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The members of Winters Mobile Home Park got their moonshine on with their clever float design.

Founders Day Spotlights Seniors

Story and photos by **Emily Kochanski**

The annual Founders Day celebration had the small town of Zephyrhills abuzz on March 10. The celebration commenced on Fifth Avenue with a grand parade showcasing several businesses, clubs,

and senior living communities.

Each of the senior floats and vehicles featured the establishment's king and queen, and a few of the entries were even decked out to reflect this year's Founders Day theme: "Moonshine, Turpentine, and Timber." Residents dressed in

country garb rode aboard floats, jugs of moonshine in hand.

Some senior communities that sailed down Main Street included Westbrooke Manor Assisted Living, Winters Mobile

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Cindy Beck and Sandy Bourgoins building the kissing booth for the Valentines Day Dance out of a wooden pallet found in the garbage.

Then And Now A History Of Sweetwater Residents

Submitted by **Judy Pearce**
Sweetwater RV Resort

More than 20 years ago, "The Vermont Bunch" came to camp in the area we now call Sweetwater RV Resort. They were a group of 11, headed up by "The Godfather," the name given to Francis Quatrini, who is still playing golf at 92 years of age in St. Johnsbury, Vt. Francis and his wife Gloria were best friends to Marion McLam's parents. When Wilma came too, Marion and Wendell decided to rent a place, and eventually bought on Miriam Lane.

Wilma and Bill Fournier camped in Kissimmee every year, and visited her brother, Bernie Blake, on the way back home. Bernie and Barbara camped in Settlers' Rest first, and helped develop Sweetwater, when they eventually bought a place here.

Marilyn Blake had retired from Boston, and she didn't want to be left

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Yard Sale, Tournaments Featured

Steve Greer Entertained As Elvis At Majestic Oaks

Submitted by **Gail Hudnut**
Majestic Oaks RV Resort

The last week of February brought a flurry of activities at Majestic Oaks. The annual yard sale, held in conjunction with Emerald Pointe, brought in hundreds of cars with eager buyers looking for deals. Weeks of preparation for the sellers offered a great variety of items for sale. Volunteers in safety vests greeted cars at the entry to describe the traffic flow and announce the bake sale, craft sale and hot dog lunch at the club house.

The yard sale was organized by Jim Ruth who did all the background preparation in addition to instructing volunteers where they were to be stationed in the park. Dave McMullen headed the hot dog sale with his crew who were on duty from early morning until the hot dogs were sold out.

Inside the club house Diana Whitman and Suzanne McMullen led the volunteers for the bake sale. Coffee was made, baked



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Debbie Swope gets a chance to dance with Elvis.

Paulie Palooza Returns Saturday

Popular Hospice Benefit Offers Something New

by **Keri McAlpine**



A variety of performers gather each year to participate in Paulie Palooza. This year's lineup will focus on the snowbird and senior population, featuring performances from local bands made up of retirees.

Photo by **Joe Potter**

Paulie Palooza is coming back to Zephyrhills this Saturday with a bit of a twist. This year's palooza will be split into a daytime and nighttime event, both to celebrate local music and raise money for a good cause.

Since its inception in 2012, Paulie Palooza has raised more than \$20,000 for hospice patient care in Pasco County through Gulfside Hospice. Organizer Paul Correia started the event after his father, Michael Correia, who was taken care of by Gulfside, passed away in 2011.

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TOWN & COUNTRY RV RESORT



The gentlemen won and got to take home this years' creatively designed beer bottle trophy.

Men And Women Face Off In Shuffleboard

Submitted by *Kimberly Hawkins*
Town & Country RV Resort

On March 1, residents of the Town & Country RV Resort in Dade City held the annual Shuffleboard "Ladies vs. Gents" tournament.



Pictured, from left, are Carolyn and Elgin Bertrand, Sharon and Ken Steinhoff, Diane and Tom Bertrand, and friends Bev and Ray.



Residents from Westbrooke Manor Assisted Living spread some old-fashioned country fun from aboard their covered wagon float.

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Home Park, Emerald Pointe RV Resort, Country Aire Village, and the Happy Days RV Park Association.

"We wanted to have some recognition for Winters Mobile Home Park because we love living there," said

Sally Ward, the activities director at Winters Mobile Home Park. "We've been participating in the Founders Day parade for many years, but this is our first full-fledged float in several years."

These participating communities showed that Zephyrhills is the best place to live at any age.



Patrick and Susan Riley rode in style as Emerald Pointe royalty.



Country Aire's king and queen, Bruce and Sharon Raymond, gave the crowd some courtly waves.

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MORNINGSIDE RV ESTATES



Lynne Swinson and Shawn Metzler.

Residents Win Big During Bicycle Event
Straight Takes First In Poker Run

Submitted By **Lynn Kosto**
Morningside RV Estates

The second annual Bicycle Poker Run was held at Morningside RV Estates on Feb. 24. Event coordinators were Lynne and Dave Swinson. It was an especially hot day at 83 degrees with 50



Tom Parslow, Dick Kennedy, Lynne Swinson and Ron Schulte.

percent humidity, but the cyclists worked through the clues which led them to collect playing cards to create their poker hand. Fun was had by all who participated. Cash prizes were given for the top three poker hands and all participants were eligible for prizes donated by VO2 Max Cycles, San Antonio Cyclery and Beef O' Bradys. This was a fun event even for the owners of the homes

handing our cards as the riders had to be sure they completed the clues properly to arrive at the correct house. Poker winners were Tom Parslow in first place with a straight, Dick Kennedy in second and Ron Schulte in third. Prize winners were Shawn Metzler, Donna Dedrick, Gene Graves and Wayne Chase.



Lynne Swinson and Wayne Chase.



Lynne Swinson and Gene Graves.



Lynne Swinson and Donna Dedrick.

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March 15 – Benefit Dinner and Dance – Hosted by the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Cairo Court #97 at the Zephyrhills Lions Club on Dean Dairy Road, featuring local singer/songwriter Karl Sapp. Proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa. Held from 6-9:30 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Food will be available for purchase. Call (813) 395-6767 for information and where to buy tickets.

March 15 – Medicare Answers – A SHINE Volunteer will be available to answer Medicare questions at 11 a.m. at the New River Library, 34043 S.R. 54. Call (813) 788-6375 for information.

March 16-17 – Women Build – Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build events provide the opportunity for women to take a proactive step by coming together to build stronger, safer communities. Involve your friends and family or come alone, and make new friends. The atmosphere is collaborative and friendly. Must be 16 years of age. Visit www.habitatpasco.org to register. Spots are limited.

March 17 – Paulie Palooza – The seventh annual Paulie Palooza music festival will be held at the Zephyrhills Community Event Venue, 5200 Airport Road. Admission is a \$5 to Gulfside Hospice, Food will be available for purchase. A car show, raffles and live music performed by local bands will be featured. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair. Vendor and sponsor opportunities are still available. Contact Carla Armstrong at (727) 845-5707 or carla.armstrong@ghppc.org, or visit ghppc.org for information.

March 17 – Kicking Toxins Out of Your Home – This free class will focus on using essential oils to kick toxins out of your home. Held from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Living Food Bakery & Café, 38201 10th Ave. A free prize will be given away. Call (813) 399-4467 or (813) 479-7724 for information.

March 17 – Rummage Sales – The Grand Horizon community will be holding parkwide and clubhouse rummage sales from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch and a bake sale will be available in the clubhouse. The park is located behind Lowes and Walmart off Green Slope Road. Contact scraps1937@yahoo.com for information.

March 17 – Spring Book Sale – The Friends of the New River Library will have their Spring book sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Most of the gently used books will be in a sale for the first time. Older books will be sold at a discount. There will be a craft corner for children. All proceeds support library programs, which are free to participants. Wear green and get one free book with purchase. Contact finleyrl817@yahoo.com for information.

March 17 – Spring Tag Sale – Forest Lake Estates will be holding its annual Spring Park Wide Tag Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Come and discover what kinds of trinkets and treasures there will be in store. Located at 41219 Hockey Drive in Zephyrhills. Contact flecalendar@gmail.com for information.

March 17 – Car Show – A Throttle-n-Gears car show will be held from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at Richland Baptist Church, 40443 Stewart Road. Call (352) 567-2990 for more information.

March 17 – Kitten Shower – Kitten season is when the Pasco County animal shelter sees many kittens come in that are anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks old. New foster families are invited to the shelter to receive training and education.

Held from 1-3 p.m. at 19640 Dogpatch Lane, Building B in Land O’ Lakes. Contact educationoffice@pascocountyfl.net for information and to RSVP.

May 17 – Rotary Bowl – Dade City Noon Rotary Club’s eighth annual Rotary Bowl will be held at Pin Chasers, 6816 Gall Blvd. Check in and a happy hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Practice time will start at 5 p.m. and the bowling will begin at 6 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available with a May 10 deadline. Register for 18 lanes of bowling golf, auction and raffles and prizes. Complimentary dinner and soft drinks will be served and a cash bar will be available. Contact (352) 585-3762 or premiumtitleinc@gmail.com for information.

March 17 – Dogs’ Day in Dade City – Stop by Agnes Lamb Park in downtown Dade City, across from The Edwinola, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for a variety of fun activities for you and your dog including a dog wagon parade, dog costume contest, K-9 challenge, dog talent show, and the ice cream/yogurt eating contest. All dogs must be on a leash. Vendor opportunities available. Visit dogsdayindadecity.com for information.

March 20 – Guitarist and Entertainer Steve Jeffris – Southfork Mobile Home Park, 10808 U.S. 98, is hosting a performance by Steve Jeffris starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and can be bought ahead of time or at the door. Call (352) 523-0022 for information.

March 20 – Essential Oils 101 – Learn what are essential oils and what they can do in this free class. Held from 3-4:30 p.m. at The Living Food Bakery & Café, 38201 10th Ave. All are welcome, and a free prize will be given away. Call (813) 399-4467 or (813) 479-7724 for information.

March 20 – Cooking Demo – Learn how to cook a healthy and easy veggie burger. Held from 1-2 p.m. at the Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information and required reservations.

March 21-23 – Betmar Acres Chorus Concert – Under the direction of Linda LaFayette, the chorus will be presenting its 46th annual spring concert on Wednesday at 2 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m., and Friday at 7 p.m. The 70-member chorus will entertain with show tunes, spirituals, hymns, and old familiar songs. Tickets are available for a \$5 donation by calling Jan at (813) 788.9606 or tickets may be purchased at the door. Held in Clubhouse 2 on Lakewood Drive.

March 24 – Native Plant Sale – The Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is having a native plant sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at our temporary location at the Harvester United Methodist Church, 2432 Collier Parkway, Land O’ Lakes. Visit facebook.com/PascoNativePlants for information.

March 24 – Spring Bazaar – Atonement Lutheran Church’s Women of the ELCA will be hosting a Spring Bazaar from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 29617 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel. Vendor opportunities available for a \$25 donation available. Proceeds go to multiple local charities. Complimentary continental breakfast will be available.

March 24 – Yard Sale – Ramblewood Village, located off of Autumn Palm Drive in Zephyrhills, will be holding a park wide yard sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 24 – Z Health Wellness Festival – This free event will be held in Zephyr Park, 38116 Fifth Ave., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. presented by Florida Wellness Medical

Group. Stop by for live music, games and activities, and a kids’ craft section. Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact tkozak@flwell.com or (813) 993-8656 for information.

March 25 – Community Easter Celebration – A free celebration will be held at 3 p.m. at Sam Pasco Recreation Complex, 39835 Chancey Road. Stop by for thousands of Easter eggs, bounce house, face painting, petting zoo, games and free photos with the Easter bunny. Hosted courtesy of Circus, Magic and Music for the Zephyrhills Little League. Visit the Zephyrhills Little League Facebook page for information.

March 26 – Community Health Fair – The Edwinola, 14235 Edwinola Way, will be hosting a community health fair starting at 9 a.m. Health screenings will be available by select vendors including Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, Bayfront Health Dade City, Agency on Aging, Florida Medical Clinic and more local skilled nursing facilities, health agencies and pharmacies. Call (352) 567-6500 for information.

March 27 – Oils From the Kitchen – Explore ways to use essential vitality oils in the preparation of food in this free class. Held from 3-4:30 p.m. at The Living Food Bakery & Café, 38201 10th Ave. All are welcome, and a free prize will be given away. Call (813) 399-4467 or (813) 479-7724 for information.

March 27 – Big Brothers Big Sisters Orientation – Find out what it means to be a Big Brother or Big Sister in Pasco County and get a head start in the process. Held from 5:30- 7 p.m. at Wesley Chapel Honda, 27750 Wesley Chapel Blvd. Contact (813) 997-6881 or debk@bbbstampabay.org for information.

March 30 – Good Friday Walk of the Cross – The walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 5316 11th St. Final reflections and music will be held at 6:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 38635 Fifth Ave.

March 31 – Healthy Animals Using Essential Oils – Learn how to keep your animals healthy or restore them to health in this free class held from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Living Food Bakery & Café, 38201 10th Ave. All are welcome, and a free prize will be given away. Call (813) 399-4467 or (813) 479-7724 for information.

March 31 – Jelly Bean Fling – Held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road. Stop by for vendors galore, food and live music and family friendly activities like making Easter bonnets, Easter egg hunts,

face painting, touch a truck, barrel train rides and more. Visit and take a photo with Jasper the Easter Bunny. Call (352) 567-0262 or visit PioneerFloridaMuseum.org for information. Admission is \$5 with free parking.

April 1 – Easter Sunrise Service – Held on the front lawn of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd. starting at 7 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs as seating is limited. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

April 5 – Roy Hardy Fish Fry – Dade City Kiwanis presents the annual fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any club member. Menu will include fried fish, cheese grits, hush puppies, baked beans and cole slaw. Held in the parking lot of Badcock’s Home Furnishings on Seventh Street. Drive thru or take out only. Contact Mike at (352) 437-5334 for information.

Arpil 7 – Car Show – Held in downtown Dade City from 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per car registration; trophies will be presented. Giveaways to the first cars registered. Activities for kids will also be featured. The public and car enthusiasts are encouraged to visit the fabulous shops and restaurants in Dade City. Call (813) 879-1616 for information.

April 7 – The Market Place – The monthly market place will be held at Hibiscus Park at Seventh Street and Bougainvillea Avenue from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The pet friendly event is free to attend, open to the public and includes live entertainment. Shop local vendors for a variety of products including honey, home décor, garden accessories, jewelry, bakery items, jellies/jams, homemade soaps and much more. Contact lucyavila707@gmail.com or (352) 424-4972 for additional information or interested vendors.

April 7 – Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament – The 33rd annual tournament will begin at 11 a.m. at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club, 12900 Lake Jovita Blvd. A shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. Cost per golfer is \$125 which includes golf, cart, practice, locker room access, lunch, dinner and gratuities. Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (352) 567-3769 for information.

April 7 – Community Shred-It Day – Hosted by San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union, shred your unwanted documents with no expense from 9-11 a.m. at 7301 Gall Blvd. Bring only what you can carry – up to two boxes per person no larger than 18x12x9 each. Remain with your documents until they’re shredded. This event is free and open to the public.

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This year’s daytime event will resemble what has been associated with Paulie Palooza for the past five years and for the second time will be held at the Zephyrhills Community Event Venue at 5200 Airport Road. A \$5 admission fee will be charged at the gate, benefitting Hospice, and will allow attendees access to seven hours of music beginning at 10 a.m.

Correia said this year’s music performances are focusing on the senior and snowbird population, featuring five performances from local bands made up of retirees.

“Zephyrhills has developed a reputation of having a tremendous amount of retired professional musicians and we’re trying to showcase all that talent,” Correia said. “I really think the daytime event, especially showcasing the seniors, was a good concept.”

Live performances will feature senior bands coming out of local parks, including Morningside and Majestic Oaks, as well as bands from neighboring Land O’ Lakes. This way, seniors and winter visitors will be able to see their neighbors play on stage and cheer them on.

The festival will also feature a car show, local vendors, silent auction, and drawings. Food will be available for purchase, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair, as seating is limited.

Last year’s event raised in excess of



Linda Ward, president and CEO of Gulfside Regional Hospice & Pasco Palliative Care, with Paul Correia last year. Correia organized Paulie Palooza to raise money to help Gulfside provide care for hospice patients in Pasco County.

\$10,000 and Correia is hoping to match or exceed that this year.

After the concert series has ended, the after party-styled nighttime event will be held at Zephyrhills Brewing Company, 38530 Fifth Ave.

Local band Hired Gun will be playing to keep the music going and the brewery will feature discounted beers. Alcohol will not be sold during the daytime event, so this way attendees can follow up a great day of live music with an ice-cold beer, Correia said. The brewery after party will not have a cover charge.

Visit ghppc.org for more information or the Paulie Palooza Music Festival Facebook page for updates and more information.

Allegany Picnic A Success

Submitted by Lance Oliver

The 62nd Allegany County, N.Y. Picnic was held in Zephyrhills on March 2. It was great fun, with 173 people attending.

During the business meeting we drew the 50/50 tickets, with two winners. The raffle items, two beautiful end tables, were made by President Harmon and

there were approximately 40 door prizes.

Many thanks to the businesses from the county that provided gift certificates.

It was noted that Allegany County was snowy with more than 12 inches of snow and temperatures of 24 degrees low and 32 degrees high. Zephyrhills was 46 degrees lowest and at 82 degrees for the high.

Women’s Chorus Welcomes Singers

Ladies, do you like to harmonize?

The Zephyr Sound, an informal ladies barbershop chorus which entertains at various parks in the area might be the group for you.

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welcome women of all ages who love to sing harmony.

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SWEETWATER RV RESORT



Pictured, from left, are Wilma Fournier, Marilyn Blake and Marion McLam in the kissing booth before the Valentine's Day Dance.

Photo by Cindy Beck



Cindy and Sandy in their finished kissing booth. Cindy then proceeded to take pictures of other people attending the dance.



Cindy Beck and the decorating committee did a great job, inside and out. Pictures were taken by Cindy as people entered the New Years' Dance.

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alone there each winter. When Marion and Wendell moved to a bigger place in Sweetwater, Marilyn bought their trailer.

When Wendell became ill, their daughter, Cindy Beck, came down part-time, and eventually took an early retirement. For the last few seasons, she has brought her mother down and stayed with her. This year, the decorating committee was in need of help and Cindy and Marion's sister-in-law, Sandy Bourgoin, got together and built a kissing booth for the Valentines Day Dance. Cindy had seen a wooden pallet in the garbage when she was driving with Dale Sanders. She came home and asked her neighbour, Carl, to pick it up with his truck. Later, Dale came back to help take it apart – that's the way things get

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Wilma, Marilyn and Marion doing their two-mile walk/ride around the parks.

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Dolores Swallow in Sweetwater Park.



Dale Sanders taking apart a wooden pallet for the kissing booth. He also saw it and picked it up for Cindy to use.

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done in Sweetwater – everyone working together towards a common goal.

Cindy also created a great photo opportunity outside the New Years’ dance this season. She knew Dale took pictures of people as they entered, so she wanted to add to the ambience, and it went over very well.

The Three Musketeers, Wilma, Marion and Marilyn, still do everything together. Now, with Cindy, the next generation is enjoying the park together.

In 1985, Lloyd and Shelby Jean Skeel arrived at Sweetwater in their Airstream trailer. By 1987, they bought their park model; the same one that their daughter, Dolores Swallow, still lives in full-time today. They were full-timing it and found the Airstream far too hot, even though they travelled home to Indianapolis in the summer to visit. Dolores and Larry would visit for two weeks a year at Thanksgiving and the last week of February.

Lloyd passed in 1996 and Shelby Jean in 1999, so the home was rented out for several years, waiting for Dolores and



Bernie and Barbara Blake at the ice cream social at Sweetwater.

Larry to retire from Zionsville, Ind. and move to Zephyrhills. Their first renter was Anna Mae and Ralph Jones. Next, from 1985-89, Melvin and Majorie rented before they also bought in the park.

Dolores and Larry became snowbirds in 2010 and, in 2012, they became sunbirds, when Larry was no longer able to travel, due to health issues. He passed on Feb. 15, 2015, and Dolores has continued to live in Sweetwater full-time ever since. She loves it here and enjoys games, volunteering and meeting new people. This year, she has been asked to be the full-time librarian, and she also enjoys working with the “A Team” on Wednesday afternoons for the Blue Plate Specials. She said she met the dogs first, while walking her dog Kaylee; then, she met the people. Her daughter comes every year for a week at her birthday on June 21 – sometimes she brings her son as well and Dolores proudly shows pictures of their times together.

For Christmas 2016, she enjoyed her first time at home since 2008. She flew and stayed with her daughter. She also has an older daughter, living in Punta



Francis and Gloria Quatrini at the spaghetti dinner.

Gorda, and visits her a few times each year.

Dale Sanders came to Sweetwater when his parents were ill and needed assistance. Walter, Police Chief in Indiana, and his wife, Patricia Sanders, came to Sweetwater in May 1983 – there was no power or streets then, and it was the rainy season. They first went to the Kissimmee area with friends in September 1981, when they retired.

Dale’s father passed in November 1985 and his mother in May 2009. Patricia had never driven so Dale stayed, and when she passed, he promised to take care of the house she bought in April 1998. Dale is younger than most residents, but he has been encouraged to stay because of the growth of the town and surrounding Wesley Chapel. He says the average age in Zephyrhills is 10 years younger now, due to the influx of people from the Tampa area, and it is cheaper to live here as well. Dale does a lot of volunteer work in his community and loves to support the local eating places with friends.



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Hot dog sale helpers Harry Turner, Dave McMullen, Barb Hartnell, Denis Gour and Bob Hartnell.



Bake sale helpers Suzanne McMullen, Susan Turner, Gail Hudnut, Diana Whitman and Judy Paulenich.



Steve Greer, also known as Elvis.



Yard sale greeters Billy Starrett, Pat Irvine and Dave Hudnut.



Craft sales vendors Tomiko Hutchinson and Bernie.

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goods were priced and packaged, and all were displayed on tables for buyers to choose from. We have excellent bakers whose goodies appealed to everyone. To top this off, the weather was perfect. All contributed to a very enjoyable and profitable day. Steve Greer, also known as Elvis, made an appearance

at Majestic Oaks as part of our entertainment series organized by Dave Gammon and Debbie Swope. Steve sang Las Vegas style tunes to a packed house and engaged the audience with sing-alongs. After intermission, Elvis took to the stage with great renditions of Elvis’s hits. He also moved through the audience paying attention to the ladies. He even danced with Debbie Swope singing “Love Me Tender”. Everyone had a wonderful evening.

March Madness Has Begun At Majestic Oaks

Submitted by Doug Lee
Majestic Oaks RV Resort

March is a kickoff for the many tournaments to be held at Majestic Oaks. The tennis tournament leads the way, closely followed by pickleball and shuffleboard. The start of the tennis tournament has been exciting. This year’s format was unique and fun as teams were drawn from a deck of cards. Every match was played with a different partner. Scores were tallied per match. There was a lot of intense play, every player raised their level of game. The volleys were incredible this

year. Casualties fell by the side, however everyone had a good laugh and truly enjoyed the experience. The final four have been determined and will play in the finals on March 9. Carole, Sue, Pierre and Tom battled it out for the championship this year. Up for grabs was the “Sam’s Purified Water Bottle Cup Trophy”, created by Doug, as a reminder to all participants, that this is all about “FUN”. Results were not available at press time. This week marked the start of the Majestic Oaks Pickleball tournament. With more than 28 participants, this tournament will generate a lot of excitement. Best of luck to all.



Tennis tournament antics with Billy Daniels and Dale Greathouse.



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Majestic Oaks Annual Golf Outing

Submitted by **Jim Ruth**
Majestic Oaks RV Resort

The fourth annual Majestic Oaks Golf Outing was held on Feb. 28 at the Pebble Creek golf course. The weather was beautiful with plenty of sunshine. The outing is open to any resident of a Sun Community. Women as well as men participated.

The day started with coffee and donuts provided by Dunkin Donuts during the sign-in period. During this time participants were invited to try out our putting contest. All golfers were also able try out the putting contest after the ninth hole.

Following the sign-in period all golfers proceeded to their assigned starting tee for the shot-gun start. Using a scramble format the golfers teed off at approximately 9 a.m. Not only were golfers trying as a team for low score but individual contests were also held for closest drive to the line and two closest to the pin holes.

Following golf, a barbequed chicken dinner was enjoyed by all. Everyone was a winner as all golfers

received a prize ranging from a short-sleeved wind shirt to putters or wedges to golf balls. In addition, every golfer's name was put in a hat with a drawing for a Titleist golf bag, which was won by Jerry Adkins.

Speaking of prizes, an additional drawing was held for more than 50 raffle prizes which included another Titleist golf bag, wind shirts, golf shirts, balls, grips and towels. No participant was left out.

A low score of 64 was posted by the winners from Bakers Acres RV Park players Frank Kurta, Bill Stratton, Larry Bronsink and Ken Larson. Individual winners were Dick Lane (closest to the pin on #2), Bob Hartnell (closest to the pin on #15) and Shelly Heyden (closest to the line on #7). We wrapped up the outing with the putting contest finals won by JoAnne Thorne. The putting contest benefitted The Thomas Promise Foundation, a local charity for under-privileged children. In all we raised \$250 for the charity.

Next year's outing will be in February 2019 and again open to all Sun Community residents. We plan on a bigger and better outing with a few surprises.



Golf Outing winners Frank Kurta, Bill Stratton, Larry Bronsink and Ken Larson.



Ladies who played in the golf outing.



Putting contest winner JoAnne Thorne flanked by Pat Irvine and Dave Gammon.

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