet away.

The spiders apparently sense vibrations through the hairs on their forelegs, which produce a response in acoustically sensitive neurons. Physically probing a single hair produced the same type of response. The jumping spiders are most sensitive to frequencies produced by the wingbeats of wasps, one of their natural enemies. Scientists plan to examine the brains of fishing spiders and wolf spiders for similar abilities.



Daydreaming can be good for you

Daydreams aren't necessarily a waste of time. We daydream for different reasons, but it can have a positive affect on your life and career. Consider these facts about daydreaming from the LiveScience website:

- Daydreaming can be controlled—up to a point. Most people daydream intentionally because they're bored or working on something simple. When tasks require more concentration, drifting off is less frequent, but still happens.
- Blinking is a clue. Wonder if someone is daydreaming while you're talking? Look closely at their eyes. Studies show that people blink more often and more rapidly when they daydream.
- Daydreaming can help with problem solving. Let your mind wander when you're working on a tough problem. Scientists have observed that the areas of the brain involved in problem solving turn more active when we daydream.

These thoughtful habits can spark your imagination

Even if you don't think of yourself as the creative type, you can always amp your imagination up with a little effort. Keep this advice in mind when you're searching for an original idea or an innovative solution:

- **Meditate.** Spend some time each day visualizing something pleasant and peaceful. It doesn't have to relate to anything you're working on—just picture a lake, a forest, or even a loved one. You'll relax your brain and body while creating a mental environment that attracts fresh thinking.
- **Pretend.** Look at ordinary objects around you and pretend they're something different. Your pen is a magic wand, for example, or a pair of scissors is a spaceship. Explore the premise, and you'll teach your mind to look at everything a little differently.
- **Try something new.** Break out of your routine on a regular basis. Read a book on a subject you're unfamiliar with, try a new sport, talk to someone you don't know well. Different experiences can help loosen up stiff ways of thinking about things.
- **Commit some art.** Try sketching a picture or writing a poem. It doesn't have to be a masterpiece. Just give yourself mind and body space to roam in a fresh direction. You may see and hear the world differently later.

Quotes:

Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up.
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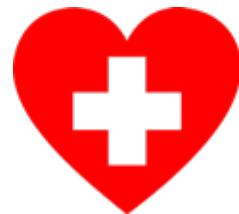


Your family's medical history may be key to a longer life

Fitness and a good diet are important to staying healthy and living longer, but scientists say our genetic traits and inheritance also determine health and longevity. By keeping track of your family's medical history, you and your doctor may be able to detect diseases you're likely to develop before they get the best of you. Here's what to learn:

Whom should you ask to find out about your family's health/medical history?

- Mother
- Father
- Siblings
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What information should you document?

- Causes of death
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Where should you keep the information?

Record your family's health and medical history in a journal. Create a chart or family tree listing any health traits under each person's name. Take the journal with you whenever you or your immediate family members are scheduled to see your family physician. Share all of your findings on your family's medical history with your doctor and record any new information after each physical.

Listen to the advice of these millionaires

To manage your money wisely, good advice is imperative. Listen to these words of wisdom from millionaires around the world:

- Robert Kiyosaki, author of *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* (Warner Books): "It's not how much money you make, but how much money you keep."
- Warren Buffett, investor: "Never depend on a single income. Make investments to create a second source."
- Tony Robbins, inspirational speaker: "Don't think in terms of taking huge risks to get huge rewards. Think about the least amount of risk for the greater reward, and be disciplined about that."
- Dave Ramsey, entrepreneur and radio host: "Financial peace isn't the acquisition of stuff. It's learning to live on less than you make, so you can give money back and have money to invest."





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