

Sandalwood Park News

February 2014



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From the President

As we look in the mirror every day, we do not notice the changes in ourselves that would be apparent to someone who has not seen us in a while. In the same manner, we find it difficult to see the slow changes that take place in our homes and surroundings.

As I walk around our neighborhood I see many homes that have mold/mildew on them and an excess of inappropriate things in the carport.

Please review section 3 of the park rules for a description of the requirements for homes and sites.

Please take the time to take a close look at your home, carport and yard, and see if there are changes that should be made to improve the overall look of your home and the park in general. All we need is a little sprucing up. This past week we had all the pool furniture, the patio and the clubhouse pressure washed. Homes and carports can be pressure washed for as little as \$50.00.

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SPH MEETING REMINDERS

Monthly Board Meeting - February 12 at 10am. Everyone attending is eligible for a door prize!

Annual Meeting

February 13 at 2pm....Come and VOTE!!

Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.

300 Sandpiper Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

*Resident Owned Community for persons 55
years of age and older*

Office Number
485-3646

In an Emergency Call
911

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603-819-1252

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SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES CLUB, INC.

President – Carmen Wallin
Vice President – Pam Brown
Secretary – Susan Smith
Treasurer – Judee Sunzere
Barbara Hinkle
Jane Reed
Gil Weidemiller



WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



Come to the clubhouse
on Wednesday evening
and join the fun!

Everyone is welcome,
the more the merrier!

**SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Appointed by the board:

Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary

The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating the wishes of our shareholders. Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions and they will act in the best interest of the park. Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to ssbngator@hotmail.com.



BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 7 PM
So fun...try your luck.



*Come one,
come all.....*

*Leave all your troubles at
home, join your Neighbors at the clubhouse
and have a good time!!!*

Sandalwood TV Station

**Tune in to Channel 195 on your TV for
Sandalwood information and updates.**

Roger Bliss of 350 Longwood Drive is the person who enters all materials for the station. Forms to use for submitting information are available in the office.

Presidents message continued from page 1

As I said in a recent newsletter, I want to make this the most desirable park in the area. We have a great location. We have a lot of open space with new decorative plantings taking place. We are improving the hedge on Cortina road to reduce the need for maintenance. We are looking for new decorations and furniture for the patio.

If you are physically unable to make repairs or clean, there are some volunteers who may be available to help.

Although I don't see the calendar until the newsletter comes out, I want to apologize for the mistake in regards to the Board meeting date in the January calendar.

Carl D Griffith, President

Condolences

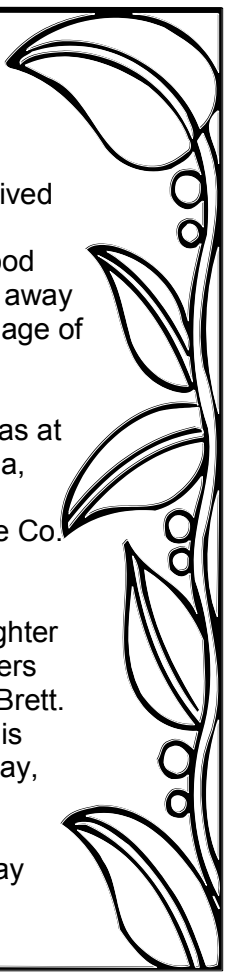
Gil Weidemiller Jr

On December 21, 2013, we received the unfortunate news that Gil Weidemiller Jr., son of Sandalwood resident Gil Weidemiller, passed away suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 47.

At the time of the attack Gil Jr. was at his office in Dongguan City, China, where he was head of product development for Thai Shun Lee Co. for 12 years.

Gil is survived by his father, daughter Sierra, age 13, wife Melissa, sisters Marci and Gina, and his brother Brett. He was cremated in China and his ashes have been sent to Coos Bay, Oregon.

Memorial plans with the Arbor Day Society are pending.



IN MEMORY

Wanda Conrad

April 29, 1931 - Dec. 19, 2013



Wanda Conrad, 82, of Anderson, passed away on Dec. 19, 2013, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born on April 29, 1931, in Anderson, and resided most of her life in Anderson.

Wanda attended Markleville High School.

She retired in 1982 from Delco Remy as a production control clerk after 30 years of service.

She was a member of Modern Mrs. Home Extension Club.

Wanda is survived by her loving spouse whom she married in 1963, Robert Conrad; son, Steve Ginder of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; daughter, Terri (Tony) Stuart of Muncie; stepdaughter, Cindy (Steven) Meuser of Frankfort, Ky.; stepdaughter, Cheryl (Doug) Mitchell of Anderson; granddaughter, Amber Barnard; step-grandson, Dillon Williams; step-grandson, Joel Williams; great-grandson, Logan Barnard; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by mother, Frances (Helphenstine) Smith; father, Paul William Smith; step-grandson, Doug Stuart, and sister, Norma (Evertt) Jean Alfrey.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, Anderson.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Stephen Gettinger officiating. Burial will take place in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson.



SUPERIOR VAPOR BARRIER

Dr. Grab Bar

YELLOW SUB CAFE

MOBILE HOME DEPOT

PRACTICE TO MAKE IT PERFECT!

An authentic Crawfish Boil will be part of the Mardi Gras party with Sonny and Sable.

The occasion is the fifth anniversary of our clubhouse addition on March 29, 2014.

Tickets will go on sale March 3 with limited seating.

Look for more details in the March Newsletter.



Pre-Sale Rummage Sale For Residents Only



On Friday February 21, any resident of Sandalwood Park can preview and purchase items from our yearly Rummage Sale before it publically begins on Saturday, February 22.

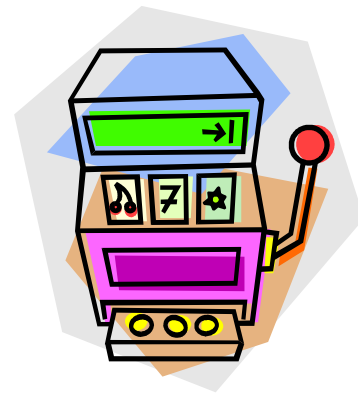
The Friday pre-sale hours for the residents are 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Be smart. Shop early!

FEBRUARY CASINO TRIP

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
(SAVE THIS DATE)

COST \$20.00



SIGNUP ON CLUBHOUSE BULLETIN BOARD

PAY ALICE FITZPATRICK
346 LONGWOOD DR

CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO SAC

SEE YOU ON THE BUS,
PROMISE A GREAT TIME

Huff and Puff

MON, WED & FRI .. 9:00AM

Walking with Huff & Puff



We walk 1-2 miles, after Huff and Puff all three days.

On Tues. and Thurs. walkers start at 9:00 a.m. and walk 2-3 miles.

Please join us.

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Canadians Plan First Get-Together Party

March 1, 2014

Hear ye! Hear ye!



All Canadians living in Sandalwood Park are hereby invited to the first annual Canadian Pot Luck supper on Saturday, March 1st in the Sandpiper Room.

We plan to begin our festivities at 5:30 (BYOB), and then indulge in our favorite north-of-the border meals around 6 p.m. Please bring your own dishes and silverware, and we'll supply the tablecloths and napkins from the SAC supplies. We will also use the small paper dessert dishes from the supply closet. Decaf coffee with cream and sugar, and punch will be provided.

Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board before **Feb. 25th**, so we know how many tables to set up. Put the date on your calendar now, and plan on fun and activities. Bring your melodious voice as well, as everyone's voice will be needed for the singing.

If you have any other suggestions or questions, please contact Sam or Alva Dicks at 412-4744, or Ken or Johanna Lauzon at 244-2883. See you there!

Big Screen Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb 2, 2014

4:00 PM

(Game starts @ 6:30)



BRING:

Tailgate foods to share
Your own beverages,
friends

- ◆ Game boards and raffles
- ◆ Cornhole in the Pavilion
- ◆ 65 Card game in Activities room
- ◆ No reserved seating
- ◆ Mingling Encouraged

SANDALWOOD SANDPIPER
ROOM & PAVILION

SAC Board Election Results

Sandalwood residents elected Charlotte Rivard and Betty Pratt and re-elected Carmen Wallin to the SAC committee at the January meeting.



Betty Pratt Carmen Wallin Charlotte Rivard

We share our confidence in all of you with our best wishes for a great year. Since they take office immediately, please contact them or anyone on the Board with your new ideas or concerns for 2014.

Thanks also go out to our present retiring board members for their hard work on our behalf.

We recognize all the hours spent in organizing and balancing our check book for our social activities each month. It goes without saying, that the following members are gratefully appreciated by all:

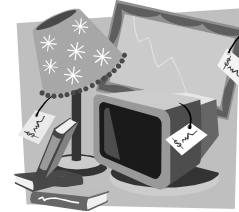
Judy Sunzere, Jane Reed and Barbara Hinkle.

They'll be a hard act to follow.

PLANET SATELLITE

“Bustin with Bargains - Clubhouse and Carport Sale” Saturday, February 22 - 8am to 1pm - Sandpiper Room

Clubhouse Rummage Sale/Carport Sale



Boutique

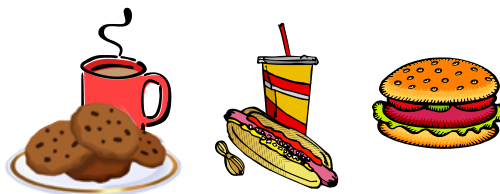


Connie Bressler (941 412 3911)
or
Donna Eckman (740 369 3105)
will pick up items for the sale or they
may be dropped off at the clubhouse
on Thursday February 20th.

Bake Sale



Lunch Counter



Gail Hixon (941-483-3512) is in charge of the carport sales. If you wish to have a carport sale on the day of the Rummage Sale, call Gail to register your carport sale: . This will increase your customer attendance.

**DON'T MISS THE PRESALE FOR PARK RESIDENTS ONLY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21.....3:30-5PM**

Notice:

Any year round resident who would like to be an Editor for our newspaper, please contact Mary Ann Jenne at 603-819-1252 or ma-jenne@gmail.com.

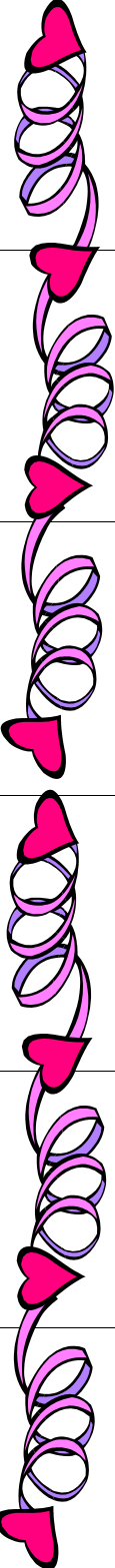
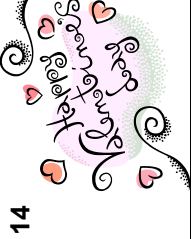
No experience is necessary.

Will train.

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FLORIDA ANCHOR AND BARRIER, INC

SANDALWOOD PARK FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 Superbow I Party	3	4 SAC Agenda MTG 10am	5 SPH Agenda MTG 9am	6	7	8 Pancake Breakfast 8-9:30am
9	10	11 SAC MTG 10am	12 SPH MTG 10am	13 SPH Annual MTG 2pm	14 	15 Valentines Potluck Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6pm
16 Rick Starr Concert 7pm	17	18	19	20	21 No Bingo... Resident Bargain Busting pre-sale 3:30-5pm	22 Rummage/Bake/hot dog Sale 8am-1pm
23	24	25	26 CASINO TRIP	27	28	
	Huff & Puff 9am	Walking at 9am Lunch 12:30 pm	Huff & Puff 9am Poker & Cards 7pm	Breakfast at Perkins 8:30am Walking at 9am	Huff & Puff 9am Computer Club 10am	

Sandalwood Activities Committee

Sandalwood Activities Committee

Minutes of January 14, 2014 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: President, Carmen Wallin; Vice President, Pam Brown; Treasurer, Judy Sunzere; Secretary, Susan Smith; Jane Reed; Gil Weidemiller

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the December Sandalwood Park News.

Treasurer's Report: Read and approved. Audit conducted and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bingo: Tues. and Fri. evenings @ 7:00 in Sandpiper Room--Continues to draw crowds from both Sandalwood Park and Venice Isles

Cards and Games: Wed. evening @ 6:30 in Activities Room--Going well with good attendance

Huff and Puff: Mon., Wed., Fri. mornings @ 9:00 am in Activities Room--good attendance

Walkers: Mon., Wed., and Fri. @9:30 am; Tues. and Thur. @9:00 am in Activities Room--# varies, depending on day

Movies: Jan. 27--Fish and Flick (Argo); Feb. 10 (Unfinished Song); Mar. 3 (While You Were Sleeping) in Sandpiper Room

Euche: Thurs. evening @ 7:00 in Activities Room; averaging 21 people and 5 tables

Shuffleboard: Mon. and Fri.; Tournament begins on 1/17; 17 teams; have been having practice sessions

Computers: Fri. am @ 10:00 am in Activities Room; very informal; come with your computer and questions

Tuesday Lunches--see Bulletin Board and Sandalwood Park News for the weekly locations; call Sylvia Buchanan for reservations

Rummage/Bake Sale/Lunch: Donna Eckman, Rummage Sale Chair; Loretta Demcher, Bake Sale Chair; Tom Thompson, Lunch Chair; Charlotte Rivard, Boutique Chair; Connie Bressler, Cashiers Chair; Susan Smith, Sign Making

Name for Sale: Bustin' with Bargains instead of calling it a Rummage Sale

UPCOMING EVENTS

Newcomers Party: January 22 @ 2:00 pm in Sandpiper Room--Regina Fortin, Chair

New England Dinner: Sat., Jan. 25 @ 5:30 in Sandpiper Room; Lucille Mitton, Chair

Fish and Flick: Mon, Jan. 27, in Sandpiper Room; dinner @ 5:45 pm; \$8.00 pp; 7:00 movie; Gil Weidemiller and Carl VanGilst, Co-chairs; tickets available in office until Fri., Jan 24

Casino Trip: will be cancelled if not enough people sign up; see/call Alice Fitzpatrick for updates

Michigan/Ohio Dinner: Sat., Feb. 1 @ 5:30 pm in Sandpiper Room; see Betty Pratt or Connie Bressler for information

Super Bowl Party: Sun., Feb. 1 @ 4:00 pm in Sandpiper Room and Patio; BYOB and snacks; game @ 6:30 pm; see Carl VanGilst for information

SAC Agenda Meeting: Tues., Feb. 4 @ 10:00 am in Sandpiper Room

Pancake Breakfast: Sat., Feb. 8, 8:00-9:30 am in Sandpiper Room; \$3:00 pp; great turn out in Jan.--over 100 people

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SAC Board Meeting: Tues., February 11 @10:00 am in Sandpiper Room; REMINDER--ALL RESIDENTS OF SANDALWOOD PARK ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. WE VALUE YOUR INPUT. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, THE BOARD CANNOT PLAN EVENTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION.

OLD BUSINESS

Concert Series: Jimmy Mazz, with his Las Vegas style entertainment, was enjoyed by everyone. February's entertainment will be provided by Rick Starr on Sunday, the 16th. Tickets can be purchased at the door for those who do not have season tickets.

New Year's Eve: Caterer and band were cancelled due to lack of response for a dinner/dance. Discussions will follow to determine what type of venue is wanted for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Survey will be distributed to residents for input regarding events and activities at the annual meeting as well as available at the clubhouse. They can be returned to any Board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Susan Smith, Secretary
Sandalwood Activities Committee

Mahjong Fun

For those of you who enjoy game playing, a Mahjong Game is being purchased by SAC in the immediate future.



Check the game room soon, pull up a chair, get a few friends, and have fun with your buddies.

If you are interested in joining, call Betty Pratt at 231-972-2978.

**Pancake Breakfast
Slated for February 8th**

Thanks to Tony Ellis for creating his Pancake Breakfasts for us each month.



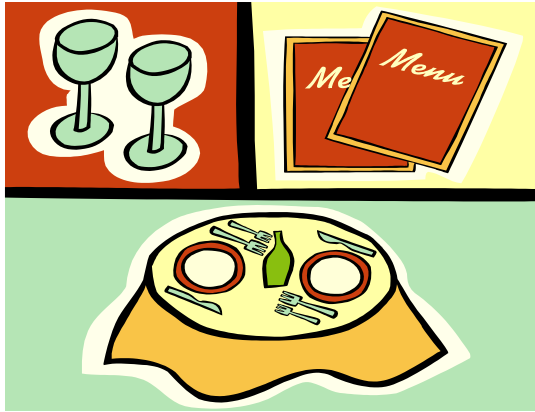
Reserve Saturday , Feb. 8 on your calendar for his next delectable treat, and pick up your \$3.00 tickets in the front office.

He plans to produce mouth - watering pancakes, juicy sausages, fresh orange juice and piping hot decaf coffee.

It will run from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., so be early and fill your plate.

Walk-ins welcome.....even at the last minute

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Tuesday Bunch/Lunch

Restaurant list for February 2014

Lunch is at 12:30pm

February 4th	Pavilion Grill 750 US 41 N (old Left Coast) Venice, Fl
February 11th	Lock n Key 2045 N Beach Rd Englewood, Fl
February 18th	Outback Steakhouse 4220 S Tamiami Trail Venice, FL
February 25th	T J Carney 231 W Venice Ave Venice, Fl

If you are new to the group PLEASE call for reservation with number attending.

Anyone bringing guests please call with the number of guests attending.

Thank you....Sylvia Buchanan (941) 408-6688

Important Note:

For everyone's heart health concerns, please remember to purchase only decaffeinated coffee for the Community Center events here at Sandalwood Park.

It is appreciated by all.



Staying Healthy

By Al Burns

Following a simple hip operation that went bad, I offer a sincere thanks to my friends of Sandalwood Park. Your visits, your cards, and especially your food and "goodies" were much appreciated and helped brighten each day.

During one's illness you find yourself taking lots of different medications in the form of pills. This reminds me of the old Pill Poem, and I hope you can get a laugh from it.

My Pills

A row of bottles on my shelf
 Caused me to analyze myself.
 One yellow pill I hope to pop
 Goes to my heart so it won't stop.
 A little white one that I take
 Goes to my hands so they won't shake.
 The blue ones that I use a lot,
 Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
 The purple goes to my brain
 And tells me that I have no pain.
 The capsules tell me not to sneeze,
 Or cough or choke or even wheeze.
 The red one, smallest of them all,
 Goes to my blood so I won't fall.
 The orange one's so big and bright,
 Stops my leg cramps in the night.
 Such an array of brilliant pills,
 Helping to cure all kinds of ills.
 But what I'd really like to know
 Is what tells each one where to go?
Thanks again and stay healthy.

Al Burns

Remember



Check your smoke alarm monthly.

It could save your life!

SANDALWOOD PARK

HOMEOWNERS, INC.

Jan. 08, 2014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Meeting called to order: Carl Griffith, President

Roll Call: All Board Members present

Minutes of December 11, 2013 approved by board

Consideration of Communications:

Letter from Maureen Kiley: Carl Griffith read letter requesting board explore building new Bocci court. Carl will compose letter to be included in 2nd. Annual mailing to see if there is enough interest to justify cost.

Reports of Officers:-

Treasurers report for December 2013 approved as presented

President Carl Griffith reminded everyone of the Annual meeting February 13, 2014.

Unfinished Business:

401 Longwood: Carl Griffith stated closing on sell completed Jan 02, 2014.

Pet Rule Revision: Carl Griffith stated letter would be included in 2nd Annual mailing to get residents input before changing rule.

Use of Facilities Policy: New guidelines will be used in the future.

Original Resolutions and New Business:

Air Conditioners Maints: Regina Fortin included in agenda packet 3 bids for consideration. Discussion followed. **Motion by** Regina Fortin 2nd. **by** Bob Jenne to accept Venice Cooling 1 yr. contract terms. **Motion Passed**

Cortina Ditch: Larry Reed stated he was trying to contact Sarasota City. for information.

Save Cortina Hedges: Norm Vandebusch included in agenda packet 2 proposals as to what needs to happen to improve mowing and general appearance. Discussion followed. **Motion by** Larry Reed 2nd. **by** Bob Jenne to proceed with improvement with costs not to exceed \$15,000.00. **Motion passed**

Pool Maints Contract: Lucille Mitton included in packet 2 bids. Discussion followed. Board decided to leave with current company as work had improved greatly.

Speeding and Stop Signs: Carl Griffith informed board he was looking into purchasing speed bumps for Cortina stop signs. All agreed good idea.

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Griffith

Next Meeting:

Agenda: Wed. Feb. 05, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Board: Wed. Feb. 12, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Annual Meeting: Thurs. Feb. 13, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m. (Sandpiper room)

Respectfully Submitted

Regina Fortin, Secretary

“Let Me Call You Sweetheart; I’m in Love with You”

This great song is a wonderful way to show your sweetheart you care.



The Valentine’s Pot Luck Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 15 in the Sandpiper Room. Come and join other couples and singles dance away the evening. This year we will have live music, played by Bobby Holloway. He is very talented with guitar, the saxophone, the drums and piano, and plays very danceable music. Your favorite songs from the 50’s-90’s can be requested for your loving Sweetheart.

It’ll start at 5:30 p.m. (BYOB), and the dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your own plates and silverware, and decaf coffee will be provided.

If there are any questions, you may contact Susan Smith at 508-240-8526. Bring your Valentine to a fun party, and share the evening with all your friends at Sandalwood Park.

Since this evening is sponsored by SAC, there is no charge.....except for your favorite pot luck dish. Please sign up soon in the hallway at the center, so SAC can prepare enough tables for this enjoyable night.

Happy Valentine’s Day!



COOKS CORNER



Easy Corned Beef and Cabbage Casserole for St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

- ◆ 5 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
- ◆ 1 small onion, chopped
- ◆ 1 tsp salt
- ◆ ¼ tsp pepper
- ◆ 4 cups Shredded cabbage
- ◆ Some carrots
- ◆ 12 oz. canned corned beef (can use beef brisket and simmer 3 hours day before. Put in cloves in the boiling water.)
- ◆ 1 can cream of celery soup
- ◆ 1 cup milk

Place potatoes in a 9x13 baking dish. Cover with onion, salt and pepper. Add shredded cabbage. Cube corned beef and spread over cabbage. Cover with celery soup, diluted with milk. Bake covered with foil 1 ½ hours at 375 degrees. You can put Swiss cheese on the top. Serves 6-8 people. Enjoy!

***More recipes are needed for the paper.
Please drop them off at 542 Walnut Circle, or
email to majenne@gmail.com.***

Well-Known Comedian Rick Starr Coming to Sandalwood Park



RICK STARR
WWW.RICKSTARR.NET

Rick Starr has been a comedian since his earliest days as “Class Clown” in Rockaway, NJ.

His love of entertaining and making people laugh continued on, and he has now successfully performed with Gladys Knight, Donna Summer, Tony Bennett, The Pointer Sisters, and Tony Orlando.

Rick has appeared in Atlantic City, NJ at the Trump Plaza, and at the Trump Castle, as well as many other locations.

Rick’s warmth and charisma on stage have enabled him to charm audiences across the country. He is in demand for conventions, cruises and casinos, because his humor is intended to be no more offensive to the conservative listener than that of late-night television. “If you work clean”, Starr says, “You can work anywhere”.

Rick Starr will be gracing our stage here in the Sandpiper Room on Sunday, February 16 at 7 p.m. He is our second performer of the SAC Concert Series, and will leave you laughing all night. Anyone can purchase tickets from SAC right at the door for \$20.00 per show.....a true bargain for our local enjoyment.

Walk down to our center, and save on gas!

Professional Plumbing & Design 1/4

ALL WEATHER

AMS