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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

We would like to remind ALL RESIDENTS that you are automatically members of the Social Activities Club (S.A.C.). We welcome your suggestions and comments at our monthly meetings typically held on the 1st Saturday of each month after coffee hour between October and March. At the meetings, you have the right to make motions from the floor to vote on the proposals before the group.

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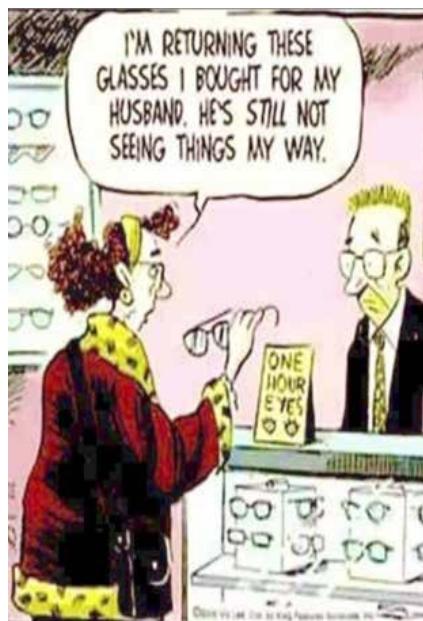


## IT'S OK TO OUT LOUD - AKA FUNNIES

*What begins as a Match Made In Heaven, must be lived here on Earth.*



These relationship Funnies were contributed by a reader who wishes to be Unnamed!



A doctor and engineer loved the same girl



**Husband: When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?**

**Wife: I clean the toilet.**

**Husband: How does that help?**

**Wife: I use your Toothbrush.**

**HUSBAND: "You think you know me pretty well, don't you?"**

**WIFE: "Oh, Yes, I know you better than anyone on earth including you."**

**HUSBAND: "Okay, what's my favorite kind of pie?"**

**WIFE: "Round"**

**HUSBAND: "Lucky guess!"**



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**I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME WISH YOU WERE HER.**



## LETTER TO OUR READERS

### Dear Readers,

The year is clicking right along as we move into February, along with the anticipation of Punxsutawney Phil's annual prediction. According to tradition, if the weather prophet sees his shadow and retreats into his hole, we are in for six more weeks of winter-like weather. If not, an early spring awaits.



Here in Central Florida, January gave us a taste of cooler days, with many of us responding to freeze warnings by covering our outdoor plants. With that behind us, we are hopeful that Phil's forecast—and our days ahead—will bring the warm, pleasant weather that drew so many of us to Florida in the first place.

February also brings exciting events both close to home and nearby. Our residents are invited to gather at the Clubhouse on February 8th to cheer for their favorite team at our Super Bowl party. On a local scale, the town of Eustis will celebrate its 124th annual George Fest from February 21–28, featuring a variety of entertainment options and headliner music performances for all to enjoy.

February is perhaps best known as the month of love, inspired by legends about Saint Valentine—and, of course, with a 'little' help from Hallmark. Page 12 of this issue is devoted to that theme, featuring quotes, poetry, and thoughtful reflections on the power and beauty of love.

As you browse through this month's edition of *The Osprey*, you'll find not only our regular activities, but also several special events planned just for February. We encourage you to come out, spend time with neighbors and friends, and perhaps even make a few new ones along the way.

**Always the Best,**  
**Cheryl Watts**  
Editor



## HERE'S WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT JANUARY'S



- ❖ *The Sweet Sorrows of Time* was a meaningful poem on aging and was both inspirational and insightful.
- ❖ I particularly enjoyed the hysterical comics, especially the one about learning how to drive in snow by doing donuts in parking lots (the way we did it in NYC); also, the forgetful support group. "A lot of truth is said in jest."
- ❖ Enjoyed the facts about Ben Franklin, many, but not all of which I already knew.
- ❖ I devour this newsletter every month.
- ❖ Besides all the funny cartoons, I did enjoy the article on Ben Franklin. He is one of my favorite figures from the Revolutionary era. There is a great statue of him at the Smithsonian museum of American History. And I visited the Christ Church cemetery in Philly and saw Franklin's tomb. Very impressive.

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***The Dragonfly***  
~Author Unknown~



Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond, with few disturbances and interruptions. 

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever. 

Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forever. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top. 

When he reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap. As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying. 

So, fly he did! And, as he soared, he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had never known existed. 

Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before.

His life had been fulfilled rather than ended. 

But his new body would not go down into the water. He could not get back to tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they, too, would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life! 



**DEATHS AT COUNTRY CLUB  
MANOR DURING 2025**

**Betty Agathos**  
**Sue Anderson**  
**Irene Andrews**  
**Esther Benzenbauer**  
**Peggy Biagini**  
**Newell Clancey**  
**Leah Everett**  
**Will Gazaille**  
**John Gold**  
**Earl Greenman**  
**Bob Huckleberry**  
**Nancy Hugget**  
**Thaddeus Josefiak**  
**Bill Johnson**  
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**Bill Pennington**  
**Nancy Rateau**  
**Gretchin Reed**  
**Bill Rembold**  
**Sheila Roane**  
**Harry Ruer**  
**Ruth Sasser**  
**Shirley Sibilrud**  
**Kathy VanDemark**  
**Doris Warren**  
**Tom Willis**

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*The CCM Board meets every  
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Next Meeting: February 19th*

**Board Workshop Meeting  
Second Thursday at 2 PM  
Next Board Workshop: February 12th**

## **MEETINGS ARE IN THE CLUBHOUSE**

*Stay informed about CCM  
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All residents are  
encouraged to attend.*





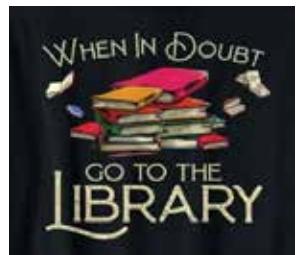
**WINNERS**  
Of January 11th Poker Run  
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**HONORABLE MENTIONS.....**  
Kris Irvine  
Rich Gwynn  
Connie Kamerer.



### DIDJA KNOW....

by Linda English

You might not have noticed we have a lovely little library between the kitchen and the restrooms. The books are divided by genre and are usually alphabetical by author name. In spite of its small size, the library has an extensive inventory including children's books which you can read to your grandchildren while sitting in the corner yellow rocking chair.



There are also movies on DVD and VCR, music CDs, and books on tape for those north south road trips. If you want to have a party, but lack a theme, there are several role-playing mystery games. Residents new to the Park or those interested in CCM history will find a collection of old Osprey newsletters full of Park information. Lastly, there's a nice little table and chairs if you want to play cards or a tabletop game.

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## “Remembering Will Gazaille”

10/23/1934 – 10/31/2025

By Bob Comotto

I think most people upon meeting Will, sensed a special connection to him. A casual friend at CCM for many years, he and Kay were always good company.

It wasn't until the passing of my wife Dotti, that we became closer and provided mutual support for each other. We shared memories of the women closest to us. He became my 'wingman' when going to the Elks or Moose for a 'night out.'

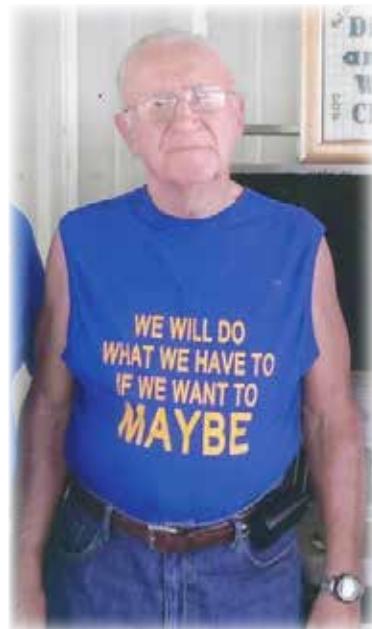
Although I couldn't get into fishing, the #1 activity we shared was shooting pool. Most nights were spent at the Clubhouse pool table alone or joined by other players. Then off to my house for an episode or two of a light hearted TV action series, preferably a Western.

Will was a storyteller. His favorite subjects were fishing, hunting and his former jobs. He shared these parts of his life with everyone who would listen and did so frequently.

He was always excited by God's wonderful outdoors, "Mother Nature" as he would say. He had a little of St. Francis of Assisi in him, as he liked to talk to the animals he encountered.

His family was #1 and like many of us, an overprotective Dad, which wasn't always easy for his kids. I was blessed to spend a month with them during his passing.

He will also be fondly remembered for his many years of active involvement at CCM, including the Men's Club, Spaghetti Dinners, and countless other activities as well as for the kindness and help he so freely gave to others in exchange for chocolate chip cookies.



**R.I.P. WILL  
GAZAILLE**

### Some favorite quotes

“I know God will not give me anything I can't handle, I just wish He wouldn't trust me so much!” - Mother Teresa

“There will come a time when you believe everything is finished, that will be the beginning.” - Louis L'amour

“Who do you know that is luckier than me?” - Will Gazaille

“God watches out for fools and little children.” - Folk wisdom evolving from Psalm 116.6

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## QUOTES – POETRY --THOUGHTS THAT CELEBRATE LOVE

### QUOTES CORNER

- ❖ “Life is the flower for which Love is the honey.”  
—*Victor Hugo*
- ❖ “Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get — only with what you are expecting to give; which is everything.” —*Katharine Hepburn*
- ❖ “Love is like the wind; you can't see it but you can feel it.” —*Nicholas Sparks, 'A Walk to Remember'*
- ❖ “The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.” —*Victor Hugo*
- ❖ “Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.” —*Alfred, Lord Tennyson*
- ❖ “Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.” —*Albert Einstein*
- ❖ “True love is singing karaoke Under Pressure and letting the other person sing the Freddie Mercury part.” —*Mindy Kaling*

### POETRY CORNER

#### THE TIME IS NOW

If you are ever going to love me, love me now.  
Now, while I can know the sweet and tender feelings  
Which from true affection flow.  
Love me now while I am living.  
Do not wait until I'm gone  
And then have it chiseled in marble,  
Sweet words on ice – cold stone.  
If you have tender thoughts of me, please tell me now.  
If you wait until I am sleeping,  
Never to awaken there will be death between us —  
And I won't hear you then.  
So, if you love me, even a little bit, let me know while I  
am living  
So, I can treasure it  
And I can treasure you.

(Author Unknown)



## THOUGHTS ABOUT LOVE THAT REMAINS

Love is a force that doesn't simply vanish when someone is no longer part of your life. It lingers, not as a chain that binds you to the past, but as a quiet reminder of the connection you once held. Even when a relationship ends or life separates you from someone you love, that love doesn't cease to exist. Instead, it transforms—becoming softer, more reflective, and deeply intertwined with who you are. It becomes part of your story, shaping the person you continue to become.

One of the hardest truths to accept is that love doesn't just disappear when someone is no longer physically present, whether through distance, time, or loss; that love often finds its way into quiet moments, resurfacing unexpectedly in memories or emotions. It doesn't mean you're holding on too tightly—it means that the bond you shared was real, meaningful, and impactful. Love, even when it evolves, has a way of leaving its mark.

Healing from a past love or the loss of someone dear isn't about trying to erase what was. Instead, it's about learning to carry that love in a new way. It's about honoring the impact they had on your life while finding peace in the present. To deny that love or try to bury it completely is to deny a part of yourself. The love you shared isn't wasted—it's a reminder of your capacity to care deeply and connect meaningfully, and it has shaped your heart in profound ways.

Over time, the intensity of that love may fade, not because it wasn't real, but because you've learned to carry it differently. It becomes less of a weight and more of a quiet strength, a reflection of your journey and growth. You'll begin to see it not as something holding you back, but as something that enriches your understanding of love, life, and yourself. Healing doesn't mean forgetting—it means finding a way to move forward while holding onto the lessons and memories with grace.



## *FEBRUARY 2026 OSPREY* **CCM FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES GALORE!**

### **SAC EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

*by Linda English*

Our Chair Yoga classes have been a big hit! Troy, our instructor, leads us through forty-five minutes of stretching and strengthening. The classes are every **Monday and Thursday at 11:30**

**AM** and are paid for from the SAC treasury, so FREE to all Park residents. This is a great opportunity for you to find out if chair yoga is right for you. We have had up to thirty men and women attending as we lean into a stronger body for 2026. No need to sign up. Wear loose clothing and bring a light handheld weight if you'd like. (Filled water bottles are the perfect size.)

Sunday, **February 1**, there will be another fun Poker Run in the community. Competitors may travel by golf cart, bicycle, or feet. Players meet at the Clubhouse **at 2 PM**, pay a five-dollar entry fee and receive a list of seven addresses where they can pick up a playing card. The best five card poker hand wins part of the pot. All monies collected will be given out in prizes to be determined by organizers. Golf carts may carry as many passengers as they choose, but each person playing the game must pay the five-dollar entry fee. Sign up and list all players names on the Slant Board. SAC needs seven stops for participants to pick up a playing card. Pit stop bosses may serve a drink or snack if they choose, but it is not necessary. Players may also be required to complete a task or solve a problem in order to receive a card. If you would like to be a pit boss, please sign up on the slant board.

On Sunday, **February 8, at 6 PM**, SAC will have a Super Bowl party in the Clubhouse. One of our smart techs will hook the game up on the big screen. A sharing table will be set up for finger foods. Napkins and plates will be provided. Please bring your own drinks. Feel free to dress in the colors of your favorite team, bring a megaphone or big foam finger.

It might be a day late, but a Valentine's dance will be held on Sunday, **February 15 at 7 PM**. Is it ever too late to celebrate romance and the people we love? Dig out your best red shirt and slow dance with your honey to the tunes of Nashville Sound. Please BYOB and appetizers for the sharing table.

Friday, **February 20** Mary Ann Irvine will return to walk us through a spirited match of Trivia. The questions will begin **at 6:30 PM**. Please sign up on the Slant Board with your **maximum six person** team, or as an individual looking to join/begin a team. Feel free to BYOB and snacks.

After taxing your brain on Friday, relax and enjoy some great music at Karaoke the next night on Saturday, **February 21**. Rick Brown will be back to help the songsters find exactly the right tune. Fun begins **at 6 PM**. BYOB and snacks.



The SAC Council meeting will be held **February 24 at 10 AM** in the Clubhouse meeting room. Everyone is welcome. This is the time to bring new ideas or suggestions.

Thursday, **February 26**, we have the opportunity to enjoy a fabulous spaghetti dinner. Many volunteers, under the leadership of Vickie Garver, will bring us spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic bread, and salad. (There will NOT be gluten free pasta or meat free sauce.) We ask that some of our wonderful bakers sign up on Slant Board and bring desserts that will be shared. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Saturday Morning Coffee or from Vickie Garver or Linda English. The dinner begins **at 5:30 PM**. Vickie says this is her last year as chair of this tasty event so pay attention and see if you would be willing to don the chef's cap for next year. Everybody loves this event!

If you've got a vintage car that you love to show off, you should definitely enter it in the CCM Car Show. Local resident, Dave Kamerer, will be hosting his sixth annual show on **February 21** in the Clubhouse parking lot and expects about thirty-five cars to be on display. There is no fee to enter a car and BONUS! you get a free hotdog and drink. Visitors can check out these beautiful automobiles **from 1-4 PM**. Festivities include a DJ and a 50-50 drawing. If you get thirsty and need a little snack, hot dog and drink will be available for three dollars each.

Our election for three new SAC board members will be held **March 7** following Saturday Morning Coffee. The duties of a board member are to attend a monthly Council meeting to discuss ongoing and future activities, to attend the monthly General Meeting and to assist, when possible, with special events and Clubhouse decoration. SAC board members have the privilege of being on the ground floor in choosing which activities are brought into the Park.

SAC is looking for help with the following responsibilities and one does not have to be on the board to volunteer:

- Announce upcoming SAC events at Saturday Morning Coffee
- Serve as liaison with Nona's Tours to offer more trips to residents
- Handle Clubhouse rentals
- Oversee Clubhouse decorations for one month (you pick month)
- Attend Saturday Morning Coffee to show/sell Logo Wear, incl caps, T-shirts, etc.

We have a couple of events that take place in early March, so we want to mention them here to give you a heads up. On Sunday, **March 1**, there will be a Poker Run and Friday, **March 6**, Dominic will be back for an evening of Trivia competition. Watch the Slant Board for details and an opportunity to sign up for events.



by Linda English

Women's Club held their first meeting of the new year on January

12. Pat Nazzaro volunteered to head up a nominating committee to fill the slate for 2026 officers.

The Secret Sister tradition was explained and continued as ladies drew names to give small tokens of friendship until Valentine's Day, when your "sister" will be revealed

On February 9, following the meeting, the Women's Club members will go to Goodwin Orchards in Leesburg to see their collection of rare and exotic orchids. After the tour, we will go for lunch at the Fish Camp restaurant which sits along the shore of beautiful Lake Eustis. A sign-up sheet will be on the Slant Board.

Ladies were quick to volunteer to make homemade baked goodies for the March 14 Bake Sale which is held in conjunction with the Men's Club Yard Sale. Evie LaDue, Laura Ramage and Carol Bacon will oversee the event and Mary Ann Sparnon will be our hotline for questions. A sign-up sheet is on the Slant Board.

Our spring luncheon will be held in March. Linda English, Anita Brading and Becky Neilson volunteered to form a committee that will meet and bring details to the February meeting. The installation of officers for 2026 also takes place in the spring and may be held in conjunction with the luncheon

Kath Morgan brought to our attention that the CCM community needs a short-term wheelchair. The ladies discussed and then voted to purchase one. Kath will keep a transport wheelchair at her house. Additionally, 50/50 purchased a transport wheel chair and it will be kept at Bob Comotto's house.



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# FEBRUARY 2026 OSPREY

## CCM FEBRUARY RECURRING ACTIVITIES

\*Be sure to check the FEBRUARY CCM CALENDAR and CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARDS for UPDATES on activities.

**CHEERS TO CCM**

# HAPPY HOUR



Every Thursday  
Clubhouse Patio @ 4:30pm  
BYOB- APPETIZERS APPRECIATED .BUT NOT  
NECESSARY TO ATTEND.

**CCM MEN'S CLUB**  
MEETING DATES  
EVERY TUESDAY  
@ 8:30AM



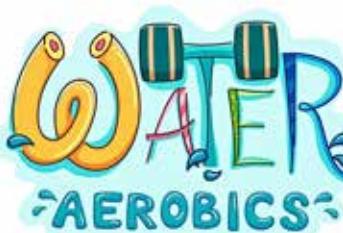
All CCM Residents are Members  
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**EVERY MONDAY,  
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

Water Aerobics will start at 10am for  
FEBRUARY

**MOVIE NIGHT  
RETURNS**

THURSDAY  
February 19th  
AT 7PM

Movie To Be Announced



**Saturday 9am  
Coffee Hour**



Join us at the clubhouse  
and bring your own mug



**Music Jam**  
CALLING ALL CCM MUSICIANS!



JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
3PM - 5PM

**KARAOKE NIGHT**  
WITH RICK BROWN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
THE CLUBHOUSE 6PM



JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE !  
BYOB AND SNACK TO PASS

**Trivia Night**



WITH DOMINIC

JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE!  
Friday, February 20th  
at 6:30PM

Sign-Up Sheet on the Slant Board

If you don't have a team, start  
one and people will join!



**CCM CLUBHOUSE**  
Every Monday @ 7pm

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At The Clubhouse



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JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
ON THE 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH @ 6:30PM

**MAKE IT - TAKE IT**

Friday, February 20th  
1pm At Clubhouse  
\$5 Each

(Pay at the Door)  
Sign up sheet on Slant  
Board

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH  
AT 5:30PM**



February typically turns our thoughts toward love, whether it's a significant other, family, or friends. One way to show our love to friends and neighbors is to gather & share a great meal together.

On Tuesday, February 10th we can do just that at our Potluck dinner.  
Make your favorite dish & bring it to the Clubhouse at 5:30pm & we will have a wonderful evening of good food and fun. Can't wait to see you all. **Please sign up at the Slant Board.**  
Becky Neilson, Coordinator

**CARDS! CARDS! CARDS!!**

Monday .....Uno, Swoop, Phase 10, Sequence. Tabletop Games and Cards are offered and vary from week to week.

Tuesday .....Texas Hold'Em

Wednesday .....Euchre

Thursday .....Pinochle (Single Deck, Pass Three) Ask Linda if you want lessons.

Friday .....Bridge, French Hearts, Texas Hold'Em

And on **Sunday afternoons**, Mexican Train (dominoes) is played. Everyone is welcome and if you don't know the rules, someone will happily teach you. **Most start at 1pm but check CCM calendar for exact times.**

(Linda's Phone Number is in the Directory)



FEBRUARY 2026 OSPREY  
FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES



**POKER RUN**

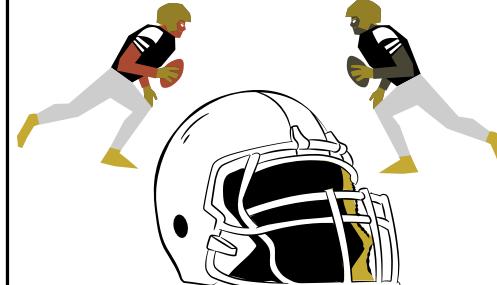
**Sunday, February 1st & Sunday, March 1st**  
2pm  
**\$5 Per Person**

Best five card poker hand wins half the pot.  
(Other half at Coordinator's discretion)  
One hour time limit.  
Four person team limit.

SIGN- UP SHEET ON THE SLANTBOARD

**THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PARTY**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**  
STARTING @ 6PM



JOIN US AT THE CLUBHOUSE AND WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS  
BYOB AND SNACK TO PASS



**Valentine's Dance**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**  
7PM - 10PM

MUSIC BY NASHVILLE SOUND

Join us at the clubhouse!  
BYOB & Snack to Share

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30pm Clubhouse

**DINNER TICKETS: \$10**

Tickets Available at Saturday Coffee, Vickie Garver or Linda English

**50/50 RAFFLE**



**6TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW**  
Skulls Car Club and **FUN DAY**  
at Country Club Manor



**DAVE'S RIDE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st**  
1pm – 4pm  
Clubhouse Parking Area  
Food and Refreshments Available  
Questions: (724) 421-4487 Dave

**LINE DANCE LESSONS**

STARTING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>



**Thursdays @ 3pm**  
THE CLUBHOUSE

**Cost: \$3.00**

SIGN - UP SHEET ON THE SLANT BOARD



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS: THEATRE

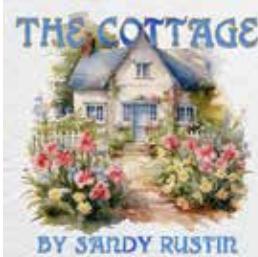


The Icehouse Players first opened to a full house in the former Ice Plant in 1949 and have been going strong ever since.

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JANUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 8



The true meaning of fate, identity, and marriage are called into question as a surprising, hilarious web of secrets unravels in this ridiculous - potentially murderous scenario.

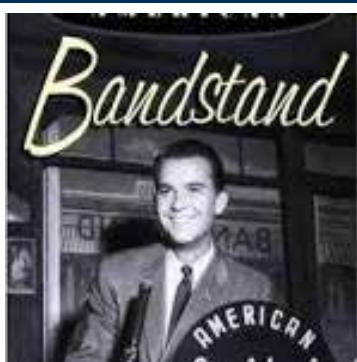


Bay Street Players Historic State Theatre  
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Website: [eustisstatetheatre.org](http://eustisstatetheatre.org)



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## OTHER LOCAL HAPPENINGS



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### The Fresh Market

The Fresh Market, organized by Whimsy Market, will be held every Wednesday from 5pm – 8pm in Ferran Park. The market will feature local vendors and food trucks, live music, and a beautiful view of Lake Eustis. For more info: <https://www.eustis.org>



Ferran Park

### LAKE COUNTY FARMERS' AND FLEA MARKET

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Every Thursday: May through September 8am to 12pm  
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### 124TH GEORGE FEST



George Fest, a week-long celebration of George Washington's Birthday, is scheduled for February 21–28, 2026, featuring carnival rides, a parade, live music, and various family-friendly activities in downtown Eustis.



**GRACEFUL AGEING** (#37)**THE SWEETER APPLE - A SHORT STORY****Hurried judgements...**

A lovely little girl was holding two apples with both hands. Her mom came in and asked her little daughter with a smile; "my sweetie, could you give me one of your two apples ?"

The girl looked up at her mom for some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other. The mom felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment. Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her and said: "Mommy, here you are. This is the sweeter one. ❤"

No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, give others the privilege to explain themselves. What you see may not be the reality which is why we should not focus **only** on the surface and judge others without understanding them first.

Those who like to pay the bill do so not because they are loaded, but because they value friendship above money. Those who take the initiative at work, do so not because they are brownnoses, but because they understand the concept of responsibility. Those who apologize first after an argument do so not necessarily because they are wrong, but because they value the people around them.

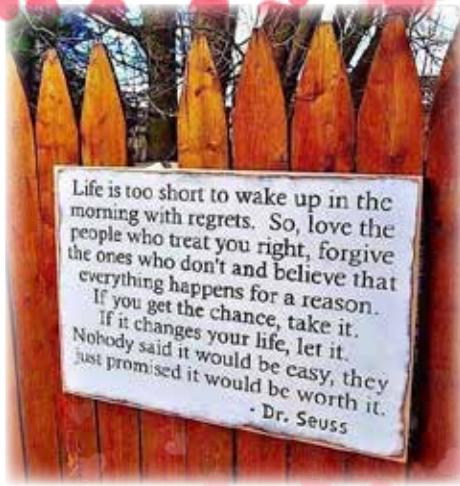
Those who are willing to help you, do so not because they owe you anything but because they see you as a friend. Those who often text you, do so not because they have nothing better to do, but because you are in their heart. Those who take out time to chat with you do so not because they are less busy, but because they know the importance of keeping in touch.

- ❖ This story highlights that people's actions, like giving a bite to test for sweetness, often have a good intention that isn't immediately obvious, urging us to give others the benefit of the doubt.

**The Moral:** The mother realizes she almost judged her daughter wrongly and learns that one should always delay judgment and seek to understand before concluding, as there's often a deeper, kind reason behind actions.



Stay tuned in for next month's Graceful Ageing column.



### CLOSING THOUGHTS 5 RULES TO BE HAPPY

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2. Free your mind from worries
3. Live simply
4. Give more
5. Expect Less

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## A SHOUT OUT TO LOCAL 'GOOD EATS' RESTAURANTS

by Cheryl Watts

Finally, there is a New York style bagel place nearby at **1216 S Bay Street** in Eustis. I have been there many times (but who's counting?) and their bagels are freshly made and a perfect balance of flavor and chew. My favorite is the Sea Salt bagel with crème cheese. The company has two other cafes in Clermont, so they bring experience and deliciousness to Eustis.



Check out their menu on **Website** ([www.bagelbroascafe.com](http://www.bagelbroascafe.com)) or a Paper version is posted on Clubhouse bulletin board.

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## ROSA MEZCAL

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We went with a party of nine, and everyone in our group agreed that the food and service were fantastic. We ordered the shrimp fajitas, and the flan for dessert was wonderful! Portions are ample—most of us took home to-go packages. The ambiance, set in the historic Ferran Department Store building, adds a special charm to the dining experience.

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