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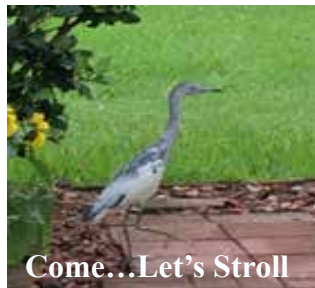
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FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)

By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep



Hello again, I hope this finds all my fans, that's a stretch for me having fans, doing well.

Many of us say we are going to downsize our homes, cars, meals and anything else you can downsize. I have downsized from the past, around 50 square feet. Other ways I have downsized is I don't have a lawn mower, blower, weed eater, pool chemicals, and imagine this, downsized on my alcohol consumption, well a little, but my belt size has not downsized.

One thing that will not downsize is the FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida). We homeowners are the FMO. As long as we support FMO by memberships they will keep working for us homeowners on leased land. They do so much for us. For just \$25.00 per year or \$65.00 for 3 years. Also, for just \$35.00 per year you get Elite Roadside Service, one of the best Roadside Services that I have found. I had a story about them in last month's POP. Just testing you to see if you read my article.

There are several ways to join, you can contact me, James Pursley, FMO Park Representative by email. jpinvest129@gmail.com or call or text 386-986-9632 or go to FMO online fmo.org. In the lower left-hand corner, under the blue bar (Member Area Login) click on, "Not a member yet"? Click here to join. You can use a credit card.

You have never gotten so much for your money, there are so many things that you will receive. I would have to have my own magazine to tell you everything. Oh wait, for that price, besides receiving everything you get, you also get a bimonthly magazine that keeps you up to date on everything that's going on.

If there was no FMO to protect Florida Statue, Chapter 723, Residents could fall under FS 83, The Landlord Tenant Act.

1. There would be no support for HOAs
2. There would be no power to negotiate with park owners
3. You could be evicted with a 7-day notice
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The FMO internet site is available at www.fmo.org. You can find out anything you want to know about what's

happening in the FMO world.

Back to downsizing, I read, (yes, I can read) as long as it is in VERY LARGE PRINT.

A developer is developing a subdivision in Oxford, Florida, 30 minutes south of Orlando. They are building homes from 399 sq. ft. These are Manufactured Homes. You know it makes sense if you have priced lumber lately, 399 sq. ft. Is equivalent to a 1750 sq. Ft. home in price.

Now since I started this article, lumber prices have come down. I think a lot of us seniors think about downsizing, but the question is, how much do we really want to downsize, and would we be happy? Just a thought.

As I close this out, everyone is saying, "it's about time", I left you with the question about why Aluminum Foil is shiny on one side and dull on the other side. From extensive research, it's all in the Milling. Until next time.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



When we lived in NY, I had acres to mow. One spring day there I was, mowing our yard, on my tractor, when this screaming thing flew right in front of my face, came from where I don't know, barely missed my head, and landed about 50 feet away on the electric power lines along the road. It appeared to be upset and continued to squawk at me, so I turned the tractor off and started a conversation with it. The conversation went something like: "Where are you from? Are you OK? What do you need? Can I help you?" I realized this was a beautiful, colorful, domesticated bird that had somehow lost its way. I softened my voice and eventually it flew right up to me and sat on my shoulder! It was so happy because I didn't pose a threat to it. It rubbed my neck and ear and stayed on my shoulder all the way into the house. I gave it water and oatmeal. We bonded! Not being able to find the rightful owners I gave the bird to our daughter-in-law who had several birds. Why am I telling you this? My conversation with that bird is quite like the one I start with our new residents. Fortunately, not one of them has sat on me, but we have good conversations and I hope they feel welcome to our beautiful community. Following is a list of our most recent new residents (as of this writing). Please help them to feel welcome.



Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

NEW NEIGHBORS



Bookwalter, Art & Sheri, 26 Winthrop Ln.
From Shirley, IN. Son in Ormond Beach.



Gamble, Sharon, 69 Habersham Dr.
From Delaware and has a son in St. Augustine.



DuSold, Brad & Linda, 1 Morington Ln.
From Las Vegas, NV. Brad loves to fish.



Hogan, Nancy 16 Winthrop Ln.
From Conyers, GA with furry friends, Brubeck & Little Man.



Ender, Joyce, 1 Claremont Dr.
From Bluffton, SC and is excited to be in Plantation Oaks.



Niedhammer, George & Cahleen, 29 Tobias Ln.
From East Waterboro ME. Will be permanent residents in a short time.

SIGNS ARE MEANINGFUL

By Mary Soliel



Have you ever heard a song come on the radio and the lyrics gave you just the message that you needed to hear? How about a wild animal crossing your path just when you had a profound thought? Or you randomly meet the perfect person who effortlessly comes into your life, as if placed there by divine appointment? Many would deem these occurrences as mere coincidence. But the fact is, there is no such thing.

We do not live in a random universe, but rather a most meaningful and purposeful one. Once we view the world in this way, a way we were never taught to, we board an exciting ride of discovery. These meaningful “coincidences”—known as synchronicities—can guide, bless, and illuminate our lives through every day. Synchronicity is God’s mirror, and it is an unstoppable, energetic force that reaches all of us, whether we are aware of it or not.

As a spiritual author who goes with the wind of her soul, I found myself relocating from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Flagler Beach this May. As soon as I closed on my home in Plantation Oaks, I scheduled an event at the clubhouse to share my feelings and extraordinary experiences on this most powerful topic of synchronicity. What I have to share will allow those new to this concept to view the world in a much more magical way. If not new to it, you may discover whole new ways of seeing signs. Seeking and understanding signs will truly brighten and expand your perception of life on earth and turn even the most mundane moments of your life into pure joy and enlightenment.

I Can See Clearly Now is the first of my eight books, and I look forward to sharing some of the life-altering and often mind-blowing signs from the first twelve years of my conscious spiritual journey, which this book relates, but also so many since then, including those blessed with once arriving to Flagler Beach! Observing and gleaning from synchronicities is a profound way to keep our hearts young, open, and full.

We have endured some unprecedented challenges since



March of 2020. And these very challenges are causing us to consider new ways of seeing and being in this world—namely, and in my view, a more spiritual way of being that brings us closer to God and our angels watching over us. Our angels do use signs to deliver messages to us! While we absolutely must seek truth and bravely face the many challenges before us, it is also most vital to maintain our positive outlook and seek the sacred. Keeping our hearts open to the magic will yield countless benefits. I hope to see you on Friday, August 6, 7 – 8:30 pm!

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4TH OF JULY IN PLANTATION OAKS

By Betty Vandermyn

A wonderful time was had by all at our 4th of July picnic. The cooks did an excellent job with the hot dogs, hamburgers, and French fries and thank you to all our wonderful ladies and helpers who put this all together for the community!



Save the Date

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Social Committee

Dance Party July 16 at the clubhouse. Bring your own snacks & drinks. Starts at 6 pm.

Pool Party August 21 at 5pm-8pm. The Coconuts will be our poolside entertainer. Ticket price to be announced.

Halloween/Costume Party October 30 at 6pm-9pm. Sir Dennis will be the entertainer. Ticket price and food to be announced.

Fall Festival November 20 at 6pm-9pm. Tony and Debbie will be our entertainers. Ticket price and food to be announced.

Labor Day, Veterans Day, Christmas, and New Years are undecided currently.

Activity Days August 24 from 6pm-7:30pm. Please bring your own snacks and drinks and come have fun playing games and socializing outside.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By Dana Matlock



I wrote most of this in 2014 but it still applies

Why do we need a homeowner's association?

A good question. After all, we are retired and we moved to Plantation Oaks to enjoy our golden years in the sun and surf – easy lifestyle, no worries – be happy.

Then we start to realize that owning a home that sits on rented land can be a precarious situation. Our homes are not truly “mobile”, we cannot simply unhook and leave. Our Florida state legislators defined our homes as mobile, and continuously consider bills for passage that have the potential to either help or hurt us. Now, to protect our investment in our beautiful homes we start to understand the importance of having representation to work with our park owners and our legislators to ensure decisions are not made that would have a negative impact on our lifestyle and investment. The only law that protects us is the Florida Statue, Chapter 723 and, by the way, that law also protects our park owners. To exercise our rights stated in Chapter 723, and to allow for ease in negotiating and resolving issues with our owners, we must have a legal homeowners association. PORA, incorporated in 2000, is our homeowner's association and was formed to do just that - serve as the united front to speak for the residents and protect you on the local level.

The Federation of Manufactured Home Owners Association (FMO) is the organization that protects us at the state level. FMO retains a paid Legal Counsel (lobbyist), Nancy Black Stewart, to keep us informed of any bills that could have a negative or positive impact on us. She also meets with our senators and representatives to educate and inform them on the impacts of bills on our communities and she attempts to persuade them to vote down any negative bills or to support those that could help. Nancy is in Tallahassee so we don't have to be, but many times we will be called to write to our legislators to voice our wishes.

PORA, of course, is all volunteers who give up their time in the sun to work for you. FMO is mostly volunteers with a small office staff, Legislative Counsel, and legal representative.

Consider getting involved to assist one, or both organizations even for a short period of time. If you are

not able to volunteer, your dues will help with financial concerns. Both associations need your support so they can continue to support you.

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JUST FOR FUN

As I age, I realize that: I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.

Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.

The biggest lie I tell myself is “I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it.”

The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

When the kids text me “plz” which is shorter than “please”, I text back “no” which is shorter than “yes”.

At my age “Getting lucky” means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

I really don't mind getting older but my body is taking it badly.

PLANT-BASED RECIPE

By Janice Randolph



One of the best times to use more plant-based recipes is the summer when fresh ingredients are so abundant.

SUMMER SUCCOTASH

Ingredients

- 2 cups corn kernels, cut fresh off the cob (directions below) (270 g)
- 1 cup green zucchini, chopped (135 g)
- 1 cup yellow, orange, or red bell pepper, chopped (135 g)
- 2 tablespoons jalapeno, stem and seeds removed, then minced (20 g)
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced (10 g)
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne powder (omit if you don't like spicy)
- 1 cup canned lima beans, drained and rinsed (may be called butter beans) (200 g)
- 1 cup cucumber, unpeeled, seeds removed, chopped (145 g)
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved or quartered, your choice (170 g)
- 1/4 cup green onion, thinly sliced (green and white parts / discard root end) (25 g)
- 1 cup sweet white onion, chopped (130 g)
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped (10 g)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper (about 5 turns)

Instructions

1. First, you must shuck your corn (remove the husk and silk). Next, using a sharp knife, carefully cut the kernels off each cob and transfer them to a medium-sized bowl, along with any of the juice from the cobs that was released while cutting. To the same bowl, add the zucchini, bell pepper, jalapeno, garlic, basil and cayenne.
2. To a separate smaller bowl, add the lima beans, cucumber, tomatoes and green onion.

3. Heat a large skillet over medium heat for 2 minutes, then add the sweet onion and a pinch of salt and cook for about 3 minutes, until the onion begins to lightly brown. Add a little splash of water if the onion sticks to the skillet or looks dry.
4. Transfer the first bowl of ingredients to the skillet (corn, zucchini, bell pepper, jalapeno, garlic, basil and cayenne) and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the zucchini begins to soften, but still has some crunch to it.
5. Add the second bowl of ingredients to the skillet (beans, cucumber, tomatoes and green onion) and cook for an additional 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes just begin to soften.
6. Remove skillet from heat and add the parsley, lime juice, dill, salt and pepper. Gently stir until well combined.

Serve warm or chilled, it's delicious either way



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SUJIKEN

By Jean Scionti



My son is a professor of Computer Science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. He is an avid puzzler, enjoying Sunday crossword puzzles in the New York Times and different Rubik's cube variations. He was visiting recently and noticed a Sudoku puzzle on the back page of the Plantation Oaks Press newsletter.

Sudoku is a square grid containing 81 cells in nine rows and columns. You must make sure that each row and column contains a different digit from 1 to 9. There also are nine 3x3 smaller squares, marked with thick border lines, that must have nine different digits. Sudoku is known worldwide and nearly every newspaper and magazine has a Sudoku puzzle.

About ten years ago he invented a Sudoku variation he calls "Sujiken." The name Sujiken combines two Japanese words: "Sujikai" means diagonal, and "Ken" means wisdom. He came up with the idea at the beach while solving a Sudoku puzzle. He imagined cutting the Sudoku board in half to make a triangle. All Sudoku rules apply, but now you can't repeat a digit in any row, column, or **diagonal** in any direction.

Try your hand at solving the Sujiken puzzle below. Remember that Sudoku rules apply, but notice that in the three triangular regions, marked with thick border lines, the six cells must contain six different digits (and you have to figure out which ones they are). To get you started on this sample puzzle, I will show you how to place a few digits. The letters on the bottom and the numbers on the left are used to identify individual cells. For example, there is a 7 in cell **D6**.

You can use regular Sudoku logic to place some of the digits. All 9 digits must appear in the 3x3 square from **A1** to **C3**. So, you need to put a 4 in **B2** because of the 4 in **A9**, the 4 in **C5**, and the 4 in **D1**.

In Sujiken, you cannot duplicate any number diagonally in any direction. All 9 digits must appear in the 3x3 square from **A4** to **C6**. You can't put a 1 in either **C4** or **A6** because of the 1 diagonally in **E2**. You also can't put a 1 in **A5** because of the 1 in **D5**, which means the 1 must be put in **B6**.

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The solution to this puzzle appears upside down on Page 12. I hope you enjoy solving this puzzle! Happy Puzzling! George Heineman

Editor's Note: George's Sujiken puzzles are syndicated in a few Massachusetts newspapers. He has also published two books on this puzzle game.



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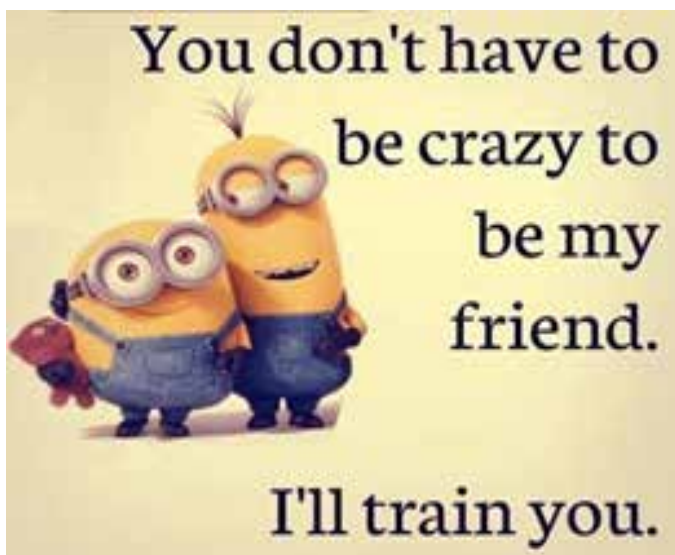
Rich and I went to see an hour and 15-minute play, an Off-Broadway production, *The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey* at the Flagler Playhouse in Bunnell on June 19. The play was about an imaginative fourteen-year-old boy and his disappearance in a small town in New Jersey and the detective who unraveled the story. The actors were exceptional in their roles, and we enjoyed our evening out.

Flagler Playhouse is a small theatre in Bunnell across from the Chicken Pantry. It is a non-profit organization and dedicated to enriching, educate, and entertain. It is an all-volunteer entity dependent on ticket sales (usually \$15 per person) and private contributions. Shows are usually 7:30 in the evening but some are at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Just a few days ago we received an email from the theatre announcing audition tryouts in July for *Rumors*, by Neil Simon. It's about a quiet and sedate dinner party which goes awry with a situation that wreaks havoc on both the hosts and the guests. Show dates are nine performances in September.

At the time of this writing, they were planning *I Do, I Do*, *Mass Appeal*, *Calendar Girls*, and a musical yet to be announced for the 2021/2022 season.

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Answer to puzzle from page 10

MEMORIES OF ANDREW

By Joe Cortese



Every June 1 (the official beginning of Hurricane season) comes to me with feelings of trepidation but seeing the horror of that building collapsing on Miami Beach intensified my well-earned fears and my memories of "Hurricane Andrew"!

Stupid (yes in hindsight I believe stupid is the right word) describes anybody who would intentionally stay in the path of a category 5 hurricane. On August of 1992 Glenda and I lived a half mile from Biscayne Bay. August 21 and 22 we, along with two young nephews, had spent those days on our boat cruising the bay, swimming, and snorkeling, eating lunch on Elliot Key, and enjoying two perfect days on the water. Driving home that afternoon we noticed people closing their shutters but at that time there were no warnings for our area. After watching the news, we became convinced that we were in danger and so over Glenda's strong objections (that I should go with them) I sent her, our young nephews and of course my brand new 1500 extended cab Silverado truck north and out of harm's way. Sarah (my pit bull) and I stayed to do the macho thing of fortifying and protecting the homestead but I'm pretty sure if Sarah had her way, she would have left.

Sunday August 23 at 8 AM the first hurricane warnings were issued for southeast Florida. Glenda, and company head for Palm Coast (where my parents live) and I foolishly stay directly in the path of what will be known as the most costly and destructive "storm of the century". On Monday August 24 at 5 AM, less than 24 hours after the first warning, Hurricane Andrew makes landfall.

To this day I have nightmares of the next 24 hours. I have many memories of Andrew, some are good, some are very bad and some "I don't know".

I remember the unbelievable noise of the howling wind battering the house with anything it could pick up. I was listening to the weather with headphones on when Sarah got very agitated with a new noise. We were sitting in the back room and when I took my headphones off, I could hear something much louder coming toward the house. I grabbed Sarah and ran into the hallway 30 seconds before a tree came through the wall crushing everything in its path including the couch I had just vacated. Good memory, bad memory, I don't know but I do know that

Sarah saved my life.

There are too many horror stories for one article but there were some good general impressions that Andrew left on me. I remember the Army, the Salvation Army, FEMA, and many community groups giving out food, water, and ice (beautiful ice) and how easily we take for granted the simple things. Mostly I remember kindness, community and neighbors helping neighbors, that was a good feeling.

Hurricane Andrew changed my life and taught me much. Staying in the path of a serious storm is not brave, it's stupid. I learned not to underestimate mother nature or my wife because she was "right" (please don't tell her).



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BENTLEY'S TALE/A DOG'S STORY

By Betty Vandermyn



This is part 3 of Bentley's trilogy as told by me and Bentley which began the long road of training and recovery. So began the slow and tedious introduction to necessary socialization and leash training skills with a dog with PTSD or which I call post stress doggie traumatic disorder. The process began when we returned home and began acclimating Bentley to us, his home, our routine, feeding schedule, potty manners and of course the all-important socializing and leash training. He was less fearful and fretful inside our home after his adventure so his at home skills improved quickly. Outside the house was another issue entirely. Essentially, he was a basket case. I couldn't use a regular collar for leash training, so I purchased a vest that was custom fit to his specific neck and girth measurements. It took over a year of patience, perseverance, and understanding to finally walk down our street without him stopping for a panic attack. It took him 2 more years to successfully pass the Habersham mailboxes without stopping and doing this stubborn little "I'm not going any further", brakes on and head turned away. To this day he still hesitates at that spot however I think it's because his friends Rich and MaryAnn live there. During this process we became extremely attached, and he became my Velcro baby. He likes to always keep me in sight, and it is no longer necessary to tether him to my side with a leash. Recently we took him back to Bulow Plantation State Park and walked the road to the sugar mill ruins unleashed and he stayed at our side. I don't know if he remembers but he wasn't scared. Also, he needed to learn socialization skills which have improved tremendously. Again, a long slow process. At first, he was afraid of everyone however gradually he began developing confidence and has improved tremendously. He will never be the warm and fuzzy personality as you must earn his trust. He remains selective in choosing his human friends probably because of his dependency to doggie treats and boy is he spoiled. As Rich says, "Bentley, you're spoiled ROTTEN!" He is a gentle and sweet soul who would harm no one. He is demanding with his insatiable need for love and attention, but we love him so much and so happy he is here with us.

My turn. Yes, it's me Bentley and yes it was a harrowing

experience for me. I admit I'm a scaredy cat (or should I say dog) and I guess I gave my mom and dad a run for their money. I'm so happy to be home and love my mom and dad. They may have trained me however I've trained some people to always be available for treats. Mr. Pockets taught me that treats come from human pockets. Who knew! Other friends buy me gourmet treats. I love going to their house. I give them special hugs and actually a few bruises with my stick legs. Life was scary here to start but this is now my favorite place being at home with mom and dad. As they say... THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

REVERSIBLE HARNESSSES FOR SMALL DOGS

By Betty Vandermyn



After Bentley's adventure, I found the perfect reversible harness which helped me with his training. This is a great product for Italian Greyhounds and other small dogs 20 pounds or less as it fits snugly and is made based on each dog's specific weight, neck and girth measurements making it impossible to escape out of it. The strap is wonderful as your dog can easily be picked up when big dogs approach or if your pup finds themselves panicking in scary situations. The vest comes in multiple patterns of your choice and is reversible. I'm sharing this information so others may be aware of alternatives for their own little pooch. I know it really was a saving grace to me. The harness is made in Florida and has a Facebook site: Reversible Harness Vests by Linda. If you don't have Facebook you can email: Linda@rhvbylinda.com. For more information.

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MUFFIN & THE BLUE JAY

By Carol Pursley



Muffin was our third dog. He was half Yorkie and half Pomeranian. He was so cute but a horrible dog. I know that's not nice to say about a little six-pound dog, but he was terrible! We all loved him despite his very bad behavior. He went to doggie heaven when he was seventeen and we cried a thousand tears! All my close friends have funny stories about him, good and bad! When I lived in Ormond Beach, FL, I used to ride my bike every morning to Tomoka State Park. The wildlife was so beautiful, and I loved seeing the birds flying in and out of the trees!

One morning I prayed to God telling Him I wanted a baby bird! A few days later my girlfriend who lived behind me was walking through my backyard and found a baby blue jay who had fallen out of its nest. We brought it to my house, and I immediately called the bird lady on how to care for it. We named it Baby and we just loved that little bird! We fed Baby with an eye dropper and Baby grew very fast. He was so cute! We kept him on our screened porch but as he got older, he didn't like that, and he would sit at the door into the laundry room and cry. My girls would open the door and he would hop into the house chirping all the way into the family room. He was becoming a family pet and it was so hard to believe it, but Muffin liked him. Baby would jump onto Muffin's back and Muffin would walk around the house with Baby on his back. One of my friends took a picture of Baby on Muffin's back and sent it to the Daytona Beach News Journal newspaper with an article and we made the news!

Eventually Baby had grown up enough and needed to be released in the wild. He wasn't very happy about it and kept flying back onto my shoulder. It broke my heart. But I knew he was wild, and it was the best thing for him. One day he flew into my pine tree and cried for four hours until I finally let him fly back onto my shoulder. Finally, one day, Baby flew off into the wild blue yonder. We sure did miss him. He had become part of our family. It was hard to believe that Muffin, who could be so bad at times, liked the baby blue jay and became friends with him.

It was a real heartwarming experience for my girls and I. God answered a simple little prayer of mine which brought me so much happiness and laughter!

THE OAKS ROCK PAINTERS

By JoAnn Larkin

After months of painting patriotic rocks, a large selection was made available for residents to choose at the 4th of July picnic. Thanks to Patty Watkins for making such a nice sign for the table.



Carm Gross suggested we paint Get Well and Happy Birthday rocks for the garden. Feel free to take for family and friends. Please let us know any other ideas you may have for the group.

Thanks to Claudia Zoeller who took one of the rocks and gave it to a waitress at the Beachfront Grill. The waitress then hid the rock where someone found it and posted the rock on Facebook. If you do not keep them for yourself keep the rocks moving. Place them outside or other places of business.

Don't forget if you have children visiting, they are welcome to participate in the group on Friday 1-3 pm. If you plan to travel, grandchildren love painted rocks. Take one or two rocks with you to share with them.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

2-August Maureen Ruggiere
2-August Pat Compierchio
2-August Ken Pate
4-August Betty Smith
5-August Dan Biers
6-August Glynne Faust
7-August Lucy Case
7-August Patricia Jones
8-August Jean Bowe
8-August Phil Groh
8-August Dianne Hageman
8-August Clara Nicosia
8-August Patricia Unger
9-August Maureen Arsenault
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11-August Kim Frye
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14-August Art Cranston
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31-August Richard & Nancy Schmidt



We try hard to get it right. However, if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or have the dates wrong, please contact Betty Vandermyn at elzbthvnd@att.net or Dana Matlock at dbmatlock@live.com so we can correct our information for the newsletter. Thank you!

PEACHY KEEN!

by Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



Fresh peaches are in abundance right now and they are sweet and delicious! This is a very easy tart that showcases the great taste of summer peaches... and the buttery crust is divine. This recipe is easily halved to make a small tart.

PEACH CREAM TART

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 3 egg yolks
- 6 medium peaches peeled and sliced.
- Butter Crust (see recipe below)
- Whipped cream (optional)

Combine sugar, flour, sour cream, and egg yolks in a medium bowl; hand whisk until smoothly blended then set aside.

Arrange peach slices, overlapping in concentric circles in cooked Butter Crust. Pour sour cream mixture over peach slices. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour or until set. If surface browns too quickly, cover with foil. Let tart cool on rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Top with whipped cream.

Makes 1 9-inch tart

Butter Crust

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 2 tablespoons sour cream

Combine flour and butter in medium bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add sour cream, stirring with fork until dry ingredients are moistened and dough forms a ball.

Press dough in bottom and sides of 9-inch springform pan. Prick bottom and sides with fork. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20 minutes until set but not browned.



TALKING PENNSYLVANIAN ...

Submitted by John Mercurio



For those who think we Pennsylvanians 'talk funny' or use 'big words'...

Once a Pennsylvanian, ALWAYS a Pennsylvanian!

About Pennsylvanians: You've never referred to Philadelphia as anything, but 'Philly' and New Jersey has always been 'Jersey.'

We don't go to the beach -- we go 'down the shore.'

You refer to Pennsylvania as 'PA' (pronounced Pee-Ay). How many other states do that??

'You guys' (or even 'youze guys', in some places) is a perfectly acceptable reference to a group of men and women.

You know how to respond to the question 'Djeetyet?' (Did you eat yet?)

You know that the Iggles play football and so do the Stillers.

You learned to pronounce Bryn Mawr, Wilkes-Barre, Schuylkill, the Poconos, Tamaqua, Kutztown, Tunkahannock, Bala Cynwyd, Kishacoquillas, Duquesne and Monongahela, also Conshohocken.

And we know Lancaster is pronounced Lank-ister, not Lan-kaster.

You know what a 'Mummer' is and are disappointed if you can't catch at least highlights of the parade.

At least five people on your block have electric 'candles' in all or most of their windows all year long.

You know what a 'State Store' is, and your out-of-state friends find it incredulous that you can't purchase liquor at the mini mart.

Words like 'hoagie,' 'crick,' 'chipped ham,' 'dippy eggs,' 'sticky buns,' 'shoo-fly pie,' 'lemon sponge pie', 'pierogies' and 'pocketbook' actually mean something to you. (By the way, that last one's PA slang for a purse!)

You not only have heard of Birch Beer, but you know it comes in several colors.

You know the difference between a cheese steak and a pizza steak sandwich, and you know that you also can't get a really good one anywhere outside of the Philly area. (Except maybe in Atlantic City on the boardwalk.)

You know that Blue Ball, Intercourse, Paradise, Climax, Bird-in-Hand, Beaver, Moon, Virginville, Mars, Bethlehem, Hershey, Indiana, Sinking Spring, Jersey Shore, State College, Washington Crossing, Jim Thorpe, King of Prussia, Wind Gap, and Slippery Rock are all PA towns ... and the first three were consecutive stops on the old Reading RR! (PS - That's pronounced Redd-ing.)

You can identify drivers from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, or other neighboring states by their unique and irritating driving habits.

A traffic jam in Lancaster County is 10 cars waiting to pass a horse-drawn carriage on the highway. (And remember ... that's Lank-ister!)

You know several people who have hit deer more than once.

Driving is always better in winter because the potholes are filled with snow.

As a kid you built snow forts and leaf piles that were taller than you were.

You know beer doesn't grow in a garden, but you know where to find a beer garden.

You actually understand all this and give it to other Pennsylvanians. It's scary, isn't it!

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1. Stow, as cargo
5. Test versions
10. Ripe
14. Flying saucers
15. Utilizers
16. Wisdom
17. Make amends for
19. Godsend
20. Regret
21. Marble
22. Pantywaist
23. Senior
25. Animal life
27. Beer
28. Type of onyx
31. Declares
34. Hosiery
35. 24 hours
36. French for "Names"
37. River muds
38. Precious stones
39. Pair
40. Soft drinks
41. Explode
42. Inhabitant of an island
44. Tall hill
45. Inuit boat
46. A person who disputes
50. Astronomical visitor
52. Small islands
54. American Dental Association
55. Baking appliance
56. Starting up
58. Cleave
59. Hockey footwear
60. Leer at
61. The products of human creativity
62. Heretofore (2 words)
63. Overtake



DOWN

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| 1. Ill-gotten gains | 18. Noblemen | 41. African antelope |
| 2. Be in trouble with | 22. Lather | 43. Redress |
| 3. Vaulted | 24. Hearing organs | 44. Temporary higher rank |
| 4. Clairvoyant's gift | 26. Boats | 46. High society |
| 5. An embarrassing mistake | 28. Pertaining to the Sun | 47. Subarctic coniferous forests |
| 6. An analytic composition | 29. Sweet potatoes | 48. Graven images |
| 7. Nipple | 30. A covered garden walk | 49. Flogs with a stick |
| 8. Man-made objects | 31. Against | 50. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter |
| 9. South southeast | 32. Solemn pledges | 51. Not under |
| 10. A person without pigment | 33. A type of compensation | 53. Remain |
| 11. Common merganser | 34. Cronies | 56. An Old Testament king |
| 12. God of love | 37. Fizzy drink | 57. Not bottom |
| 13. Declare untrue | 38. Firearms | |
| | 40. Agitated state | |





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