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## **Greetings, friends and neighbors!**

As February arrives, communities worldwide prepare for the whimsical tradition of Groundhog Day, rooted in German folklore. Legend has it that a groundhog emerging from its burrow on February 2nd can forecast the upcoming weather, with its shadow indicating either six more weeks of winter or the early arrival of spring.

Yet, here in our corner of Southern Utah, weather prediction has long been intertwined with the wisdom of our pioneer settlers. These early inhabitants of the American West relied on keen observations of nature to anticipate weather changes.

The Utah pioneers, like many settlers of the time, were astute observers of their surroundings. They noted the behavior of animals, particularly birds and insects, which often offered clues about impending weather shifts. Changes in bird flight patterns or the behavior of ants were considered indicators of imminent rain or storms.

Moreover, pioneers observed natural phenomena, such as wind direction, cloud formations, and seasonal changes. They took note of the timing of snowmelt, flowering of certain plants, or the behavior of wildlife, recognizing these cues as harbingers of weather shifts.

While Groundhog Day captures our imagination with its quirky forecast, let's not forget the rich tapestry of weather wisdom woven by our pioneer predecessors. Their reliance on nature's signals and keen observations paved the way for understanding and adapting to the ever-changing weather patterns of our beautiful region.

As we celebrate this unique tradition, let's honor our pioneer heritage and cherish the age-old practices that continue to connect us with the natural rhythms of Southern Utah's weather.

*Maria Allan*

Editor

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### Baked Ziti

- 1 lb. Ziti noodles, cooked as directed on package
- 1 lb. Ground beef
- 6 oz. Provolone cheese, sliced
- 1-1/2 c. Sour cream
- 6 oz. Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 onion, chopped as finely as you like
- 2 Tbsp. Grated parmesan cheese
- 2 jars Spaghetti sauce



Crumble hamburger and cook with onion till done; drain off fat. Add sauce and simmer for 15 minutes. Grease a 9 X 13 pan and layer as follows: 1/2 of the noodles, provolone slices, sour cream, 1/2 sauce mixture, mozzarella cheese, the rest of the noodles, and the rest of the sauce. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top. Bake for 30 minutes at 375°.

NOTE: If you leave out the hamburger, this still makes a great vegetarian dish!

This recipe is different from the Ziti recipe published a couple of years ago—give it a try! The friend who recommended it says she gets compliments every time.

## Activity Committee Report

By Cindy Bryant

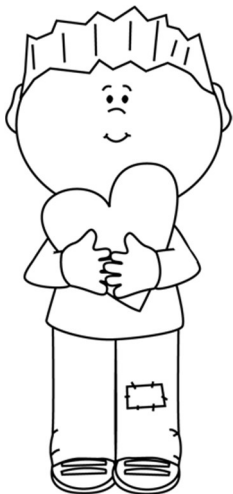


### February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our friends and neighbors born in February!

3<sup>rd</sup> - Karen Brunette  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Loran Dixon  
7<sup>th</sup> - Mary Lenah  
9<sup>th</sup> - Naomia Rogers  
10<sup>th</sup> - Nathan Wright  
12<sup>th</sup> - Donna Hunter  
12<sup>th</sup> - John Parker  
12<sup>th</sup> - Arissa Ward  
13<sup>th</sup> - Bill Timmerman  
14<sup>th</sup> - Mark Humke  
18<sup>th</sup> - Lance Murphy  
19<sup>th</sup> - Michelle Drake  
19<sup>th</sup> - Brinley Miles  
20<sup>th</sup> - Paul Cushing  
21<sup>st</sup> - Abram Pettit  
25<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Van Dyke  
26<sup>th</sup> - Joy Parker

Did we miss your birthday? Please give the month and date to the office or contact the editor.



Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Love is in the air??!  
January's Potluck/Bingo night was enjoyed with 18 neighbors joining in! Congratulations to Bobby Fein for winning the first Bingo game, Wanda Millhouse and John Parker shared in winning the second game, and new homeowner John won the blackout round! Due to popular demand, we'll start having four games instead of three in the future.

January Movie Night was attended by 13 neighbors enjoying *The Bucket List*, a fun heart-warming story of friendship!

Then there was our yearly Potato Bar and Talent Show! Amazing Potato Bar with many delicious toppings! Thank you to the Activity Crew of: Terri, Imelda, Maria, Steve, Linda, Jerry, Cindy, and Judy, who prepared the meal/setup/serve/cleanup and to Marge, Dave, Jerry, Steve and others who stepped in to help setup and tear down chairs and tables! Thank you all! You are greatly appreciated! We had eight awesome acts that entertained 50+ of us neighbors for a fun night! Thank you: Vickie Brooks, Steve Hart, Jodi Hardman, Martyn Williams, Maralee Hunt, and Maria Perez for sharing their talent/interests!

Cool that they live amongst us!!

Ten people came to the ice cream social, which is always fun as we eat ice cream and visit.

NOTICE: Due to how close together everything falls on the calendar, our normal Potluck/Bingo night will not take place this month; please join us for our annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 10th at 5:30pm! Pull out your bell bottoms, tie-dyed shirts, "peace" clothing/jewelry and come enjoy a 60's party! The 60's dinner will be a Taco Bar! The signup sheet is on the counter in the clubhouse so that we can get a head count for how many will be there!

Movie night will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. We'll be watching *True Lies*, an action comedy thriller with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis!

#### Looking ahead:

March brings us to our Annual Meeting and voting for our new board, and also our Activity Committee's fundraiser luncheon immediately following the meeting! Luncheon will be the famous Hamburger and Hotdog with homemade Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, and Coleslaw, and of course dessert! The cost will be \$10 per person and is our big fundraiser for the year to help pay for our activities! Please fill out the form in the voting packet and attach your check and send it to the Harrisburg office! Make your check out to: Activity Committee! Or stop in at the clubhouse! Thank you for your support!! This year, we were able to purchase the concrete beanbag toss (Cornhole) game set and have paid back the community with free meals at events! Thank you!!

Please let me know if you would like to chair the Activity Committee! After 5 years I've decided to step down! It's been a pleasure and we have a great group of volunteers! Jerry and I hope to travel and hike more! Life is short and it's time to enjoy! We, of course, will attend events when around, but it's time to take a break! It's a blessing to live here in Harrisburg with such fun, caring neighbors--truly a family among an oasis!

I will continue to see through the events already in the planning till the end of May! Hopefully, someone will join me and then continue having fun activities and events here in Harrisburg!

Thank you all so much for all the support we have had!

Take Care-We love this community, great friends and neighbors!

Cindy Bryant

Activity Committee Chairperson





Around the Neighborhood!

We're sorry to report that Ken Montgomery, a long-time resident of Harrisburg at 13 Archview, passed away last month. We extend our condolences to his wife and family.

We welcome a new neighbor, **Jackie Evans and Charlie Green**, who have purchased **3 Scenic Circle**. They plan to be with us during the winters. They came to Harrisburg for the weather, geology, history, and shooting sports at Red Cliffs and Southern Utah Practical Shooting Association. Charlie flies air attack on fires during the summer. They are semi-retired and are also working on restoring an old craftsman house on their ranch in Montana.



*Friends gathered at the potato bar & taent show*



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## News from the Board

Happy Valentine's Day--I'm looking forward to a fun Valentines Dinner and Dance sponsored by the Activity Committee -- 60's style. Hope to see you there, too.

Winter is upon us--time for leaf cleanup and catch-up for the landscapers. We hope you all have unhooked outside hoses and winterized your homes. We've had some freezing temperatures and one frozen broken line on a home already.

Kudos to Luis --we have had multiple issues in the spa area, which he took care of as soon as possible. Then we also had to almost shut down due to people not showering before entering with BenGay/Sports creams that changed the chemical balance in the spa! Thanks to Luis who was on top of it and got things straightened out. Please remember to shower before getting in the spa--this is extremely important in maintaining the hygiene and chemical balance of the water.

Reminder: March is our Annual Board Meeting, and we will be voting for a few new board members. Please keep an eye out for the voting packet and vote. Hope to see you at the meeting--please attend to hear what your board has been doing and what is coming up. Also, stay for the annual Activity Committee luncheon fundraiser afterwards.



Have a great February!  
Jerry Bryant  
Harrisburg HEOA President



## Our Geology

By Karen Brunette

Pieces of petrified wood and large petrified trees are abundant in Utah and in over 750,000 square miles of the Western U.A. The age of much of this petrified wood dates back to the 225 million year old late Triassic era, which is also the beginning of the age of dinosaurs. Many of the pieces of wood and fallen trees are from extinct trees and can be found in the Chinle layer of rock consisting mainly of clay. In the late Triassic era, Utah was covered with trees, some of which were quite large and flowing in streams. This was the period of Pangaea, when continents were closer to the equator and connected, producing an ideal warm climate for plant and animal growth.

Pangaea continued through most of the Jurassic period of time, a time of extensive dinosaur growth and dominance. The next age was the Cretaceous, which brought a moist climate change and a proliferation of plants and some of the largest dinosaurs discovered to date. Petrified plants and trees we find from this era are encased in the Morrison layer of rock, 146 to 138 million years old, and are not all extinct but still exist in some form. Because of the abundant plant life, scientists believe atmospheric oxygen levels during the Cretaceous were up to 32 percent. As humans, we are living at 21 percent.

Wood becomes petrified when minerals from water replace the cells or biological materials of the wood. Much of the petrified wood found here consists of calcite and silicates. The mineral replacement process occurs at a microscopic level and can be accomplished quickly or slowly, depending on the wood's exposure to the elements, mainly water.

The Petrified Forest State Park near Escalante is the best place to view very large and colorful petrified wood. Many areas of Utah require a permit to collect the wood. As residents, we are allowed to collect up to 25 pounds of loose pieces of petrified wood per day, not to exceed 250 pounds per year per person. Never attempt to remove embedded wood from rocks, only collect loose pieces which have already eroded from their rock encasement.



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## Puzzle with a Prize!

Congratulations to last month's winner!!! Cindy Bryant won the \$15 gift certificate to Lin's Market. We had 6 entries, so your chances of winning are still really good. A big thank you to all who participated—it's always fun. The solution to the puzzle was:

1 – Crossbow; 2 – Eggs over easy; 3 – Coffee break; 4 – Multiple choice; 5 – Come into season; 6 – I'll get over it; 7 – Raincheck; 8 – I'm bigger than you; 9 – Illegal (ill eagle); 10 – Double agent; 11 – Rock n roll; 12 – Good afternoon.

-- How many did you get right?

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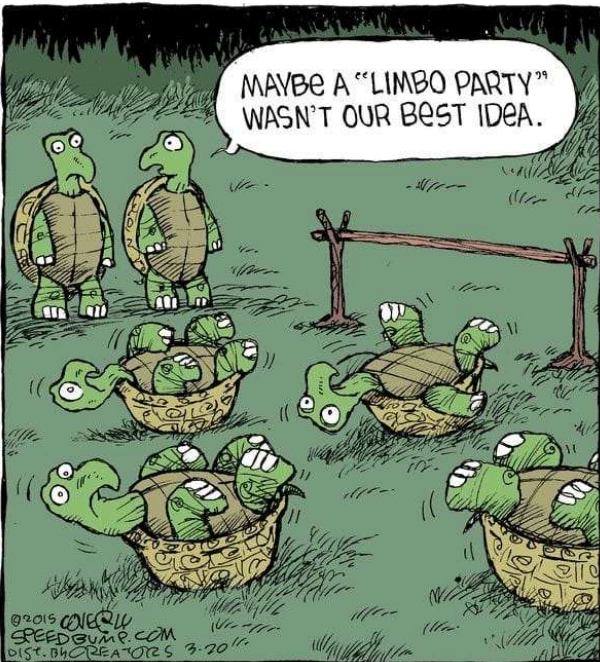
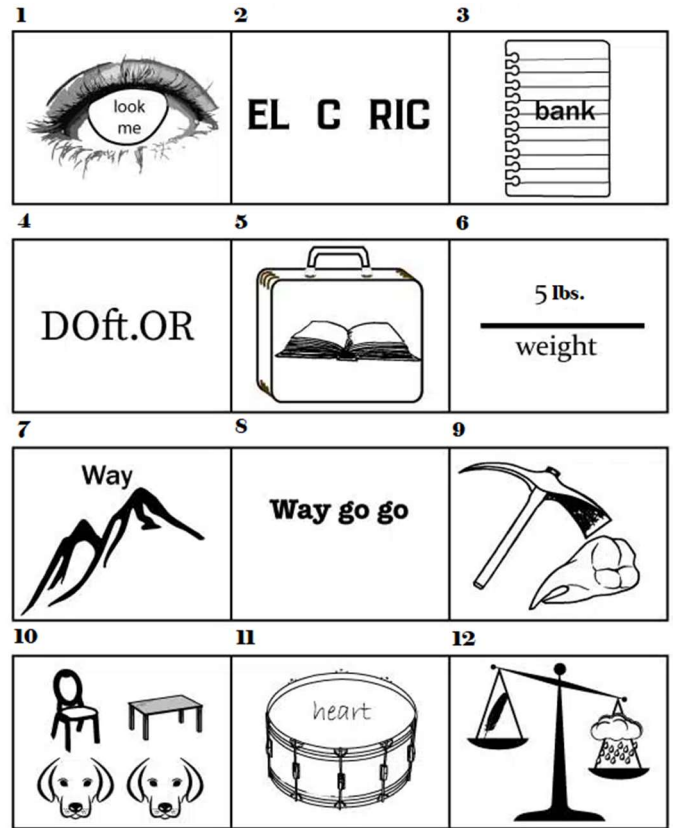
Here's another! Identify the word or phrase depicted in each of the rebus pictures on the right. Example:

<b>STORM</b>	= TH <u>under</u> STORM = "thunder storm"
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This month's prize is a \$20 gift card to Rooster Run.

**The rules & fine print:** 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, and you don't have to get them all right—just enter! 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](mailto:marvelousmom2@yahoo.com), and I'll put it in for you.)

Entries must be submitted by 2/18. The winner will be drawn from the entries with **any** correct answers, so if you don't know them all, 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 quarter (to give everyone a chance). If you've already won, you can still enter for the fun of it; you just won't be eligible for another prize for 2 months (**unless nobody else enters—which is very possible**). You can't win if you don't enter!



Cindy was the emcee of the talent show.

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## February 7 is Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day



*Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day* is the perfect opportunity to greet your neighbor with a big wave. But, to show your respect and appreciation on this very important day, you must wave with all of your fingers!

Without a doubt, this day was created to put a smile on your face, and upon your neighbors. Its intent is to be friendly and create better relations. We believe you should also use the term "Neighbor" loosely. Go out and greet everyone today with a big five fingers wave.

P.S. Don't forget to include a big, bright smile on your face!

### How to Celebrate Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day

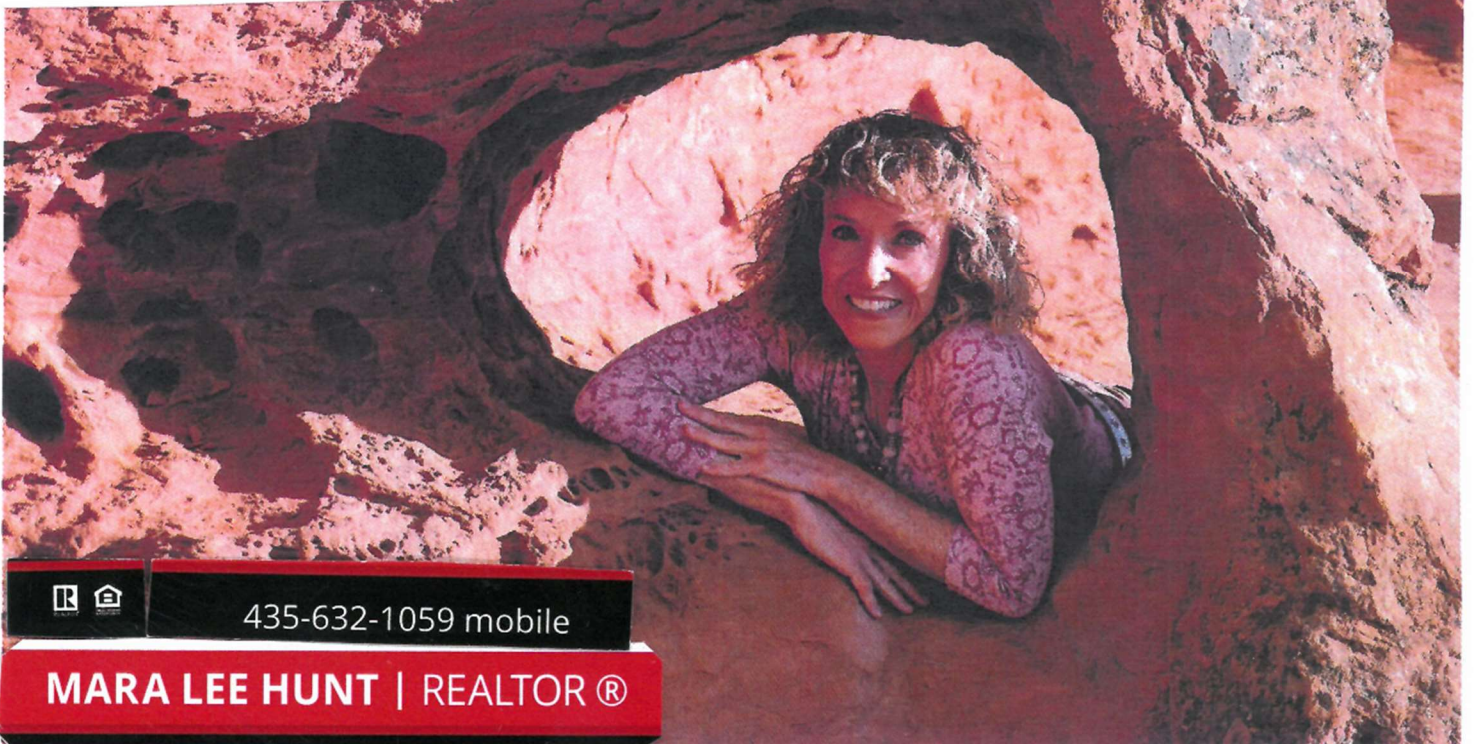
The rules are simple.

- First, wave at your neighbor.
- Wave energetically.
- Importantly, makes certain you count five fingers in your hand wave. Waving with any less doesn't count.
- Wave at all of your neighbors, both kids and adults.



*Mara Lee demonstrated her aerial yoga equipment.*

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## They Said It

“Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.”

—*Phyllis Diller*

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“Instead of getting married again, I’m going to find a woman I don’t like and give her a house.” —*Rod Stewart*

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“Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.” —*Jim Carrey*

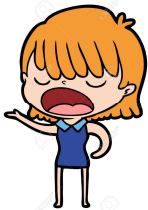
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“Adults are always asking children what they want to be when they grow up because they’re looking for ideas.” —*Paula Poundstone*

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“A perfect parent is a person with excellent child-rearing theories and no actual children.” —*Dave Barry*

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*Many friends came to enjoy the dinner and talent show.*

**The Bargaindales table brought in \$81 for the month of January!!**

**Please remember that items are not free—put your donations in the box.**

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.





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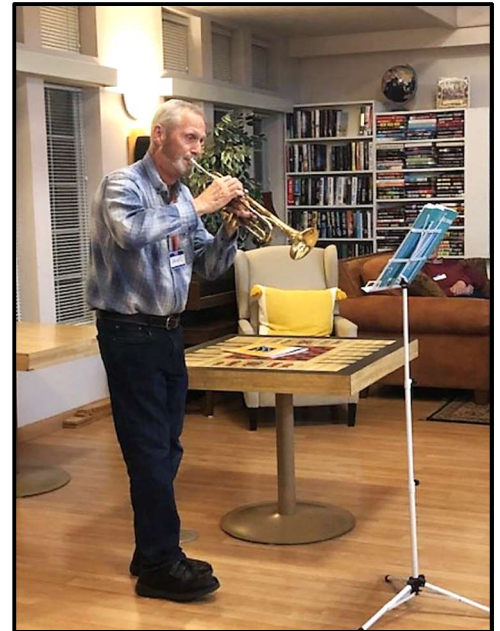
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Steve Hart, Martyn Williams and Jodi Hardman were part of the talent show

## Just for Laughs

If I ever find the doctor who screwed up my limb replacement surgery... I'll kill him with my bear hands.



Did you know that the first French fries weren't cooked in France? They were cooked in Greece.



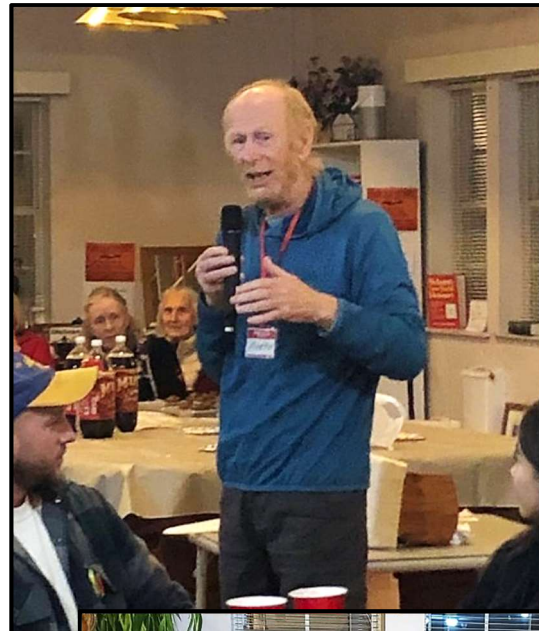
This morning, Siri said, "Don't call me Shirley." I accidentally left my phone in *Airplane* mode.



It's easy to convince ladies not to eat Tide Pods, but harder to deter gents.



I asked my date to meet me at the gym but she never showed up. I guess the two of us aren't going to work out.





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*Maria Perez was also a very talented performer.*

## Strange BUT TRUE

Venus is the only planet that spins clockwise. Every 225 Earth days, Venus travels around the sun, but Venus rotates clockwise once every 243 days.



People used to say “prunes” when taking pictures. In the 1840s, it was considered childish to smile for pictures so it became popular for people to say “prunes” instead of “cheese” in order to keep their mouths taut.



Nutmeg is a hallucinogen. Because it contains myristicin, a natural compound that has mind-altering effects, you can experience hallucinations if you ingest large quantities. Yikes!



McDonald’s serves spaghetti in the Philippines. The meat sauce pasta comes with a side of “McDo” fried chicken. This sounds too tasty to be considered one of our weird fun facts!



Competitive art was once an Olympic sport. From 1912 to 1948, artists could earn medals for painting, music, sculpture, and even architecture.



## Things to Do - Star Party

Have you ever been to a star party? It’s a stunning experience to sit in total darkness and see the universe in all its glory.

Come enjoy the starry sky in Snow Canyon. Bring a camp chair, blanket, and a warm drink to soak in the universe. Keep an eye on the weather—if it’s a cloudy night, you won’t see much. It will be cold this time of year, but if you’re adventurous, bundle up and enjoy the view.

No registration required. Meet at Upper Galoot.

*Saturday 1/20, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm*



For more ideas of things to do, go to [GreaterZion.com/upcoming-events/](http://GreaterZion.com/upcoming-events/) and scroll down to the calendar.



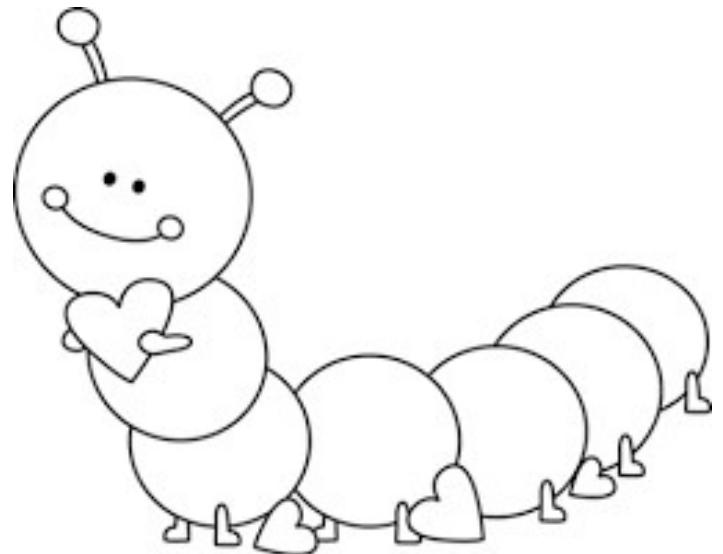
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## Friendly Reminder:

Please, please remember to be courteous and pick up after your dogs! We would like this to be a clean and friendly neighborhood. Everyone must contribute. Thank you!



# February 2024

Indoor Aerobics in the Clubhouse Mon., Wed., & Fri. @ 9:00 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 Pinochle 1:00 PM</p> <p>Texas Hold 'Em 5:30 PM</p> 	<p>2 </p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Pool 5:30 PM 25¢ per game</p>  <p>Activity Committee Meeting 10:00 AM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Hand &amp; Foot 1:00 PM/\$1</p> 	<p>8 Pinochle 1:00 PM</p> <p>Texas Hold 'Em 5:30 PM</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Valentine's Dinner &amp; Dance – 60s Theme 5:30 PM</p> 
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<p>18 Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM \$.75/scoop</p> 	<p>19 Pool 5:30 PM 25¢ per game</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Hand &amp; Foot 1:00 PM/\$1</p> 	<p>22 Pinochle 1:00 PM</p> <p>Texas Hold 'Em 5:30 PM</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Movie Night 6:30 PM "True Lies"</p> 
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Pool 5:30 PM 25¢ per game</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Hand &amp; Foot 1:00 PM/\$1</p> 			