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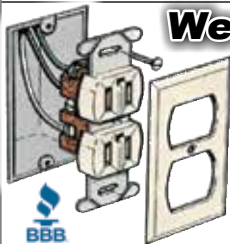


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Gisella Michael, President

Welcome to fall Neighbors! September 22nd is the first day of fall. I have to say after the heat we have had this summer, I'm ready for the fall Florida weather.

The management of Oakcrest/Acorn was able to get the necessary repairs taken care of on the AC units at the clubhouse. With that said, we are excited about moving forward with a full fall schedule for our residents' enjoyment. Four more volunteers added on to help in the fall with the activities group. We are so thankful for all the volunteers that take their time to serve as volunteers to our wonderful community. Many of you that are not able to volunteer, yet, have donated in other ways. We see you too. Your gifts of items, wisdom, encouragement, and support have not gone unnoticed. Thank you.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Bob Campell, President

Hi everyone. Hope you all have found a way to beat this terrible heat we are having. I just wanted to remind you about the HOA Free Month's Rent Raffle we announced in last month's Messenger. For those who missed that announcement, we are asking that anyone interested in winning a month's rent for \$10.00 a ticket, to sign the interest sheet which is at the Clubhouse on the counter under the bulletin board. You can also call the HOA Directors to express your interest at the numbers listed in the Messenger. No money needed at this time. We are trying to determine whether there is enough interest to make the raffle viable. We need to sell a minimum of 88 tickets. As of this date, tickets will go on sale no later than our next meeting on October 13, 2025.





ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Debbie Durban, Chair

Welcome neighbors. Hopefully the dog days of summer are just about gone!! In August the air conditioner broke down causing the Activities committee to cancel some events but it's back up and running. We have some new and exciting events for September! September 1st: Labor Day Picnic Potluck with hamburgers at \$3.00 and hotdogs for \$ 2.00 for sale by the activities team. Our Blackstone Grill will be raffled off so be sure to get your tickets. (If it's still hot we will have it in the clubhouse) Time 1-3pm.

September 10th. Show Me The Meat game 7-9pm.

September 20th . Football Party with Batman DJ 6-9pm. The Activities team will be selling wings 6 for \$5.00 and Fries \$2.00. 50/50 and raffles as usual. This is a Free event for all along with burgers, hotdogs, and Fries for sale.

September 24th. Show Me The Meat 7-9pm.

Need the Clubhouse?

If you would like to reserve part of the Clubhouse for a special or private event contact Gisela Michael at 727.326.7711

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Jill Chambers

Join people in the community playing shuffleboard on Mondays at 11am. You do not need to know how to play. Everyone is there to have fun and would be happy to show you.

PINOCHLE TUESAYS

Rita Gardiner

Welcome all card players! We now have openings for our pinochle group, and would like to see you in the Clubhouse Tuesdays at 5 pm. All are welcome. If you are a beginner, we have instructions, and if you have experience, also great. You can get a chance to make more friends and have FUN. Please give me a call at 609-634-0040 if you'd like to find out more.

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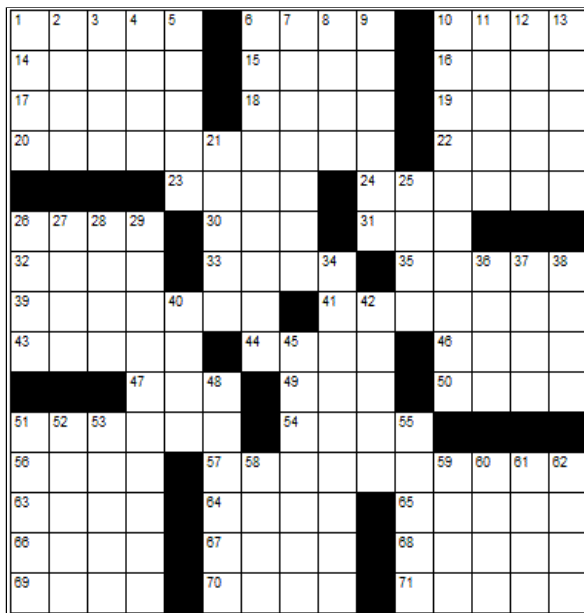
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1. Cognizant
6. Beige
10. Clutter
14. Not earlier
15. Blackball
16. Broadcast
17. Moan
18. Writing styluses
19. Nil
20. Value
22. Greasy
23. Coin opening
24. Granny Smiths and Red delicious
26. Ballet attire
30. Half of two
31. Anagram of "Eat"
32. Any minute
33. Voting district
35. Scrutinize
39. Coating of gold
41. Annoying
43. Not liquid
44. Being
46. European mountains
47. Observe
49. S
50. In order that not
51. Mixologist
54. Female deer (plural)
56. Fertilizer component
57. Teasingly
63. Between black and white
64. Whale
65. Red Sea peninsula
66. Wash
67. Bearing
68. Economic down time
69. Got a good look at
70. Strong fiber
71. Affirmatives



DOWN

1. Seaweed
2. Distort
3. At the peak of
4. Backside
5. Anagram of "Sneer"
6. Spying
7. Deceiver
8. Litter member
9. Oust
10. Relating to menopause
11. Electronic letter
12. Move furtively
13. Doesn't go
21. Buffoon
25. Summit
26. Anagram of "Stag"
27. Freshwater mussel
28. Fee
29. Undaunted
34. Disharmonious
36. Handout
37. Little devils
38. Exam
40. Bright thought
42. Adjust again
45. Lures
48. Bury
51. Army brass instrument
52. Impressive display
53. Female ruff
55. Pantywaist
58. Diva's solo
59. Egyptian river
60. Wildebeests
61. Hardly believable
62. Puppy sounds



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Monthly Observances

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Preparedness Month
- National Self-Care Awareness Month

Notable Observances by Date

September 1

- American Chess Day
- Ginger Cat Appreciation Day
- National Cheese Pizza Day
- National Tofu Day
- World Letter Writing Day



September 2–7

- Sept. 2: National Blueberry Popsicle Day, World Coconut Day
- Sept. 3: National Skyscraper Day, U.S. Bowling League Day
- Sept. 4: National Wildlife Day, Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- Sept. 5: International Day of Charity, World Samosa Day
- Sept. 6: National Read a Book Day, Fight Procrastination Day
- Sept. 7: International Bacon Day, National Beer Lovers Day

September 15 – October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month begins – celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

September 22

Autumn Equinox – Marks the first day of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

September 7

Total Lunar Eclipse – A celestial event where the moon passes completely into Earth's shadow.

Fall Jokes to Leaf You Laughing

Why did the tree worry about going back to school?
It was afraid of getting stumped!

What's the best thing to put in a pumpkin pie?
Your teeth!

Why do birds fly south in the fall?
Because it's too far to walk!

What did one autumn leaf say to the other?
I'm falling for you!

Why did the scarecrow win an award?
Because he was outstanding in his field!

What's the cutest season?
Aww-tumn!

Why don't trees play poker in the fall?
Too many cheaters!

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
Squash!

Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?
Because it ran out of juice!

What's a tree's favorite drink in the fall?
Root beer!



On plans

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

—Joseph Campbell

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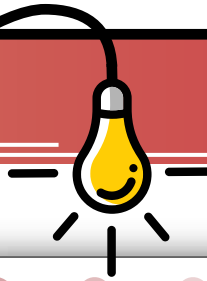
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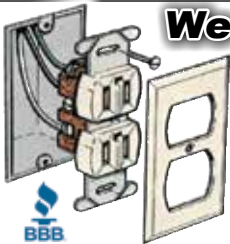
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<p>7</p> <p>1 pm Bingo</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 11 Shuffleboard</p>	<p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 5-8 Pin Bowling 6:30-8:00</p>
<p>14</p> <p>1 pm Bingo</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 11 Shuffleboard</p>	<p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 5-8 Pin Bowling 6:30-8:00</p>
<p>21</p> <p>1 pm Bingo</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 11 Shuffleboard</p> <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	<p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 5-8 Pin Bowling 6:30-8:00</p>
<p>28</p> <p>1 pm Bingo</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 11 Shuffleboard</p>	<p>9:45 H2O Aerobics 5-8 Pin Bowling 6:30-8:00</p>

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>2</div> <div>20 Aerobics Hoohle Crafting</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 1 pm Bingo 7 pm I Need that</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 12:30 Bridge 7 pm Corn Hole</div>	<div>5</div> <div>9-12 Crafting 9:45 H2O Aerobics 3:30 Vet Guitar 1 pm Bingo 7 pm LRC</div>	<div>6</div>
<div>9</div> <div>20 Aerobics Hoohle Crafting</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 1 pm Bingo 7 pm I Need that 7 Show Me The Meat</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 12:30 Bridge 7 pm Corn Hole</div> <div>Patriot Day</div>	<div>12</div> <div>9-12 Crafting 9:45 H2O Aerobics 3:30 Vet Guitar 1 pm Bingo 7 pm LRC</div>	<div>13</div>
<div>16</div> <div>20 Aerobics Hoohle Crafting</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 1 pm Bingo 7 pm I Need that</div>	<div>18</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 12:30 Bridge 7 pm Corn Hole</div>	<div>19</div> <div>9-12 Crafting 9:45 H2O Aerobics 3:30 Vet Guitar 1 pm Bingo 7 pm LRC</div>	<div>20</div> <div>6pm Football Party with Batman DJ</div>
<div>23</div> <div>20 Aerobics Hoohle Crafting</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 1 pm Bingo 7 pm I Need that 7 Show Me The Meat</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9:45 H2O Aerobics 12:30 Bridge 7 pm Corn Hole</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9-12 Crafting 9:45 H2O Aerobics 3:30 Vet Guitar 1 pm Bingo 7 pm LRC</div>	<div>27</div> <div>6pm Taco Bar</div>
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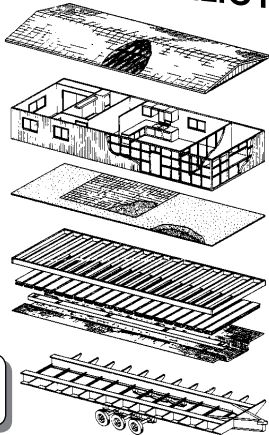
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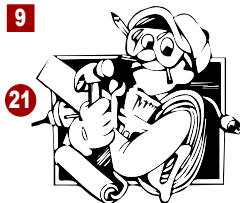
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History

- **Origin:** The holiday originated during the **late 19th century**, a time of growing industrialization and labor unrest.
- **First Celebration:** The first Labor Day was celebrated on **September 5, 1882**, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union.
- **Federal Recognition:** It became a **federal holiday in 1894**, following the Pullman Strike—a nationwide railroad strike that led to significant unrest and prompted President Grover Cleveland to make peace with the labor movement.

How It's Celebrated

- **Parades:** Many cities host parades showcasing labor unions, workers, and community organizations.
- **Barbecues & Picnics:** It's also seen as the unofficial end of summer, so families often gather for cookouts and outdoor fun.
- **Retail Sales:** Major sales events happen over Labor Day weekend, especially for back-to-school shopping.
- **Sports:** College football season often kicks off around Labor Day weekend.

Fun Fact

Labor Day is sometimes confused with **May Day** (International Workers' Day), which is celebrated on **May 1** in many countries. The U.S. chose September to distance itself from the more politically charged May Day.

"Without labor, nothing prospers."
— **Sophocles**

"The reward of a thing well done is having done it."
— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."
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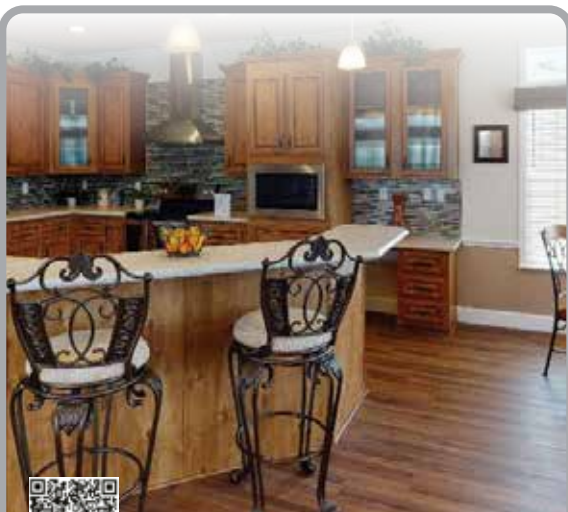
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"You're right," conceded the plumber. "Tell me what the problem is."

The doctor told him about the leak in the bathroom.

"Tell you what to do," the plumber said. "Take two aspirins every four hours and drop them down the pipe. If the leak hasn't cleared up in the morning, call me at my office."

— adapted from *Take This Book, Please*, by Henny Youngman

Make it a double?



A well-dressed man began to stop in a bar every after-noon and order two martinis. After several weeks of serving the man the bartender asked him why he didn't order a double instead.

"Oh," the man said. "It's a matter of sentiment. A few weeks ago a good friend of mine died, and before he went he asked me that whenever I have a drink, I have one for him, too."

"Gotcha," the bartender said with understanding.

But a week later when the man sat down he ordered only one martini.

"Hey, what about your dead buddy?" the bartender asked.

"Oh, this is for him," the man answered. "I'm on the wagon." — adapted from *Take This Book, Please*, by Henny Youngman

On laziness

Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.

— **Jules Renard**

*There is no pleasure in having nothing to do;
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Funny Quotes



On vices

He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.

— **Sir Winston Churchill**

To escape criticism — do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

— **Elbert Hubbard**

If criticism had any power to harm, the skunk would be extinct by now.

— **Fred Allen**

Before you criticize people, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away. And you have their shoes.

— **J.K. Lambert**

I love criticism just so long as it is unqualified praise.

— **Noel Coward**

On friends

The imaginary friends I had as a kid dropped me because their friends thought I didn't exist.

— **Aaron Machado**

On vacations

No man needs a vacation so much as the person who has just had one.

— **Elbert Hubbard**



Cat wisdom

Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later.

— **Mary Bly**

Some people say that cats are sneaky, evil, and cruel. True, and they have many other fine qualities as well.

— **Missy Dizick**

If cats could talk, they wouldn't.

— **Nan Porter**

To bathe a cat takes brute force, perseverance, courage of conviction and a cat. The last ingredient is usually hardest to come by.

— **Stephen Baker**

One cat just leads to another.

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2. Pumpkin Patch Proposal

"A couple I know got engaged in a pumpkin patch. He carved 'Will you marry me?' into a pumpkin and handed it to her while they were picking out gourds. She said yes, surrounded by hay bales and falling leaves."



3. First Sweater Weather

"Every year, my grandma would knit us new sweaters for fall. The first chilly morning we wore them felt like a warm hug from her—even after she passed, we still pull them out and remember her love."



4. Apple Orchard Mishap

"We went apple picking and got a little too ambitious. Our bags were overflowing, and one apple rolled out, causing a mini avalanche. We ended up with more apples than we could carry—and made pies for the whole neighborhood."



5. Back-to-School Butterflies

"I still remember my daughter's first day of kindergarten in September. She clutched her tiny backpack and looked up at me with nervous eyes. By the end of the day, she was beaming and couldn't stop talking about her new friends."



6. Bonfire Bonding

"One crisp evening, we gathered around a bonfire with blankets and mugs of cider. Someone brought a guitar, and we sang old songs under the stars. It was one of those nights that felt timeless."



7. The Pie Contest Twist

"At our town's fall fair, I entered a pie contest for fun. My crust crumbled, and I was sure I'd lose. Turns out, the judges loved the flavor—and I won third place! Now it's a yearly tradition."



8. Lost & Found

"I dropped a mitten during a fall hike. A week later, someone had hung it on a trail sign with a note: 'Found this cozy friend—hope it finds its way home.' It did."



9. The Leaf Journal

"My son started collecting colorful leaves and gluing them into a notebook. He named each one and wrote stories about where it came from. It became his 'leaf journal'—a beautiful mix of nature and imagination."



10. Squirrel Shenanigans

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