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## Greetings, friends and neighbors!

I've always been a book lover. Even before I could read, my mother said I would ask her to tell me what this or that word said. When I learned to read, there was no turning back. I remember reading the old "Dick and Jane" readers over and over again. Each one was a different color, and they progressively added new words.

I don't know how I found out about libraries, but I do remember having a cardboard library card, and going to a library and borrowing books. The librarian would stamp a card in the back of the book with the due date so I'd know when to bring it back. I was fascinated by how many dates had been stamped and wondered who the people were who had read the book I was going to read. It was a small library in a building that I had to climb stairs to get to. It was a Big Deal when they built a brand new library. I remember the smell of walking through the glass doors. The children's library was downstairs, and the adults' was upstairs. I rode my bike a mile to get there at least once a week.

I always thought that the "adult" area was somehow forbidden; that there were books I wasn't supposed to read. After I had devoured all the chapter books in the children's section (Dr. Seuss, Ellery Queen, Jr., any kind of mystery, and Tin-Tin were among my favorites), I went upstairs to see what there was. The librarian peered at me suspiciously. I may have been 12 by then. I don't remember whether or not I got a book. I probably fled with a guilty conscience that I'd somehow been naughty.

Over the years, I've probably read thousands of books. I used to write down every book I read in a little notebook, including author, date and pages resd. One year I passed 10,000 pages. Now, I just use Goodreads online. I came across a poem by Julia Donaldson (on the next page). It expresses how I've always felt about reading. I had to stop for a while because my eyes were giving me problems, but now that my cataracts are fixed, I've got my nose buried in a book again. Well, a Kindle. Welcome to the $21^{\text {st }}$ century!

What's your favorite book?
María Allan
Editor

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## I Opened a Book

"I opened a book and in I strode. Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road, My town and my world behind me. I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,

I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter And followed their road with its bumps and bends To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me."

## - Julia Donaldson

## HIC Chronicles

Memorial Park is done for now, if you have a chance walk through it, it has never looked better. We spent several weeks pulling weeds and shaping and trimming the dead lims from bushes and trees, and raking up through the wash for fire prevention.

We'll move into other areas now... the cemetery is next.


We love our volunteers! We sure get a lot of work done!


# Strange But rave 

A Japanese zoo unsuccessfully tried to mate a pair of hyenas for four years before realizing both were males.
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A dolphin named Kelly at the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies in Mississippi showed signs of tremendous intelligence when her trainers stared rewarding her with fish to bring them any litter or dead gulls to help keep their pools clean. She started hiding dropped papers at the bottom of the pool and would tear a piece of it to give the trainer to claim her reward. She even started baiting gulls with the fish and caught them to get more fish as a reward. She realized that she would be rewarded anyway regardless of the size of the paper and passed on this trick to her calves as well.

In Back to the Future, the original idea was for the time machine to be a refrigerator, but because Robert Zemeckis was afraid that kids would imitate the film and get trapped in fridges, they changed it to a DeLorean car.

According to a British study, men drive an extra 276 miles per year because they refuse to ask for directions.

## They Said It

"I walk around like everything's fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off."-Anonymous

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"I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her."-Rodney Dangerfield

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"I used to sell furniture for a living. The trouble was, it was my own."-Les Dawson
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"Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring: 'How to Build a Boat.'"-Steven Wright
"You know you've reached middle age when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police."-Joan Rivers


Around the Neighborhood!
We have some more new neighbors!
Sam (Nathan) Wright has bought $\mathbf{3}$ Overlook. He is a sales associate at Stephen Wade Toyta. He loves his dirt bike and his dog.

Dexter Merkeling is at $\mathbf{9 9}$ Overlook. He is a chiropractor who works at The Joint Chiropractic. He moved to Harrisburg because his parents live in Toquerville, and he wanted to be near them.

Arissa Ward has purchased Joe Lamb's house on 52 Cottonwood Lane. She is a high school woodshop teacher, with a degree in cabinetry and architectural woodworking. She just finished working at Tuachan making sets, and in August will be teaching woodshop at Dixie High. She enjoys rock climbing, American Sign Language, and pretty much any hobby that involves working with her hands. Her parents and siblings all live in Utah County.

Gary Ballingham and Lauren Wallace are renting the lot at 71 Redbluff (next to Roadrunner Park). Gary is a retired contractor who has worked many sports fields and golf course renovations, including colleges or universities, high schools, and parks. Some his notable works include Salt Lake Bees, BYU, U of U, Weber State, San Diego Padres, and Arizona Diamondbacks. He also does consulting for building golf courses. They love to golf!

Welcome!
A few of our neighbors had some hospital stays this month. No names to protect their privacy, but we wish them a speedy recovery.



## News from the Board

By Jerry Bryant, President
Now that a few personnel and personal issues are solved, we were able to have our first working board meeting. There were many items on the agenda that we discussed. Your board is very actively trying to update and expand the needs of our community. Did you see our new big round tables? Lots of good comments! Now we can hear and see each other as we communicate and enjoy activities!

Thank you to our volunteers, the HIC (Harrisburg Improvement Committee) volunteers, paid landscapers and the spraying of the weeds, our community is looking better and safer from fire hazards. We received a reminder from the landscapers that when the paid landscapers are busy working, please stay clear, for your safety, as they are weeding with equipment that does throw rocks!

In July we, with Luis's help, got bids and had our spa/hot tub re-plastered due to the blistering of the walls. It should be done by early August. Of course, the pool was running in the 90 's-almost a spa, with our recent high weather temperatures!

We are looking into putting in an official Facebook page for the community updates, activities, and information for all 226 lots to be informed! It will be a community site thru the board and office, not just one administrator, so it will continue on with board changes.

We have had a broken tree and a dead tree taken care of, along with others on the common ground alongside Cottonwood. We are looking into taking care of a few more trees this summer.

We hope you all know that the new BBQ is open and available for your use. Also, a reminder that there are misters on the gazebos for those hot days!

Thank you very much; you guys have a great month! See you when we get back from visiting family, seeing our first great-granddaughter (who just turned one and we have not seen yet), and having a family reunion. (Also when my wife lets me come home!!) Lots of traveling!

Thanks,
JB
Jerry Bryant
Harrisburg HEOA President


## Puzzle with a Prize!

Congratulations to last month's winner!!! Terri Perkes won the \$15 gift certificate to Mainly Pizza in Leeds. We only had 3 entries, so your chances of winning are really good. A big thank you to all who participated. The solution to the puzzle was:

Patient: Doctor, doctor! You've taken out my tonsils, my gall bladder, my varicose veins and one of my kidneys, but I sill don't feel well.
Doctor: That's enough out of you!
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This month's puzzle is a little different. Identify the word or phrase depicted in each of the rebus pictures on the right. Example:

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This month's prize is a $\$ 15$ gift card to Dairy Queen.
The rules: Write your entry on a 4 X 5 piece of paper and drop it in the yellow contest box inside the clubhouse. Be sure to include your name, Harrisburg address, phone number and the solution to the puzzle on your entry. It's okay to consult with your friends or use the internet. The more people who enter, the more fun it is. Good luck! (If you're out of town, you can email your entry to marvelousmom2@yahoo.com,
 and I'll put it in for you.)

Entries must be submitted by $8 / 18$. The winner will be drawn from the entries with 9 or more correct answers, so if you don't know one or two, give it your best guess and enter anyway! The solution and winner will be announced next month. The contest is limited to Harrisburg residents. Limit one entry per household. Limit one winner per household per year (to give everyone a chance). For future puzzles, if you've already won, you can still enter for the fun of it; you just won't be eligible for another prize for one year (unless nobody else enters).


Friends at the BBQ.
Terri Perkes (our first winner) receives her prize!
Congratulations!

Our Geology<br>By Karen Burnette

During the Jurassic period of time, about 200 million years ago, Utah and the North American continent were located closer to the equator and within a dry trade wind belt called an erg. Sandstone remnants of this vast desert can be found in Southern Nevada to Wyoming. This erg eventually covered more than 100,000 square miles and reached a maximum thickness of 2200 feet. (The Sahara Desert of modern times is also known as an erg.)

The sand dunes of the Jurassic period have been preserved as the Navajo Sandstone. The most notable evidence of this windblown sand, silt, and mud can be seen in the large white and pink mountains with the checkerboard mesas evident east of the tunnel in Zion National Park. These mountains are fossilized sand dunes! The geologist's term for the checkboard Mesa is cross bedding, which describes which direction the wind was blowing and at what velocity over and down the dunes to create the checkerboard effect. The cross bed strata can be 10 to 20 feet thick.

Lithification is the term used for the transformation of sand into rock. This process occurred when Southern Utah was flooded, dried out, and flooded again.

The next time you hike the slick rock east of the tunnel in Zion, be grateful that is solid rock rather than the steep, blowing, sandy slopes that it once was.


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August 6 is Wiggle Your Toes Day!
For some odd reason, kids are fascinated with their toes. They do all sorts of things with them, among them is wiggling their toes. Because of this fascination, it's only fitting that we celebrate Wiggle Your Toes Day. On this fun, and somewhat inane August 6 holiday, we invite little AND otherwise grownup kids to give your little piggy toes some exercise.

Those ten extremities at the ends of your feet are crying out for a little freedom. Cramped up inside a pair of shoes or sneakers all day long, your stinky toes just don't get the chance to move about freely, as they would like to do.

Celebrate Wiggle Your Toes Day by airing out your toes, and wiggling them around for all to see. The best place to wiggle your toes on a hot August day is in the pool. Or, sit on a dock and stick your wiggly little toes in the water.

Did you Know? Not all toes are alike. Like people, toes come in all shapes and sizes. There is a small percentage of the population who have two or more toes partially joined together.... web-like toes!

Here are some ideas on how to participate in Wiggle Your Toes Day:

- Wiggle your toes in the sand.
- Jiggle and twitch them in the pool.
- Wiggle and wave them as a greeting to people.
- Stick your piggie toes under the covers and wiggle them.
- Make a big splash in the tub with them.
- Invite some friends to join you in these activities.

The Bargaindales table brought in $\$ 91$ for the month of July!!
Thank you for all your generous donations and contributions!

For those of you who are new, The Bargaindales table is located in the southeast corner of the clubhouse, near the pool table. This is where residents can donate items in good condition that are no longer being used. You can also purchase anything on the table that you want to have for a price that you think is reasonable. Put your payment in the locked box on the wall next to the table. Your donations go to the Activity Committee, the Improvement Committee, and the Newsletter to pay for all the fun activities we have and putting in new flowers, etc. Contact MaryAnn if you have something to donate.

$\uparrow$ Friends having fun at Bingo! $\uparrow$
$\downarrow$ Friends \& Neighbors at the BBQ.


## Activity Committee Report

By Cindy Bryant

OMG is it hot or what! Whew! Please stay cool \& hydrated! Maybe come enjoy our community pool!
Update on our concrete Bean Bag (Corn Hole) Game: Should be arriving soon! Watch for further information!
Movie Night on July 8 was "The Sacketts," a western in two parts! It was enjoyed by 8 people, and we came back the following Saturday to finish part 2 !

The Community BBQ was on Friday, July 14th (date change) with a Pioneer/Western Theme. We provided sloppy joes, buns, and chips! I made a box wagon for decoration! Thank you to Judy who picked up the ingredients for making the Sloppy Joes that was enjoyed by 16 neighbors!

Only 5 people made it to the Ice Cream Social on the 16th, but we had a great time!
On May 26 we decorated the cemetery gravesites and the gate for Memorial Day and it was decided to leave them up till after Pioneer Day and Labor Day!

## August Calendar:

- Potluck dinner \& Bingo: Aug. $8^{\text {th }}$ at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ - True potluck - bring a dish to share and join the fun. There's always some yummy eats. Bingo is $\$ 1$ per card. We play 3 games and the money is divided amongst the winners of the games.
- Movie night: Aug. $12^{\text {th }}$ at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ - "The Mountain Between Us," starring Kate Winslet and Idris Elba, a story of survival. (PG-13)
- Ice Cream Social: Aug. $20^{\text {th }}-75$ cents per scoop with all the toppings you want. Yum!
- BBQ: Aug. $25^{\text {th }}$ at $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$-- Bring your own meat and a side to share! Come enjoy the fun and socialize!
- Monday nights at 5:30pm: 8 Ball pool - 25 cents per game (money supports activities).
- Wednesdays at 1:00pm: Hand \& Foot - $\$ 1$ to play (goes for prize money). If you don't know how to play, come and we'll teach you -- it's great fun. The sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse.
- Thursday nights at 6:30pm: Texas Hold 'Em - $\$ 6$ buy-in and we play till 8:00.


## Looking ahead - September Calendar:

- Movie night: Sept 9th at 6:30pm "August Rush" a heartwarming adventure of an orphan!
- Community BBQ: September 22 at 5:30pm.

> Take Care, Cindy Bryant
> Activity Committee Chairperson

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## Just for Laughs

Every morning my 2 -year-old sits up in her bed and yells, "HELP, I WOKE UP!" and I think we can all relate.

I'm always looking out for number one. My dog isn't housetrained yet.
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100 years ago everyone owned horses and only the rich had cars. Today, everyone has cars and only the rich have horses. The stables have turned.
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I am considering getting a stair lift, so I asked my neighbor how she likes hers. She told me it is driving her up the wall.
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Food and fun at the BBQ!

## White Chocolate Coconut Bundt Cake (Tom Cruise Cake)

This cake is a knock-off of the cake Tom Cruise sends every Christmas to a select list of friends. From allrecipes.com

## Ingredients

## Cake:

3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for flouring the pan
$1 / 2$ teaspoon salt
$1 / 2$ teaspoons baking powder
3 cups white sugar
1 cup unsalted butter, softened
6 large eggs, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon coconut extract
1 cup sour cream
2 cups sweetened flaked coconut
1 cup white chocolate chips

## Frosting:



4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
$1 / 4$ cup unsalted butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons heavy cream
$11 / 2$ cups sweetened flaked coconut (Optional: toasted)

## Directions

1. Preheat the oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Grease and flour a 10 -inch Bundt pan.
2. Combine flour, salt, and baking powder in a large bowl; set aside.
3. Beat sugar and butter together in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Beat in whole eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla and coconut extracts and sour cream: beat until combined.
4. Add flour mixture and mix until just combined; fold in flaked coconut and white chocolate chips.
5. Pour batter into the prepared pan and use the back of a spoon to spread batter evenly.
6. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, about 1 hour 25 minutes (or less-test for doneness starting at about 1 hour). Allow cake to cool in the pan for 20 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely, about 2 hours more.
7. To make the frosting: Add cream cheese, butter, vanilla, and salt to a medium bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar and slowly mix until incorporated. Add cream and beat until light and fluffy, about 1 or 2 minutes.
8. Frost the top and sides of the cake; lightly press coconut evenly around the outside.
Tip: Finely chop the white chocolate if you don't want caramelized chunks of chocolate in the cake.

Editor's note: I made this cake as directed, and it was delicious, but overdone on the outside. Next time I will bake it at $325^{\circ}$ and use an instant-read thermometer to test for doneness $\left(200^{\circ}\right)$ starting at the 1 -hour mark.


Happy Birthday to all our friends and neighbors born in August!
$1^{\text {st }}$ - Jodi Grey
$5^{\text {th }}$ - Carla Funk
$6^{\text {th }}$ - Shirley Nelson
$6^{\text {th }}-$ Regina Russo
$6^{\text {th }}-$ Kurt Dumm
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Did we miss your birthday? Please give the month and date to the office or contact the editor.

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