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#### **Weekly Activities**

See monthly calendars, our website VPEonline. com and watch the bulletin board and our facebook page for changes. (Facebook page is Neighbors Helping Neighbors).

#### **NOTARY PUBLIC:**

Denise Achin is offering FL notary services to anyone in the park. These are free of charge to park residents.

Contact her at 321-369-8635...

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#### **MEETINGS**

Next Board Meeting – Jan. 15 Next Activities Meeting – Jan. 13

#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Deadline for February newsletter submissions is Monday, Feb. 17. Please submit as a word document to Tony at the office. Email: venetianparkestates@comcast.net. For those not able to create a word document, put the article in the body of the email to allow for copy and paste to the draft. Send good quality photos as an attachment to the email.

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#### **FLEA MARKET**

How Does Pat Morales Organize Our Yearly Flea Market?

I would like to give you a rundown of all that is involved in organizing the flea market. First of all, it is a year of sorting donated items. I don't just throw your container, box or bag of items into the shed. I go through each item to be sure it is clean and in saleable condition. Sometimes I will clean them, other times I throw them away. Then, there are categories to sort and place in containers: clothes, nicknacks, books, linens, appliances, tools, etc., etc.

Two months before the sale, I'll post a note on the bulletin board asking for volunteers. I need men to help clear the clubhouse of the round tables and most of the chairs. Then we set up the long tables. After that, we unload the back shed and the front shed. Items get put on the designated tables for the volunteers to sort and mark.

I also list a cutoff date that says," No more donations PLEASE!" It is usually 3 to 4 days before we unload the sheds. Normally this is totally ignored.

Two days before the sale, we unload the sheds and some volunteers start to unpack the containers while other volunteers wait for the next day. The day before the sale, we have an open house for residents only. That gives our residents the first choice to purchase items.

After the sale on Saturday, we decide what unsold items are good enough to keep for the following year. Those items get repacked. Most of the time, they are so heavy that I cannot lift them. So, I have to repack each one. This takes a lot of time. I put the containers on shelves that are 5 feet high. I have asked several times, PLEASE, don't pack the containers so heavy. Normally this request is ignored.

Sunday, we bring the clubhouse back to normal. Therefore, the long tables have to be taken down and the round tables put back along with the chairs. All the leftover items have to be taken out for trash, or I'll call someone who will take some or all of them. Otherwise, I'll call for a bulk pickup.

Then, after the clubhouse is back to normal, we need to bring the sheds back to normal. The sheds need to be cleaned along with the shelves and containers. Lastly, the containers are placed back on the shelves.

Sunday is the hardest day of all. Everyone is tired; especially me...Pat Morales.



### PAT MORALES SHOWING 3 MONTHS OF PUZZLE WORK

Expert jigsaw puzzle solvers will tell you to always start with the border. Hours will pass as you shift through the pile looking for pieces with a straight edge. Grab, scrutinize, and sort. Once the outline is in place, there's more sorting...create piles of orange, shades of yellow, shades of green, etc. Then you place piles of each color in its approximate location. Piece by piece you build the beehive, then you work on the flowers and anything with a sharp outline. Slowly, very slowly, it begins to take shape. Some pieces seem intent on hiding.

Over a dozen people worked for almost 3 months to finish this "Bees & Honey" puzzle. It seemed a shame to take it all apart and put all the pieces back into the box. So, Reggie and Yvonne Eastman memorialized the work by having it framed.



#### **COURTESY**

by Gloria Rubin

Gloria Rubin, Irv's late wife, loved to write poems. She would write about people, places, emotions and, like this poem, about attitude:

#### "COURTESY"

If I possessed a shop or store, I'd drive the grouches off my floor, I'd never let some gloomy guy Offend the folks who come to buy; I'd never keep a boy or clerk With a mental toothache at his work, Nor let a man who draws my pay Drive customers of mine away.

Id' treat the man who takes the time, And spends a nickel or a dime, With courtesy, and make him feel That I was pleased to close the deal, Because tomorrow, who can tell? He may want stuff I have to sell And in that case, then glad he'll be To spend his dollars all with me.

The reason people pass one door,
To patronize another store,
Is not because the busier place
Has better silks or gloves or lace,
Or cheaper prices; the reason lies
In pleasant words and smiling eyes.
The real trade magnet, I believe,
Is just the treatment folks receive.

It is good business to be fair,
To keep a bright and cheerful air
About the place, and not to show
Your customers how much you know
Whatever customers how much you know
Whatever any patron did,
I'd try to keep my temper hid,
And never let him spread along
The word that I had done him wrong.



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#### JANUARY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### January Birthdays

- 1 Dawn Stern
- 2 Jan Coble
- 5 Jennifer Walker
- 12 Barbara Stanley
- 13 Pat McGee
- 15 Anne Heller
- 23 Bonnie Ryan
- 24 Barbara Irvine
- 25 Jake Jacobson
- 27 Pedro Morales John Stern Pat Waites
- 28 Fran Patterson
- 30 Jane Jack



#### January Anniversaries

Reggie and Yvonne Eastman January 2, 1956

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Let Gina Miller (260) 246-3551 know so that you can be included

#### **BAD DAD JOKES**

Contributed by Gina Miller

Q. What is a New Year's Resolution?

A. A to do list for the first week of January.



- Q. Why shouldn't you kiss someone on January
  - A. Because it's the first date.
- Q. Why did the man stop using his credit card to scrape the snow off his car window?
  - A. He only got 10% off.

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- Q. What do you call a snowman with abs?
- A. An abdominable snowman.
- Q. How do you know when it's too cold for a picnic?
  - A. When you chip your tooth on the soup.





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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

by Amy Newman

We welcome full-time residents Barb & Glenn Orebaugh to VPE who bought their mobile home at

2085 Ca'D'Oro from Bill Milsap in April 2024. The Orebaughs have been long-time friends of Sis Gavin who told them about the home right next door to her being for sale. In spite of some hurricane damage, they are (still) happy to be living in VPE. The couple previously lived in Bonita Springs, but much of their lives Piqua, Ohio was home.

Barb was born and raised in Massachusetts with one sister. Her first husband was in the military where they moved often but Barb put down roots in Dayton, Ohio, where she worked in the bene-fits

department at Wright-Patterson Air Force base. Upon retiring, Barb then owned medical bill-ing company. Barb has two daughters. She is an accomplished seamstress and quilter as pictured with her quilt of valor.



Glenn was born in Indianapolis as the last child of ten in his family having six sisters and three brothers. From 1966-68 Glenn was drafted to serve in Vietnam in the Army. His primary role in the war was as a refrigerated semi transport driver picking up his load of food from the port of Sai-gon and driving to Long Binh twice a week. He experienced some harrowing trips having been shot at and subsequently losing his trailer twice and also was exposed to Agent Orange, he was discharged as a disabled vet because of the same. Stateside, Glenn spent 40 years with Hoosier Bearing/Motion Industries starting as a delivery driver and ending his career as VP of Sales. He moved many times at the behest of the company but Piqua, Ohio was his last home and where he met Barb. He has two daughters also and he and Barb have a combined twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

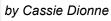
The couple met at a country-western dance event in Ohio called Share-A-Cowboy as there were always more women than men on the dance floor. They were in a competitive country-western dance team and were frequent dance partners. Barb made the uniforms for the team (and still today Barb coordinates the couple's outfits). Glenn proposed to Barb on a dance floor in front of hun-dreds of people stating that it was time to make their partnership permanent. So after being together for five years, they have now been married for 32. Glenn enjoys indoor pickleball several days a week and is on the Board of Directors here at the park.

Their marriage has been marked by travel and adventure. While owning a 36' fifth wheel they worked part-time for ten winters at Oscar Scherer State Park where they met Sis Gavin and her late husband Bill. They also had a 36' foot motorhome which Barb was capably able to drive. Some of their favorite RV trips were Gatlinburg, St. Augustine, Gettysburg, Nashville, and the White Moun-tains in New Hampshire. In addition, Glenn & Barb spent many years sailing, having owned five sailboats over the years. They have sailed extensively in the Caribbean and Atlantic waters. Glenn recounted how racing an iceboat on Lake Erie on winter weekends was filled with the thrilling sound of the ice cracking and booming while the racers sailed over it. Another long-time adven-ture for this highcapacity couple was riding their motorcycles all across the country including three trips out west and to New England. They rode in a group from their church headed by their Meth-odist pastor called "The Circuit Riders," a nod to John Wesley. The Orebaugh's logged over 85,000 miles on their cruiser, an 800 Kawasaki Vulcan Ultra,

With a cando spirit, the Orebaugh's are looking forward to serving here at VPE. We welcome this renaissance couple to our community.



#### SUNSHINE NEWS



Norma Young has a new home, she is in assisted living at American House Zephyrhills, which is near her son. Her address is 38130 Pretty Pond Rd. Apt. 217B, Zephyrhills, FL 33540.



Sandee Johnson is recovering at home after having a stroke in Nov. We wish her a speedy recovery. She and husband, Jeff Edelmann live at 2242 Piazza Dr.

Email: jeff.edelmann.social@gmail.com

Sending sunshine to Ellen Matthews, who is currently at Harborview Health Center, 4783 Fruitville Rd. Sarasota 34232.

Allan Cumming is now in rehab therapy after suffering a bad fall. ph:941-227-2196 Email: allancumming@aol.com Get will soon Allan.

Neta Conrad is back home after breaking her hip Dec. 9. Her granddaughter will be helping her during her recovery. 941-966-3334. Email: netanhank@hotmail.com

Merry and Blessed Christmas to all my VPE friends and neighbors.

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Brenda Park & Barbara Orebaugh, the Tree Decorating Committee, setting up our Xmas tree





## January Crosswo

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Dig (into)
- 6. Unit of land
- 10. Burrowing marine mollusk
- 14. More aloof
- 15. Implored
- 16. Anger
- 17. Gloss
- 18. Heap
- 19. Broadcast
- 20. Declutter
- 22. Opera star
- 23. Holy person
- 24. Kind of nut
- 25. Sit for a photo
- 29. Experienced
- 31. Gathers
- 33. Tooth doctor
- 37. Type of TV comedy
- 38. For naught
- 39. Robber
- 41. Accuser (archaic)
- 42. Electrician
- 44. Timber wolf
- 45. Lieu
- 48. Ballroom dance
- 50. Pitching to one side
- 51. She wore a glass slipper
- 56. Decorative case
- 57. African sheep
- 58. Grill
- 59. Countertenor
- 60. Nothing more than
- 61. Fatuous
- 62. Eager
- 63. P P P
- 64. Canvas dwellings





- 1. Plate
- 3. In place of

- 8. Associated
- 9. Biblical garden
- 10. Certification
- 11. Boundary

2. Bounce back

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- 5. Sea eagles
- 6. Puts on
- 7. Customer

- 12. Not dead

- 4. V V V

#### **DOWN**

13. Nickel or steel

15

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- 21. Neanderthals
- 24. Humdrum
- 25. Overtake

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- 26. Leave out
- 27. Fill to excess
- 28. Increase
- 30. Tit for tat
- 32. Firm
- 34. Put words
- 35. Untidy one
- 36. Apprentice

- 40. Pensioner
- 41. Fops

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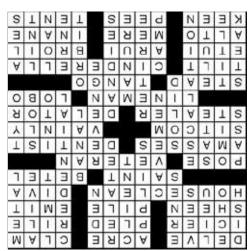
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- 43. Farmer's fertilizer
- 45. Hearty entree
- 46. What books are called
- 47. Wash out with a
- solvent
- 49. Path around a star
- 51. Tent-pitching place 52. Sea eagle
- 53. Amount leant
- 54. Fluff
- 55. Anagram of "Sale"





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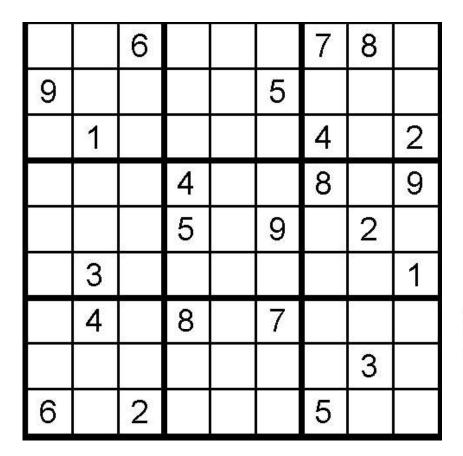
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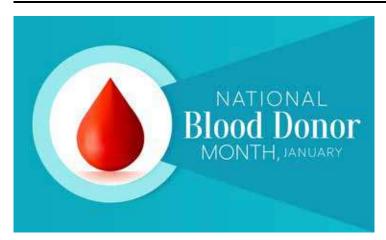
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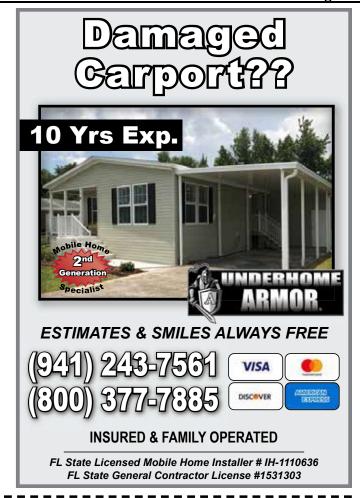
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