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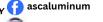
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### **President's Report**

By Tammy Davis #21

Please complete your proxies and return them to the office or mail directly to QPM prior to the meeting. If you do not receive your packet by email or mail, please contact the office.



As a reminder of the upcoming season, please sign in at the office upon your return to the park. If you plan on renting your home this season, you must complete the necessary paperwork prior to your renters' arrival. Please take some time to review the park rules and make sure your renters have access to these rules as well.

We continue to work through the zoning and land use change for 1050 Main Street. Our attorney has represented us at two public hearings to date with approvals at both hearings. We still have four more meetings with various city and county commissions, and we are estimating to have this wrapped up by year end or early next year.

Fun facts for the park: Out of 224 units in the park, we have 165 from the US, 56 from Canada, 1 from Sweden and 2 from Ireland.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this season! Safe travels back to GA.

### From the Editor's Desk

By Sue Bailey #188 suebail999@gmail.com

November is a month that is all about giving thanks. Giving thanks to our Armed Forces for protecting our freedom; giving thanks for our abundance, police, firemen, and a good life; giving thanks to our family and friends; and giving thanks for all our relationships and camaraderie within our Golden Acres community.

Some important dates to remember in November include Daylight savings time ending on November 2nd so don't forget to set your clocks back an hour and gain an hour of sleep. Veteran's Day is November 11th (Remembrance Day in Canada) to honor and give thanks to all the men and women who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces. November 27th is Thanksgiving and is also celebrated at the clubhouse for all of us that want to participate in giving thanks for the harvest and blessings of the past year and expressing our gratitude to friends and family members. There will be a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse for those that want to come. Everyone is invited.

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If you are traveling to Golden Acres this month, have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Thanks to all who provided articles and pictures for this month's newsletter. If you are traveling to Golden Acres this month, have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Quote of the Month "Don't you ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are." - Lady Gaga, singer, songwriter, actress

Until next time.

May God bless and keep you well and safe...

September Activity was Shell Decoupage
By Summer Recreation Committee

llowing time for conversation and laughter.





# **Jewelry Activity on** Thursday, October 9 at 1pm By Debbie Douthit #60

picture of the results from the activity.









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### **November Recreation Report**

By Maureen Shannon #200 Committee Chairman

Telcome back! As we get ready to start the Fall season, let's take a moment to be thankful for all we enjoy here.

November starts off with Weekly Wednesdays. Please see the sign-up sheets in the clubhouse to help us get started. Following shortly after is Thanksgiving, hosted by Anne & Bob Knott #189 who have accepted being the host for the community dinner Please check the clubhouse for sign-up sheets. Thank you, Anne & Bob!

As usual, we will have a busy year. The calendar will be posted in the clubhouse, but be aware, changes are always happening. Remember, Bingo, breakfasts, cards, golf and Jammin' begin in January.

Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 25th Paula & Joe Bunevith #202 have graciously volunteered to host the dinner. Thank you. Watch for the sign-up sheets in the clubhouse.

Next on the agenda, to save the date for is the New Year's Eve bash! See Jack Terry #141, Claudia Burke #141, Nancy Karhoff #67 or Eric Duling #67 for details.

January will start most of our monthly activities. Bingo, Breakfast, Progressive cards, and more. Save Thursday, January 22 for our Meet & Great with Lin & Mark Johnson #174. This is a great time to come and meet new neighbors.

I would like to thank the summer Rec committee. Deb Douthit #60, Gina Douthit #55, Elaine Mackey #59, and Fran Clark #47 for all their contributions to the summer activities. It was a successful summer and very much appreciated. Many have inquired about continuing this activity throughout the year. This is something the Rec Committee is planning on working with the summer team.

Safe travel!

# Lip Sync Meet & Greet Mark & Lin Johnson #174

reetings Golden Acres, We hope this message finds you all in a good place. Upon returning to the park in January, Lin and I will be hosting a Meet & Greet to help us reunite once again with our friends here at Golden Acres. We want to invite you to join us on Thursday, January 22, from 5 pm - 7:30 pm or so, at the clubhouse. The plan is to entertain each other with a lip sync party featuring music from the 50's and 60's. The venue will be staged with a good sound system, and we encourage guests

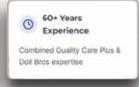
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Thank you for your time and inspiration.

### **Brain Scan Measures Aging Rate**

From NIH (News in Health) newsinhealth.nih.gov

Biologically speaking, some people age faster than others. Your aging rate can affect your health and disease risks. If you knew this rate, you might be able to work with your doctor to slow the aging process. A research team developed a way to measure aging based on a single brain scan.

The team drew on their earlier studies, where they devised a way to measure biological aging using blood tests. They tracked the health of more than 1,000 people from birth to age 45 and measured 19 factors related to health. These included heart function, metabolism, disease-fighting molecules, and more. Using these, they developed a measurement called the Pace

of Aging. It shows how health functions dwindle over time.

Most of the study participants also had an MRI scan at age 45. In the new study, the team combined the Pace of Aging scores with the MRI scan data. They developed a new aging measurement, called Dunedin-PACNI, based on the brain scans alone. They then tested the new tool with data collected on thousands of people from other studies.

Dunedin-PACNI accurately predicted how quickly a person's ability to think and remember weakened with age. It also could predict a person's risk of future disease and death.

"We've captured how fast people are aging using data collected in midlife. And it's helping us predict diagnosis of dementia among people who are much older," explains Dr.

Ahmad Hariri of Duke University. "We really think of it as hopefully being a key new tool in forecasting and predicting risk for diseases."

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- You may be directed to what appears to be a government website that requests personal information, such as your Social Security number and date of birth, to check how much you owe.

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• The "fine" can be as high as \$10,000, with payment options on the site or through a "government kiosk" to make payment in cryptocurrency.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Genuine jury duty communications come by mail, not by phone or email, and real court officials will never threaten arrest or request sensitive information.
- These impostors may know personal details about you from public records or data breaches to appear legitimate.
- Criminals can also spoof phone numbers and create official-looking websites, making it hard to distinguish from real government pages.
- Payment requests via cash, gift cards, payment apps, cryptocurrency or wire transfers are common in fraud tactics.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Hang up if someone calls you out of the blue saying you missed jury duty.
- It simply isn't safe these days to click on a link in response to an email or text because it is too easy for fraud criminals to make copycat sites that are virtually undetectable as fakes.
- If you're worried you may have missed jury duty, look up and call the official number for a court or law enforcement agency directly to verify.

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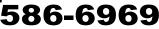
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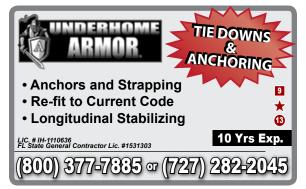


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### **Active-Duty Soldiers to Remember**

lease take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks and remembrance to all those who help to protect our way of life. Keep them in your prayers until they return safely to their loved ones.

Adam Coburn (British Army), Nephew of Mildred and David Todd, Lot #2.

Damien Fitzpatrick (Tech Sgt. USAF) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Sean Fitzpatrick (Major US Army) Grandson of Judith Fitzpatrick, Lot #87.

Reid Forster (Master Corporal with the 4th Royal Canadian Regiment) son of Dave Forster & Colleen Collins #128

Tim Joy, US Army Special Forces Green Berets, Fort Bragg, NC - Nephew of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Daniel Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Matthew Jones (US Navy) Grandson of Carol Diniz, Lot #25.

Brian Karhoff (US Army LTC) Son of Nancy Karhoff, Lot #67.

Colleen Terry, US Navy, Petty Officer 3rd class, Naples, Italy - Daughter of Jack Terry, Lot #141.

Joshua Ryan Torres Air Force National Guard Staff Sargent (EOD unit) deployed – Son of Susan Franco, Lot #17

John Wilson (PFC 1st Class USMC) Iraq – Grandson of Jean Key, Lot #138.

So that we might get to know these courageous soldiers better, I would like to add their pictures to this section. Please forward any photos to Sue Bailey suebail999@gmail.com

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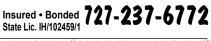




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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**By Norma Moore #54

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### **Golden Acres November Birthdays**

We want to mention all those who are celebrating this month and send them our absolute best wishes.

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Michael Sacco	November 4
John Kostecki	November 5
Eileen McConnaughey	November 6
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Carol Smith	November 8
Lou Ann Gatton	November 9
Deborah Stanziale	November 11
Carol Diniz	November 12
Krys Woods	November 14
Jemey Winters	November 15
Nancy Karhoff	November 16
Deborah Pollard	November 17
Putt Bishop	November 20
Jean Morin	November 21
Dorene Robertson	November 22
Eleanor Saunders	November 22
Susan Bailey	November 23
Marilyn Cushman	November 23
Cynthia Guggi	November 23
John Clark	November 24
Larry Berube	November 25
Janice Garvey	November 26







### **Golden Acres November Anniversaries**

Best wishes to those who are celebrating their anniversaries this month.

Robert and Anne Knott	November 4
Michael and Debra Moran	November 10
Paul and Bonnie Colby	November 11
Anthony and Lorraine Fittipoldi	November 11
Jon and Cynthia Kenney	November 15
John and Barb Kanney	November 23
Rennie and Maria Wittenbols	November 25
James and Marcie Zweifel	November 25
Jim and Theresa Quinn	November 28

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### **Obituary**

### **Helen A Kamerer**

October 24, 1947 - September 28, 2025 Dunedin, Florida

A Kamerer of Dunedin, Florida, whose life came to an end on September 28, 2025, at the age of 77, leaving behind cherished memories.

As we bid adieu to Helen's earthly form, let us not dwell on the void left in her wake, but rather celebrate the legacy of love and inspiration Helen has bequeathed us. For though



she may have departed from our sight, her spirit remains a timeless beacon, guiding loved ones through the labyrinth of life's journey.







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### Do you belong to 'Team Coyote'?

In their book, Beep! Beep! Competing in the Age of the Road Runner, Chip R. Bell and Oren Harari discuss the messages we can learn from one of the most recognizable pair of antagonists around: Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner. The authors describe two different cartoons:

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In one, the coyote holds a medicine bottle labeled "Acme Hi-Speed Tonic—Contains vitamins R+P+M." When he gives a spoonful to a small mouse, the rodent zooms around at jet speed. The coyote drinks the whole bottle and zips off after the Road Runner. But the Road Runner stops suddenly, sticks out his foot, and trips Mr. Coyote.

The second cartoon begins with a close shot on a box labeled: "One Acme Jet-Propelled Pogo Stick." Wile E. removes the pogo stick from the box, switches it on, mounts it, and waits for the Road Runner. As the Road Runner races by, Wile E. begins bouncing up and down after him. But soon the coyote loses control of the stick and falls backward over a cliff.

"What these scenes show is that you cannot remain a coyote and expect to compete against road runners by simply copying their movements," write the authors. "Sure, the coyote can buy high-speed tonic or jet-propelled pogo sticks, but his body and soul are still coyote. If you are a coyote team or organization, no matter what fads or quick fixes you jump into, you are just imitating a road runner—and the real thing will beat you every time."

### What is a moment really worth?

n the bulletin board of a California company, someone once posted this sign to remind everyone of how time is relative—but the value of time is priceless:

- To realize the value of **one year:** Ask the student who has failed his final exam.
- To realize the value of **one month:** Ask the mother who has given birth to a premature baby.
- To realize the value of **one week:** Ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize the value of **one day:** Ask the daily wage laborer who has 10 kids to feed.
- To realize the value of **an hour:** Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realize the value of **a minute:** Ask the person who has missed the train, the bus, or the plane.
- To realize the value of a second: Ask the person who has survived an accident.
- To realize the value of a millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.



# NOVEMBER

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Distinctive flair
- 5. Operatic solos
- 10. Money owed
- 14. Location
- 15. Dining room furniture
- 16. Margarine
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- 21. Licoricelike flavor
- 22. Canvas shelters
- 23. Smiled contemptuously
- 25. Coming and \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Donkey
- 28. Relax
- 31. Burn maliciously
- 34. High, low and neap
- 35. Orange pekoe
- 36. Salt Lake state
- 37. Fine thread
- 38. Female chickens
- 39. Bite
- 40. Shabby
- 41. Woman's undergarment
- 42. University
- 44. What we breathe
- 45. Angler's basket
- 46. Implore
- 50. Extraterrestrial
- 52. Tropical vine
- 54. 56 in Roman numerals
- 55. Backwards "Door"
- 56. Elephantine
- 58. Strike heavily
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- 12. Not straight
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- 22. Fastens
- 24. Every single one
- 26. Curved molding
- 28. Panorama
- 29. Care for
- 30. Not difficult
- 31. Bluefin
- 32. Ear-related
- 33. Voracious
- 34. Excite pleasurably
- 37. Disabled
- 38. German for "Mister"

- 40. Adolescent
- 41. Moon of Saturn
- 43. Scoop shovel
- 44. Chronicles
- 46. American symbol
- 47. Avoid
- 48. Utilize
- 49. Of very poor quality
- 50. Backside
- 51. Take it easy
- 53. Weightlifters pump this
- 56. Muzzle
- 57. Craggy peak

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### In dreams, you can control your reality



The movie *Inception* explored the idea of controlling one's dreams. Although that featured collapsing cities and struggles in zero gravity, the concept of guiding your own L dreams isn't so outlandish. "Lucid dreaming" can allow you to fly, conquer nightmares, and solve real-life problems.

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### Here's how to take control of your nighttime visions:

- Keep a dream journal. The first step to controlling dreams is remembering them. Keep a journal close to your bed, and write down any dream you have as soon as you wake up (or keep a digital voice recorder handy). Look for recurring themes—people, situations, etc. This trains your brain to become more aware of dream activity.
- **Do a "dream check."** Throughout the day, pause and ask yourself, "Am I dreaming?" This trains your mind to start asking the same question while you're asleep.
- Nap. Some studies suggest the best time to attempt a lucid dream is during a nap taken a few hours after getting up in the morning. If you wake up during a dream, stay quiet and try to return to the dream as you drift off again.
- Perform a reality check. After some practice, you'll start being aware of the fact that you're in a dream. To confirm this, try some experiments: Look at a clock, turn away, then look again. In dreams, the time will change. Or look at yourself in a mirror; in a dream, the image you see will be distorted or blurry.
- Take off! Once you're aware that you're dreaming, try taking charge of the environment. Jump up and down to see if you can fly, for example. If you're having a nightmare, confront the danger instead of running away; this can reduce the fear you feel when you

### **'Double'** your brain power with this exercise

ere's a simple exercise for your brain: Pick a small number and then double it in your mind—no paper, no calculator. How far can you get? Take the number 7, for example:

7, 14, 28, 56, 112, 224, 448, 896 . . .

Most people can get close to 10 doublings. Try reaching 20 to really test your concentration. By the way, 7 doubled 20 times is 3,670,016 (but we cheated and used a calculator).

### **Quotes:**

've met a few people in my time who were enthusiastic about hard work. And it was just my luck that all of them happened to be men I was working for at the time.

—Bill Gold

Don't waste time learning the "tricks of the trade." Instead, learn the trade. —unknown

People who work sitting down get paid more than people who work standing up.

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Glen Ellen Mobile Park Community Garage Sale. Saturday, November 1st 8-4 and Sunday, November 2nd, 8-12!

Carport Sale - Oak Crest Acorn, 9925 Ulmerton in Largo, Nov 1st, 8am-2pm

Annual Craft Fair Saturday November 1st 9-3pm Paradise Island Clubhouse 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 80 plus Tables, Handmade items & Bake Sale

### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

Serendipity Carport Sale. 29081 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL. November 8, 2025. 8am-2pm

14th Annual Arts & Crafts Sale- Sat. Nov. 8, 2025 - 9AM-1PM Lake Haven MHP, Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1415 Main Street (SR580 & Lake Haven Rd.) Dunedin, FL. Hand crafted projects including bottle art, paintings, greeting cards, crocheted items and decorative crafts for home or gifts.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR. Saturday, November 8th, 2025 from 9am - 2pm. First Lutheran Church, 1644 Nursery Rd., Clearwater. All indoor craft show. Free admission. 217-251-4382 or jayneb1227@gmail.com

FALL BAZAAR Ranchero Village 7100 Ulmerton Road Hacienda Clubhouse. Sunday 11/9/25 from 11am – 3pm. Crafts, baked goods, raffle baskets & more. Vendors: Rent a table for \$15 Contact: Donna Dahmm 309-263-2640

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Holiday Craft Fair, Sunset Palms, 3401 Gandy Blvd., Pinellas Park. November 15, 9:00am until 2:00pm. Handmade arts and crafts. Homemade baked goods.

Craft Fair & Bake Sale. November 15th 9am-1pm. Clearwater Cascades Clubhouse, 9790 66th Street N. Pinellas Park

Crafters Fair Nov 15th at Palm Hill Country Club 401 8th Ave, Largo 8am - 1pm. Over 25 crafters, bake goods and lunch sale.

### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

Craft Fair, Saturday, November 15 2025 from 10am-5pm. Regency Heights, 2550 State Road 580, Clearwater. All indoor craft show. Food trucks on site. Contact regencyheightscraftfair@gmail.com with questions.

Community Bazar Nov 29th at Palm Hill Country Club 401 8th Ave Largo 8am- 1pm. Christmas Decorations, Household Items, Bake Sale, Hot Dogs.

### December Events

Crafters Wanted. Pointe West MHP Holiday Market, Dec. 6th, 2025, 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo. E-mail susanbarnard930@yahoo.com for info and application.

Annual Carport & Craft sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday December 6th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools, and lots more. Maps available at entrances.

CRAFT FAIR. Saturday December 6th 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse 601 Starkey Road, Largo

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 6, 2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater, (Largo).

Annual Craft & Bake Sale. Saturday December 6th 9am-1pm. Park Royale 10611 66th St N Pinellas Park. 1 table & 2 chairs \$10 Signup soon. Contact Person: Cheryl L 727-685-6895



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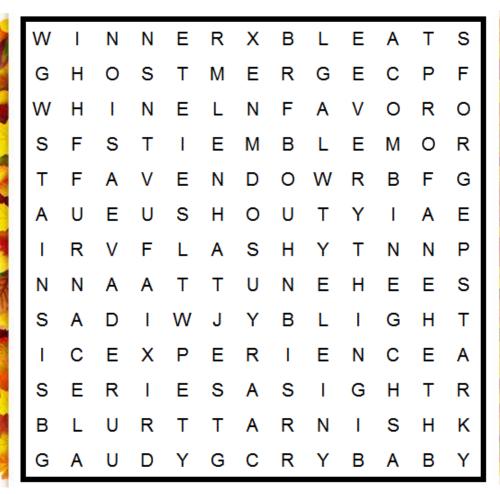






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### Where do alligator shoes come from?

lawyer from the big city was visiting Florida. He wanted to take home a pair of genuine alligator loafers in the worst way, but he was reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking.

He was certain that with all his legal training he could negotiate a better price, but at shop after shop he had no luck. After getting frustrated with one sales associate who wouldn't budge, the lawyer shouted, "Well then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator!"

The saleswoman smiled. "I'd like to see you try."

The lawyer turned on his heel and headed out toward the swamps, determined to catch an alligator.

Later in the day the saleswoman was driving home, and she spotted the lawyer standing waist deep in the murky swamp water, shotgun in hand, a huge 9-foot gator swimming rapidly toward him. The saleswoman pulled over as the lawyer took aim, shot, and killed the creature. With a great deal of effort, the lawyer hauled it onto the swamp bank—right next to four more dead alligators.

The saleswoman stood on the side of the road, watching the lawyer struggle to flip the gator on its back.

Then, looking up toward the sky in great frustration, the lawyer shouted, "No! This one is barefoot, too!"

### A Teachable Moment

kindergarten teacher was helping one of her students put his boots on. It was quite a struggle, but after a lot of pulling and pushing, they succeeded in getting one boot on, and then the other.

Then the little boy said, "But they're on the wrong feet!" The teacher looked and sure enough, he was right. Pulling the boots off wasn't any easier than putting them on was, but she managed to stay calm as they worked together to get the boots back on—this time on the right feet.

"Why are your boots so hard to get on?" she asked when they were finished.

"But these aren't my boots," the boy said.

"Why didn't you say so? Take them off." And they worked up a sweat getting the boots off again.

"Now, where are your boots?" the teacher asked.

"They're at home. These are my brother's boots. My mom made me wear them."

"OK . . ." the teacher sighed, and again they fought to get the boots back on the little boy's feet. "Now, where are your mittens?"

"I stuffed them in the toes of my boots," the little boy said.



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