

BRADEN CASTLE UPDATE

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HERITAGE DAY - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mummers & Band
Thursday, March 14
1:30

Join the Heritage Day spirit by attending the Sun Coast Band and Mummer's program and Ice Cream Social held at Braden Castle Park at 1:30. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the afternoon.

This annual event celebrates our Florida heritage. Proceeds of a goodwill offering go toward music scholarships for students in the area.

Cakes are needed for the ice cream social. Please sign up in the office.

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

BC and Two Rivers shuffleboard players are invited to participate in a two-day tournament beginning March 4. All players interested are welcome to join. Report to the courts Monday morning, March 4, at 8:30.

A drawing was held at the last meeting of the Shuffle Club for the 50/50 winners. Five winners were as follows: Karen Lockhart, Maxine Hayes, Lu Bliesner, Joanne Burek and Carol Woods. Congratulations!

The next shuffleboard meeting will be held with a luncheon March 21 at noon.

HOMEOWNERS MEETING RESULTS

The annual Braden Castle Homeowners Meeting was held Feb. 20. Three members, Tom Briggs, Kip Johnson & Dave Moore were re-elected for 3-year terms. Officers for next year are: Terry Collins, Pres., Pat Borders, Vice Pres., Lois Braley, Secretary & Doug Williams, Treasurer.

MOBILE HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Wednesday, March 20
9:15 a.m.

CASTLE CLUB NEWS

“The Way We Were” Tea --- March 13 at 1:30 pm (hall location yet to be determined).

Ladies, come spend an afternoon stepping back in time as we embrace our past. Reminisce viewing photos and sharing stories of those yesteryears. If you have pictures or items which you are willing to share for display, please contact one of the officers no later than March 6th.

Watch for a flyer next week. **This will be our last event of the Season.**

Planning Ahead for Next Season---Our Park is blessed with **many** talented ladies from painters to beaders and much more. In 2014, we are hoping to have an event of various mini-crafting workshops through-out the day where “students” would sign up in advance for their choice of workshops and our skilled ladies would teach them. At a later date in the Season, we would have an Arts & Crafts Show displaying and/or selling the items made. If you are willing to share your hobby/skill by teaching it to others, please contact one of the officers: Carol Wood, Ruth Briggs, Nancy Bair, Pat Gross or Jan Johnson. Or you may fill out a “Volunteer Craft Teacher” form located in the Office or in Leisure Hall next to the pink Castle Club box.

BRADEN CASTLE HISTORY

A Braden Castle Historical Walking Tour will be held by Glenna Shanahan on Sat., March 9, at 12:30. All interested meet at the Castle ruins at that time. This is a great way to become acquainted with Braden Castle Park

On Sunday, March 10, there will be a presentation by Glenna of "Braden Castle History" at 2:00 p.m. in Leisure Hall. All are welcome to relive the past of our park.

HISTORY CORNER– Glenna Shanahan
Miss Angel

Did you know that Braden Castle Park has our very own angel? Do you know where it is?

The day our Founders came here in 1924 the property was completely overgrown and one could not even see the river from the Castle. When they had cleared enough area north of the Castle it became their first camping area and at the time the surveyor laid out the lots in the village that "green space" was left providing a wonderful view of the river. They called it "The Plaza". How farseeing the original Braden Castle owners must have been.

The Women's Recreational Club of Braden Castle was organized in 1926 and they held their meetings on the Plaza. The women planned to install a Recreation Center there for which they were given permission by the Certificate holders (homeowners) and the Board of Directors.

They prepared the grounds, bought materials and games, but progress was delayed and hindered because of disagreements among the members. As a result the Club members were asked by the Certificate holders at the annual meeting January 10, 1927 to abandon the Plaza as a recreation court. In the meantime approval had been given for the building of a new Ladies Club House.

After the Ladies Club House was built the Certificate holders petitioned the Board to let them landscape the Plaza. Permission was granted January 11, 1928 and soon it was accomplished with the installation of a fountain as the centerpiece.

Visit the Plaza and there you will find our little angel. For the past 85 years, in our beautiful pocket park with its incomparable view, little Miss Angel has stood demurely atop the fountain that now no longer splashes. She is an important part of Braden Castle history and today she reflects the ravages of time. But perhaps it is not too late to

refresh and restore her original pristine appearance. I wonder what it would take?

RED HAT NEWS

On Feb. 19th we went to the Sandbar Restaurant on Anna Maria Island. They have done a lot of remodeling and it's even better than before. Twenty-five of us really had a great time.

Our next dinner is March 14th; we are going to the Acapulco Restaurant at Lakewood Ranch Blvd and St. Rd. 64. Please join us for our last outing of the year. Have a wonderful summer!

Your Queen Mom
Ann Zelan

CRAFT CLASS BY CRIS & NANCY

Cris Sauve & Nancy Nelson are planning to host a craft class (project yet to be determined) on March 27th so mark your calendar. Watch the Bulletin Board for further details and a "sign-up" sheet.

ALL STATES & COUNTRIES DAY

All States and Countries Day will be celebrated March 7, 2013.

This year the theme is "Happy Birthday Everyone". Again we remind you that this day is open to every state and country, even if you attended Indiana Day, Ohio Day or Michigan Day. We look forward to seeing everyone Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 12:00 noon in the big hall. A \$1 donation will be collected at the door. Please bring a covered dish and your own place settings. Punch will be supplied. Come, ready to celebrate your birthday

BRADEN CASTLE BOOKCLUB

Susan Jones and Pat Grau have been very pleased with the participation in Book Club. **The final meeting of this season will be on March 12th at 10:15 in the Leisure Hall.** This month we are reading a Non Fiction selection: The Creek by J.T. Glisson.

At our February 12th meeting, Pat led the discussion of: Alligator Gold by Janet Post. As this was a genre none of us had ever read, it was fun to discuss it and contrast it with our January

“Thank” the homeowners, mobile homeowners, and RV residents for all your ideas and help in keeping the park up and working well. Thanks also to our employees – Heather, Dennis, Terry, and our manager, Craig Marquart.

A NOTE FROM TERRY:

THANKS: to the Choir Members for working so hard for our performances. You make it so much fun

Thanks for our ‘Specials’ and all the work that you put into the Specials.

A great big ‘Thanks’ to our accompanists: Vi and Ann. These ladies are wonderfully talented.

Thanks also to our librarians: Glenna, Betty and Gay. They spend a lot of time copying, sorting and filing music.

Thanks to Paul and Gay for furnishing our choir with water each week.

Thanks to the ladies who furnish us with those delicious cookies.

The best of all is our ‘Thanks’ to our faithful supporters with their attendance every week.

THANKS

Since this is the last issue of the newsletter for this season, I would like to thank all the writers of the Street News (their names are listed by the street) and secretaries of the clubs who so faithfully turned in their news. Thanks to Glenna for her contribution to the History of our park. Also to Carol Wood who printed our newsletter each month. Have a good summer and come back safe and healthy this fall.

Wanita Covalt

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Ponce de Leon St. – Cindy McKee

#3 – A lot of people have been looking at Doris Pickens house that is up for sale; it is a one bedroom.

#4 – Floyd Hatlee’s vegetables are really growing and looking good up in his garden. Heather was out delivering pieces of cake his past

weekend to several people; just shows what a caring person she is.

#5 – The Swope’s children arriving; Marla and Steve arrived for a visit and have been sprucing up the outside. Kevin and Jolene will arrive in about a week.

#6 – Carol & Mac McIntyre have been having a quiet few weeks. Mac does enjoy sitting outside.

#7 – Jim and Cindy McKee have had company the last 2 weeks. Jim’s cousin, Ruth and John Brayant have been visiting from ft. Wayne, IN. It has been years since Jim saw Ruth. They had a great time going to the beach. They left on the 15th and Jim’s brother, Joe and his wife arrived the evening of the 15th. They have had a lot of fresh seafood this past week. They left on the 23rd. Sure are going to miss them as they head back to Peru, IN. Betty taught Cindy some new crochet patterns.

#8 – Betty and Lu Files have had company this past week. Their son, Troy from New York has been visiting. They have been on the go, last weekend they went to a dog show in Lakeland. They have been bicycling, and one of the highlights of the week was fishing in the lagoon. Lu caught a large Red fish in the lagoon!!! Just guessing on the weight, but about 7 lbs. He also caught sheephead and blue crabs. They certainly enjoyed the Festival this past weekend. Their grandson carried the flag for the ROTC boys that led the parade.

#9 – Colette and Claude have arrived from Canada. She is Mrs. Lefebre’s daughter. They have been busy opening up the house.

#10 – Peter and Judy Aylen have been very busy remodeling the inside of their house. Floors have been painted and area rugs laid down. They have found rattan furniture and it really looks nice. They have also planted their flower box and it is beautiful. Peter is off fishing right now. He caught a King Mackerel that was 41” long and weighed 25 lbs.

#13 – John Martin and Nancy have returned to the north. John said he is going to try and come down for a few more days if possible. He has some things to finish in the house.

#14 – Harlow Manks and Ruth Emory have been visiting in Brooksville and helped some friends

pack and move to Zephyrhills. They both enjoy playing Bingo and win sometimes too. Harlow loves to play poker. I imagine he is a great bluffer. I also understand that he is becoming a pool shark, even has his own pool cue now!!!

#17 – Kenny and Iris had their family visit this winter. They are staying in a motel off I75 for the cold months.

Oak Street – Janet Collins & Ann Zelen

#2 – May Schappert – If you don't see Mary riding her tricycle for a while it is because her brakes are broken. She had a hard time getting home from her ride. Mary was the Festival Queen this year and had her very own crown. Her daughter and son-in-law who were here last month are coming again soon to go on a cruise.

#4 – Joe & Velva Thomas went to Mi Pueblo with a group to hear the Mariachi Band. They really enjoyed that. Joe had a 72nd birthday and was surprised when he received 13 birthday cards. His sister and 3 of her friends came to help celebrate. They went out to eat and played cards all afternoon.

#5 – Lila Berry went to the Sandbar with the Red Hats and had a really good time. She went to the Castle Club Valentine party and also Michigan Day. She also went to the Spaghetti Dinner at the UM Church. She went to the Festival on Saturday. She has been without her car for “way too long”.

#8 – Robby and Ann Zelen have had a lot of company this month. Four of their friends and neighbors from Nancy, KY were here for three weeks. Each couple has an RV and are staying down at Encore RV Park behind Wal-Mart. The women have been shopping, getting nails done, lunch and catching up on news from home. That was just the first day!!! Ann has enjoyed the pool down at the RV park. One of her friends went out with the Red Hat group (first time for her) and she really enjoyed it. On Thursday, the 28th, their two daughters are coming down from Hamilton, OH for 8 days. No husband or grandkids – just like the old days with “our girls”. Can't wait, lots of plans. One daughter is disabled and this will be her first visit, so they are really excited. The last time it was just the four of them was when they

graduated from high school! Hope everyone has a healthy, safe summer. See you in the fall.

#9 – Terry & Janet Collins enjoyed the annual visit of Terry's cousin, Becky and her husband Darrell. They played lots of cards when they were here. Terry & Janet also have been to see their favorite gospel group, The Collingsworth Family, a couple times. One day was spent with some friends from Indiana at Tampa Downs. It was a fun day.

#10 – Jim and Mary Abrams had their daughter and son-in-law visiting and enjoying the warm sunshine. Mary and her daughter enjoyed a pedicure the first week. Abrams, their daughter, and Zelens went to the Greek Festival. Their daughter fixed them a wonderful breakfast for Valentine's Day. Another daughter from Macon was here for one day. The five of them went to Emerson Point for a picnic. The 3 girls took a walking trail and got caught in the rain. Jim is still enjoying his donuts and working with Joe. Kathy and Mary went to the Sandbar with the Red Hats and had a very nice time. They wish everyone a healthy happy summer and hope to see everyone in the fall.

#11 – Paul Smith & Theresa Liston - Dalton, their 4-year old grandson who lives in Tucson, AZ, experienced his first snow. He was trying to catch the flakes in a cup. When he looked in the cup the flake was gone. They are really happy the weather has changed so they can sit outside.

#13 – Mike & Cheryl Pearce went to the State Fair and also the Cortez Fish Festival. It was cold and rainy at the Fish Festival, but it didn't seem to stop people from attending. They will be here until the middle of April and are enjoying the warm weather.

#15 – Bill & Bonnie Nichols Bondi – Bill has been working very hard on their new deck. He has had lots of helpers and supervisors. So you ask – what else could happen to Bonnie – she took a flying leap out their back door and landed on her head. She is surviving.

#27 – Roy Hunt – They have been sick like a lot of other people in the park. Before they got sick they saw the Browders and the Kingsman at Bill Bailey's Happy Gospel Church. They are really glad the warm weather has returned.

Seminole Drive – Susan Jones

#2 – Jim & Wanita Covalt – Jim is over the flu. His temperature is gone and he is out walking again. They had a really good visit with Wanita's brother. Jim and Wanita were busy getting ready for the annual festival involving drinks and desserts.

#4 – Rex & Jane Ann Hopper had friends from Evansville, IN visit. They had a three-day visit to Key West.

#6 – Harry & Vera Pressey send their “thanks to everyone in the Park for their kindness, generosity and prayers for Randy, their son. He is doing much better – walking with help and improving each day. They get daily updates.” Harry is happy to be back “riding a bicycle and seeing the sunshine.”

#10 – Richard & Karen Weaver – Karen's recovery from knee replacement is going well. She is able to get out and walk, etc. She continues therapy until the end of Feb. and otherwise, is “pretty much back to normal.” They will be going home in March.

#11 – Lon and Jan Harts – Lonny has been busy with golf. They had a Valentine's Day celebration at a Siesta Key restaurant with friends. They are looking forward to a family visit at the end of March.

#15 – Kip and Vi Johnson – Their two daughters, Cheri and Sue, are coming for a visit from Feb. 21 to March 4. Their son, Mike, is also coming. They look forward to celebrating the BCP festival together.

#19 – Hunt and Sue Jones – Sue called the Bates family (from whom they bought Mole End) to send greetings and catch up on news. Debbie had a pacemaker put in (12/21) and is doing a “whole lot better” She has lost weight and is keeping busy helping out family members. Sharon had two small strokes but with no major impact. She says she is “still able to walk and talk” (the latter obvious as we had a nice visit). Sharon says Wally's “health is fine and he is keeping us all in line.” He'll be celebrating his 75th birthday. They all say hi and that they miss everybody.

Hunt's news is that his 91 year-old mother recently landed at Sarasota for her first visit to

Braden Castle Park. When he went to meet her at the gate, he noted with some alarm that she was seized by several smartly dressed security agents, one of whom injected some kind of green juice through a huge hypodermic into the top of her head. His protests ignored, she was quickly wheeled off to an interrogation room. According to less than reliable sources, several “mishandlings” ensued, and, as a result, various limbs become detached or disengaged. These were forwarded to different hospitals making Hunt's visitation a difficult chore. The incident is under advisement.

#21 – Tom White – Rumor has it that Tom has a new “squeeze,” which he confirms. The Sarasota Gun Cub where Tom works has been extremely busy “with all of our Northern friends”, and Tom says Zeppo's (Bruce's) shooting has improved greatly. As of March 1, it is a 30-day countdown to retirement. Post-retirement plans include “a brown bear hunt in Alaska with a handgun” and starting a motorcycle repair shop.

#23 – John and Joyce Mark and Russell Lee Sang – They are all happy to be here after getting lost during their journeys from Brooklyn to Chesapeake Bay to here. Thy missed last year due to illness; but, obviously, they're back and loving being here! They are “glad to see everyone still breathing and thoroughly enjoying – Mariachi band concert, neighbors and friends.” They send a special thanks to Oscar for “taking care of our garden and being the best arborist!”

Seminole Dr – Pat Grau

#25 - Pat Grau enjoyed having her son's family in early February. And now she's happy to have Bob and Maggie Beardmore and Rod and Kate Richards visiting from Ontario. Pat's favorite park activity is a daily bike ride with the group that leaves the back gate at 1:30.

#27 - Bonnie Hemmingway is looking forward, this month, to celebrating her 65th birthday and her good health.

#29 -Bob and Kathy Kendall are happy just being BUSY. They recently visited friends in the area, Venice and are expecting Kathy's sister and her husband for a week.

#31 -Pat Schuler is looking forward to an upcoming vacation out west around a family wedding.

#33 -Dick & Jane Vondell are looking forward to their son's visit in March. Their son and Jane's sister both have birthdays on 2/14. Jane was proud to say she found a birthday card especially for a Valentine's Day birthday.

#39 -Mike Gaines is back in FL enjoying the warm weather.

#41 -Glenna Shanahan has been very busy with Festival preparations. Next month she will be conducting a presentation on Braden Castle history.

#57 -Phillip & Shirley Halstead will be off to a Winnebago rally in Orlando this month. They are really excited that a grandson will be having his wedding in the BC Gazebo on April 20th.

Braden Castle Drive – Betty Eddy

#1 – John & Nancy Martin came down for a couple of weeks. They did some work on their house and played some too.

#2 – Betty Eddy's three sisters came in for a week, two from Ohio and one from Winter Haven. The weather didn't cooperate too well, but it was better than Ohio. They enjoyed just relaxing and visiting with family and friends.

#3 – Brenda Dugan had a visit with nephew Steve Hogue from Brooksville recently. Also Butch's family, Robin, Mark & Bobby, attended Ohio Day with Brenda & Butch.

#4 – Ginny Davis flew to Vegas with her son and wife to see the twin great grand babies, a boy & girl. They were #31 & 32. Just had another last week, #33. She headed up Ohio Day with the assistance of several friends. She's always having a good time somewhere.

#6 – Doug Williams went to Ohio bow hunting; didn't miss (didn't shoot) in 17 degree snowy weather. Got to shovel snow twice! Doug's tomato plant has produced abundantly – pick a few if there any left.

#7 – Betty Bartrum was here with son Greg. He's did some fishing and chores around the house. They stayed until the first of the week so Betty could see the parade.

#8 – Pat Barber's son Chris drove her down the 6th. They got the house all set up and went out to eat each evening. They and a few neighbors went to Mi Pueblo's to see the Mirachi Band. Chris went to Daytona for a couple days, then home. Will probably return in April to drive Pat home.

#9 – Fred & Maggie James are both working. They had a grand daughter get married at Christmas time. Both twins are married now.

#10 – Haven't heard from Mike Osterman. Think he's at his daughters in Missouri.

#11 – Sharon Ferguson is playing cards and going out to eat when possible. She saw the Mirachi band for the first time at Mi Pueblo's.

#12 – Pete & Snookie Gilbertie are both working and enjoying the winter.

#13 – Don & JoAnn White have purchased a new motor home which they are making into a residence. They are planning a trip to the Everglades' National Park in the near future.

#14 & 17 - Haven't heard from Carol Walsh or the Hebeison's.

#15 – Ron & Debbie Herrold, along with 19 others, built a 28 x 40 building in Edinburg, TX. Their organization is a Fellowship of Christian Farmers. The building will be used as a dorm room/Sunday School classes. They also boxed 100 boxes of food and delivered it for 10 days. They blow the horn and people would come and get the food. They also worked a booth at the fair, Youth for Christ. They have kids renting the cabin March 22nd for a week. They'll have 3 – 6 grandchildren. Look out!!

#16 – Wadeen Elson and brother Jason came in on the 20th. She tells me Jason had a heart attack on Christmas day and is lucky to be here. Her mom and dad are both doing well, and Mark should be here at the end of month. Good to have you home!

#18 – Earl & Gloria Oakman will be going on a cruise Sunday until next weekend, a Christmas gift from their kids. Have a wonderful Time!

#21 – Don Herrold is still getting over the shingles and tells me son Henry went deep sea fishing in Key West for two nights and three days. Sounds like fun.

#22 – Linda Wagner has a new part-time job at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital in the Quality

Improvement Department. She has worked there before, so is very familiar with the work. She'll be heading for NY in April for a visit.

#23 – Jim & Judy Featherstone are getting jobs done that need to be done. They went to Tarpon Springs recently with a couple from Apollo Beach, then on to New Port Ritchie to meet church friends for lunch. They are still biking on Wed. and helping with the festival. P.S. It is very nice to be in sunny Florida with such special friends.

Braden Castle Drive – Doris Mattern

#25 – Doris Mattern and son Alan enjoyed a couple of days with Phil & Linda (Mattern) Hoy at Bonita Springs recently. There was shuttle boat Tours and other points of interest and eating good seafood, but Braden Castle's friends and unique park looked better to me. Nancy Neher, Doris' sister, enjoyed the fun and food and the best BC parade ever! A lot of hard work and cooperation gets the job done.

#26 – Ron and Shirley Childers are amazed that we're looking to our "March" newsletter, the last one for the season. Ron has been busy with his sister, Betty Bartrum and her son, Greg. They fixed a couple of meals for them at their home. Ron really enjoyed fishing with Greg, such a wonderful nephew. Greg had Ron & Shirley eating "deer" steak he had marinated; it didn't look good BUT it was delicious. Greg and Betty left Sunday, Feb. 24, for Kokomo, IN. Shirley is most often seen behind the "Deli" counter at Mixon's.

#29 – Tom and Ruth Briggs – What a busy month! They are meeting cousins Ted & Sara and their families; it was great. They spent the day sharing stories and pictures. They enjoyed being in the parade and participating in games on Festival Day.

#37 – Bill and Ginny Cox have another great grand baby boy named Jace Michael, but better known as "Peanuts". They wish to thank everyone who participated in the parade. Don't you think Bill & Ginny let their imaginations run wild with Big Foot?!

#38 – Dave & Annie Holub enjoyed a week's visit from Annie's brother, Bob from Ohio. By

the way, have you noticed their new siding? Looks great!

Lafayette & DeSoto – Pinky

Editor's note: Pinky has been in the hospital and will probably not be in BC this next year. We all enjoyed her stories of friends & neighbors. We wish her all the best!

Well, good friends and foe, Here is how it goes
Now is the time for our last good byes
Next winter we will watch the snowflakes fly,
Don't really know why, Oh why just **time**
To say goodbye.

But we hope to leave without tears in our eyes
So all you folks that I made fun of just know
That it was out of love.

We have made so many friends but now its time
for all to end.

We can finish our Bucket List ice dancing,
skiing and mobile racing and fishing in the
Berring Sea

Oh Gosh, what's wrong with me?

I can't thank everyone enough that were so kind
and supporting. I don't want to leave anyone out.
You know who you are. Thank you, Thank you.

Here is my wish for all of you. "May you get to
Heaven 15 seconds before the Devil knows you
are gone." Pinky & LC Stuck

Can you find yourself in this list of Pinky's
stories?

Friendships	Cookies
Coconut Cream pies	Flowers
Candies	Cranberry Relish
Yes I kissed him	Elkhart newspapers
Fish fries	Conversations
Block parties	Clowns
Hi Pinky	\$50 cherry pie
Source of news items	Pull-Its ear prize
Dual of game day flags	Sewing Lady
Scalloped potatoes w/ pork chops	
Sign Painter – (Remember Butterflies)	
Ham & Beans	Lady w/ goodies
Dumb, Dumber, Dumbest	Great Landlady
Red Hat Ladies	Errand Running
Cruising trips & Las Vegas	Klondike Bars
Christmas lights	Fixer

The great earring fracas that didn't work
Horse some years ago in the parade
Great appliance fixer Video maker

Gardenia Lane – Joanne Burek

#2- Carol Raymond has been busy around the park, shuffling and playing bingo.

#4 – Eli Reyes says “Again I wish to say that it is so nice to be here with friends from all over the world. Our Michigan Day was a good opportunity to visit with others from Michigan. Our golf outing has been ok as we get together every Wed. at River Run Golf Course, ha ha. As the old saying goes – every barrel has a bad apple, guess who is ours!” Mabel again made 2 lovely afghans to donate to the festival. Thank you.

#6 – Donna Galardo was thrilled to visit and see her many friends. Next year she plans to stay longer but two grandchildren (each under one year) are pulling her home.

#8 – Linda Szczepanski and her friend Al have just about finished with fixing up and painting. Linda has a friend and husband coming to visit at Easter. They are enjoying being in the Florida weather.

#10 – Joanne Burek just returned from a trip to San Antonio, TX where she visited her four grandchildren and their parents. The Festival was great and the parade spectacular. Mardi Gras brought out the bright colors in everyone. What a turnout for the parade. And what about the snake on her porch one evening!!

#12 – George & Beverly Hansen have enjoyed fishing. They are so generous to leave fish (cleaned and ready to fry) with many friends. Bev has been enjoying bingo here and Saturday night at Two Rivers. And what's that you do each day at 1:30, Bev?

#16 – Owen Lautenschleger has been working non-stop on DVD's for the park. Sat, festival day, he entertained a friend from down the street from his home in Ohio and a cousin, Rob and his wife Vi. Even with them here he managed to get many pictures of the Mardi Gras parade and other activities for a DVD. **Thanks Owen for all the memories you give us!**

#18 – Thelma Seaman has returned home from rehab after her fall with a positive attitude and determined to be 100% again.

#20 – Ed Atwood & Nancy Lifsey enjoyed the festival. Ed was great as the Braden Castle King. Both Ed and Nancy are expecting company soon. Life is good at Braden Castle.

Azalea Lane – Joanne Burek

#1 – Just got the latest word. Bill and Chris Pollitt are leaving for Florida Monday, Feb. 25. Looking forward to seeing them.

#2 – Barbara Duffy is so busy working that I haven't been able to catch up with her. Barb is looking for a handyman to do small jobs. Come knock on her door.

#3 – Frank & Roni Potter entertained her sister and brother-in-law at Cody's last Friday. Good to see both riding bikes around the park.

#5 – Jim & Lou Bliesner are enjoying bingo and the park. They also seemed to be winning lost of prizes at the 50/50 raffle and festival.

Magnolia Lane – Joanne Burek

#2 – Judy & Mary Dayton seemed to be enjoying themselves at the festival parade. Judy did a great job selling tickets for the return of the Miriachi Band Feb. 16.

#4 – Dorris Holleman, who lights up our get-togethers evenings on Owen's patio, informed us she's moving March 1. Lucky for us she's only going to be behind us on Braden Castle Dr. and can join us as often as she chooses.

(Note from editor) Letter from Dolly Zerbe, former owner of #4 “I am doing real well. Was able to sell my trailer to Jim & Doris Auth. They have been in BC for 22 years. Ernie & I were in BC for 17 years. I have such fond memories of BC and wish I could come back, but my health would not permit me living there alone. I have 2 daughters that live here in North Manchester and one of them lives next door to me. I am so blessed. My love goes out to my many friends in BC. Love Dolly Zerbe.

Riverview Lane – Rolf Ernst

#1 – Jean Morgan – This busy lady is in the process of re-modeling her kitchen and is looking forward to the arrival of her granddaughter and daughter-in-law for Easter. Then it's an early return to Prattsburgh, NY.

#4 – Harvey & Dee Johnson - Dee reports that they absolutely loved “Fiddler On the Roof” down in Ft. Myers in Feb. They also enjoyed a great dinner at the Dutch Heritage in Sarasota recently with fiends. This lively couple tries their hand at Bingo here at BC when time permits.

#6 – Earl & Waneta Jenkins – Talk about bad luck! This feisty pair is going to have to foot the bill for a new \$7,000 roof! Much to their chagrin the company with whom they had full warranty went out of business. Ouch! They are also in need of new carpeting for the kitchen/dining room area. John Martin to the rescue?!

#8 – Bill Wilson & Molly Crawford – This guy must really be talented! Those attendees at the “Mardi Gras” festival were immediately drawn to Bill's embroidery machine art work. Wow! Molly continues to devour those racy novels (not really!).

#11 – Don & Kay Pierce – Kay reports that she and Don had to return to Clifton Park, NY due to Don's having been stricken with a serious heart condition. They are planning to travel to the Cleveland Clinic soon where they may opt for an innovative procedure for a valve replacement. On a brighter note, daughter Sheri visited here briefly in early Feb. We, of course, wish them well and look forward to their return to BC and a speedy recovery for Don.

#14 – George & Shirley Sankey – This personable couple are happy to finally get their van back after an unfortunate “fender bender”. They recently purchased JoAnn Phillip's golf cart with which to cruise around the “campus”. George says his tomato plants are thriving and will soon be bearing edible fruit. (yes, the tomato is a fruit). Yum!

#15 – Gary & Margot Larson – They have had their hands full dealing with property damage caused by Sandy up in Nantice, CT. At this writing the “Nutmeg State” is still digging out from 3' of snow!

#16 – Lee & Alice Carstensen – Your intrepid reporter neglected to include in a previous issue that Lee and Alice are very appreciative of the hard work Jerry Wood did on their carport pavement. Nice Job! What would we do without Jerry Wood & George Hansen?!

#17 – Vay & Anne Ingram – this couple from Flint were eagerly awaiting “Michigan Day”! They also await the arrival of the Pollitt's toward the end of February. Enough of the snow and ice already!#19 – Betty Fisher – Betty wants to express her gratitude to the crew that labored to clean up her flower and plant beds several weeks ago. She hopes to return to BC soon but at present is coping with personal issues in MI.

#18 – Nadine Prawdzik – Nadine went to considerable length describing the great fun she had by the large gathering at “Michigan Day” on 2/21. This year they honored Jan Johnson for her tireless volunteer work here at BC. You're lucky to have her, Bob! Now all they have to do is get back to the Rose Bowl!

#19 – Betty Fisher wants to express her gratitude to the crew that labored to clean up her flower and plant beds several weeks ago. She hopes to return to BC soon.

#23 – Al & Linda Hebler – We have a new dynamic duo among us! Al and Linda from the Buffalo, NY area purchased JoAnn Phillip's property on Feb. 7. Within an hour of closing they were already hard at work painting the bedroom. Having owned a restaurant, Al has turned his efforts toward rehabbing distressed houses and then “flipping” them. Linda is a supervisor in a developmentally disabled facility for the state of NY. They plan to continue upgrades on their acquisition upon their return to BC in the spring. Welcome!

#27 – Rolf Ernst – Being a devotee of all forms of good music, Rolf and his date took in “105 years of Broadway” at the Van Wezel in Sarasota a few weeks ago. Outstanding! Then he and the same date attended the Mariachi band concert in the big hall on 2/16. Kudos to Judy Dayton for having been instrumental (pun intended) in bringing “her boys”, as she calls them.

Poinsettia Lane – Joan Burek

#10 – Jeanne Oliver has enjoyed being a part of Braden Castle. She recently moved here from two Rivers Park.

#13 – Kenny & Ann Tom love their view of the river. They are enjoying their first winter at Braden Castle.

#14 – Robie Ormond wishes he could be here to fish and see all of his friends. He's living in senior housing in Jamestown, NY. You can call and talk to him at 716-483-2542.

#16 – Pete & Cris Sauve are doing fine. Pete is enjoying golfing. Cris' mom, Nadine Prawdzik lives next door. She did a great job at Michigan Day which they all thought was fun.

Orchid Lane-Patty Chaffee

#1-Dale & Barb Lorenz had their grandson Lanine Hite from Amboy Indiana visit one day last week. What a fun day! They are both enjoying the nice weather here in Florida.

#3-John & Linda Porzio are new kids on the block, they were in the RV lot last year but have been busy getting moved in and all the work that goes with being in a new home. Linda hopes next year they will have more time for play than this year. They are also kinda newlyweds - only been married 3 years. Going to take some time shortly to go to Charlotte, N.C. to visit John's brother.

#5-Ronald Albright & Elizabeth Reid are new kids on the block also, just moved from Poinciana Circle but wasn't at that address very long so they are new in the park. Ron is from N.J. and Elizabeth is from Mich. and have been together about 4 years. They really like being here in the park. Elizabeth's daughter and family were here to visit and she loved seeing them. Now you might want to be on the lookout when you see Elizabeth on her golf cart because on Valentine's Day she had a run-in with her clothes dryer because Ron moved it, and she didn't seem to know that. But not to worry; he was at the door with roses and candy. On a more serious note, Elizabeth is an Interior Decorator and would give free consultation to anyone whom might need suggestions.

#9-Eldon & Phyllis York are enjoying being here in this nice weather. Eldon is able to shuffle

a lot this year and Phyllis is scrapbooking, a hobby she loves.

#11-Marge & Tom Halstead are enjoying the Florida weather and have started to become addicted to Thursday evening pinochle, so much so that they still hope to have a winning night.

#13-Nils & Bodil Sola have gone back to Norway but will return back here March 5, They have a granddaughter getting married in April and after that will return to Norway.

#15-Tom & Patty Chaffee are staying busy with different things, Tom is President of the shuffle club and they enjoy the bike club. Palm tree in their front lawn died so have planted a new one. Looks good so far.

Poinciana Circle – Rita Hoagland

#1 – Jack & Maxine Hayes are so excited the dining room cabinets have finally come in and all in one piece this time. Now Jack can get them in, and they think they will finally have their little Florida home back to normal and in good repair. Maxine also tells me she was very excited to have a surprise knock on her door telling her she had won one of the prizes from the Shuffle Club raffle so she is now rich.

#4 – Ken and Betty Jo McKillip are about ready to close on a new home they have purchased outside the park. They hope to move into it in early March. We are sure sad to see them leave us but they just felt they needed more room. They will be missed.

#6 John & Choochie Romanchock – John's two daughters, a grandson and a daughter-in-law are coming soon to go fishing again. Choochie's leg is doing well and she always looks forward to playing cards and bingo.

#8 – Toni Gardner is new to the park. She just moved in and says she is working hard to get everything put away.

#15 – Ann Allen– Ann's daughter and son-in-law were here; she really had a good time with them. She is looking forward to the Castle festival. She is enjoying all the nice weather and just staying busy.

#16 – Jim & Roxanne Burton – Roxanne is going to Tampa to pick up her two sisters on

Monday and she is really excited for them to come for a month. They all always have a lot of fun while here. Then her daughter and family will be here for them to enjoy.

#17 – Max & Diane Miller – Max is doing a lot of shuffling and Diane is doing a lot of walking with sisters-in-law. Diane tells me this is the busiest winter she has ever had since coming to Florida.

#18 – Bob & Marlene Pier – They had a surprise visit from Chuck & Pat Pier, they were not even aware they were in Florida. They are waiting on a visit from their grandson, David, and his family.

#21 – Byron & Viola Sommers – Byron's nephew made a surprise visit and they didn't know he was in Florida. Viola has a bum leg but it doesn't seem to stop her; she does just about anything she wants to do.

#24 – Vic & Jan Hillard have both had colds and coughs like so many others. They hope to be feeling much better so they can enjoy the festival.

EASTER PITCH-IN

Sunday, March 31

1:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited!