

Sandalwood Park News

July\August 2011



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida



From the president:

Greetings from hot Indiana. We've seen 97 degrees already this summer and I'm sure that's hotter than Venice. I think it's making up for the cold winter they had up here. But, it's interesting to hear them complain about the heat just a couple of months after complaining about the cold. It's also interesting to not hear the farmers complaining. With plenty of rain, the crops are looking good and the farmers are actually happy.

I am reminded why we keep going north for the summer. We had three grandkids graduate at one time from the same high school. That called for a celebration party at Grandpa & Grandma's house. I think we fed 150 kids hog and goat and a bunch more.

I hear very little from Sandalwood, which is a good thing. Obviously, the full timers are doing a great job of looking after park affairs. Major coordinating has the paving project scheduled for this month with minimal disruption to residents. I'm anxious to see the finished project in the fall.

I am getting a lot of mail from Sandalwood Park. It's all membership certificates that require my signature. Obviously, unit sales continue at a rapid pace. The word is out that we are a great community and people want to join us. Keep up the good attitudes!

Carl Van Gilst



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

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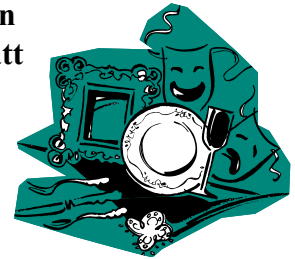
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WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



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

Everyone is welcome, the
more the merrier!

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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 vangilst@maplenet.net.



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!!!*

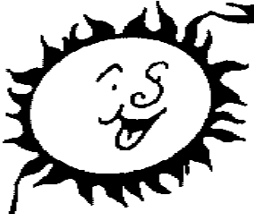


NEWSLETTER MAILBOX

Submit letters or articles to Janet Wnek, Judy McLaughlin or Pat Gleckler at patanee@copper.net. All correspondence must be signed. Contents may be edited for space, clarity and suitability for print.

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Thanks

Look around and you are sure to see someone doing something that deserves a "THANK YOU" in the Newsletter.

Lillian Wittenburg instructed her daughter Vivian to give gifts to Sandalwood in her memory. She gave \$25.00 for bingo on May 27, won by Betty Worth, and another \$25.00 on May 31, won by Judy McLochlin. She has also donated another \$25.00 gift which will go to the winner of the Belmont. Thank you so very much, Vivian for doing this for your mother and for Sandalwood.

I would like to thank everyone in Sandalwood Park, who sent me Sympathy Cards for Walter. They were truly appreciated. We were married "69" years, and enjoyed everyone. It is hard to say Goodbye but we all must take this journey. Thank you again. Dorothy Gilbert

A huge Thanks goes out to Charlie for making the park so beautiful and so festive with the flags everywhere. Fine Job Charlie!

IN MEMORY

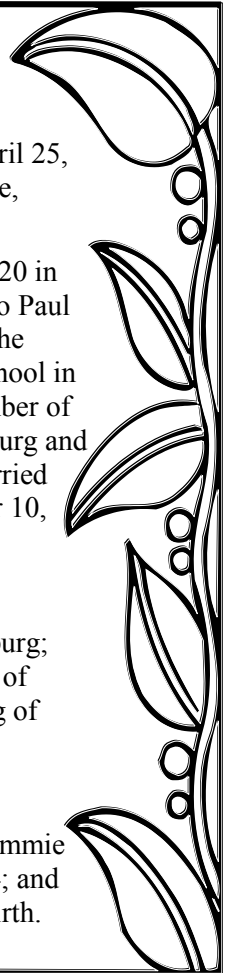
Lillian Wittenburg

Lillian Wittenburg, 90, died on April 25, 2011 in Heartland Christian Village, Neoga, IL.

She was born on November 25, 1920 in Strasburg, IL, the daughter of Hugo Paul and Anna Maria Rincker Wirth. She graduated from Strasburg High School in the Class of 1938. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Strasburg and Ladies Aid of the church. She married Clarence Wittenburg on November 10, 1940. He died on August 9, 1991.

Surviving are her daughter, Vivian Granat and husband John of Strasburg; and granddaughters, Debra Granat of Plainfield, IL and Traci Wittenberg of Claremont, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clarence; son, Jimmie Wittenburg on November 16, 2004; and two brothers, Olin and Norman Wirth.



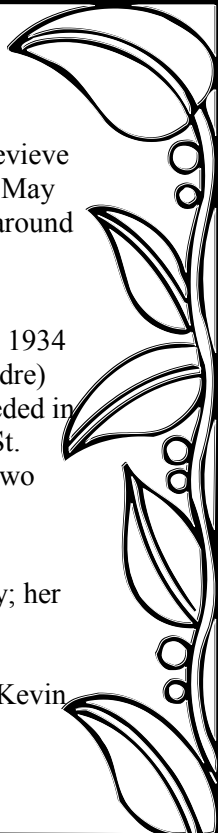
IN MEMORY

Genevieve Lavender

Sandalwood friends will miss Genevieve Elaine Lavender who passed away May 29, 2011. She was a delight to be around and enjoyed many of Sandalwoods activities.

Genevieve was born December 29, 1934 in Marquette, MI to Louise (St. Andre) and Irving St. Onge. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Irving St. Onge and Lloyd St. Onge and her two sons: Mike Lavender and Duane Lavender.

Survivors include her husband, Ray; her four children: Steven Lavender of Elkmont, AL, Connie Luppino of Wyandotte, MI, Sharon Muse and Kevin Lavender both of Taylor, MI; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

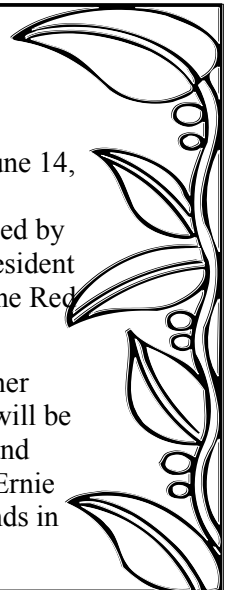


IN MEMORY

Barbara Mellow

Barbara Mellow passed away on June 14, 2011. Barb was very active in Sandalwood and will be sadly missed by her many friends. She was past president of SAC and the Queen Mother of the Red Hat Socialites.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. Mellow. She will be missed by brothers Gary (Sherry) and Richard Bequette and dear friend, Ernie Staff, along with relatives and friends in St Louis and Sandalwood Park.



Courtesy Cancellations

If you sign up for a function and can't attend, PLEASE call and cancel as food is ordered for the number of people who sign up. Thank you so much. Submitted by J&J

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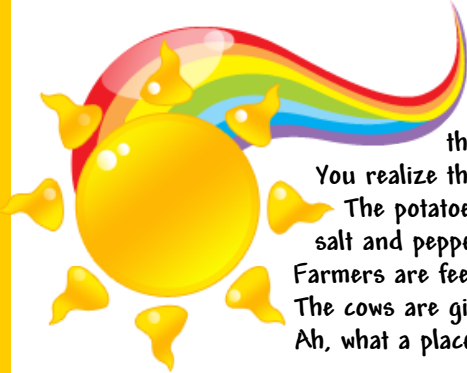
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SANDALWOOD CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST 2011

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
JULY 4TH PICNIC	Lunch Noon Bingo 7PM	Poker 6:30PM Cards/Games 7PM		Bingo 7PM

YOU KNOW YOU ARE IN FLORIDA IN JULY WHEN. . . .

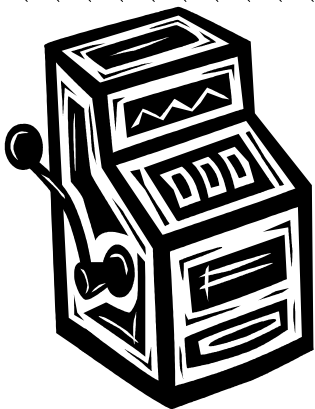
- The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- The trees are whistling for the dogs...
- The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- Hot water now comes out of both taps.
- You can make sun tea instantly.
- You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.
- You discover that in July it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.
- You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m.
- Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, 'What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?'
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.
- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.
- The cows are giving evaporated milk.
- Ah, what a place to call home. .



God Bless The State of FLORIDA !!!

**CASINO TRIPS
2012**

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
January 25th
and
March 7th



KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND
GUARANTEED A FUN DAY!!!!!!!



SANDALWOOD RESIDENTS ARE
ENJOYING THE WARM SUMMER DAYS
IN THEIR BEAUTIFUL POOL



COOKS CORNER



SOUR CREAM COFFEE CAKE

- 1 ½ CUPS SUGAR
- 1 ½ STICKS OF SOFTENED BUTTER
- 2 EGGS
- 1 TSP VANILLA
- 1 TSP BAKING POWDER
- 2 CUPS FLOUR
- 1 CUP SOUR CREAM
- ½ TSP BAKING SODA
- 1 CUP CHOPPED PECANS
- 1 ½ TSP CINAMON
- 1/3 CUP PACKED BROWN SUGAR

BEAT SUGAR, BUTTER AND VANILLA ON MED SPEED UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY. ADD EGGS ONE AT A TIME. MIX FLOUR, BAKING POWDER AND BAKING SODA AND ADD TO MIXTURE ALTERNATLY WITH THE SOUR CREAM. MIX PE-CANS, BROWN SUGAR AND CINNAMON SPOON ½ MIXTURE INTO GREASED FLUTED TUBE PAN TOP WITH ½ BATTER. REPEAT LAYERS. BAKE 55 – 60 MINUTES AT 350 DEGREES. COOL 10 MIN-UTES AND REMOVE FROM PAN.



OFF TO THE RACES

THE BREAKNESS

Sandalwood residents gathered at the Clubhouse on May 21st and were off to the races again.

Richard Wnek and Pat McLochlin ran the betting window.

Ken Cottrill was the money changer and also the bouncer at the door. You'd better believe that no one could get in without his okay.

Louise Maldonato, Lois Cottrill, and Charlotte McDonald served pizza. Betty Worth and Alice St Onge were the dessert queens and their makings were enjoyed by all!

The winning horse was Schackelford and there were 5 happy winners.

THE BELMONT

The Clubhouse was again alive with excitement when the Belmont race time came.

The winner was Ruler on Ice. Five winners were happy to receive \$44.00 each. There were 26 people in attendance. Kentucky fried chicken, cole slaw, potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob and cupcakes were served and enjoyed by all.



4TH OF JULY PICNIC

Make plans to attend the third annual 4th of July picnic at the clubhouse from 1: 00 TO 4:00 pm



Wear your red, white & blue to celebrate your patriotism for this wonderful country of ours. We want to see everyone there, so if you have a new neighbor, please invite them to join us.

**\$3.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES FOOD AND COFFEE
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, SALADS, DESSERT AND COFFEE
SONGS
BINGO PRIZES**

**SIGN UP SHEET IN CLUBHOUSE OR
CALL ALICE - 486-8770**

"MEALS ON WHEELS"

Venice Area Mobile Meals

provides warm, nutritious noon-time meals, 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, 52 weeks a year, including holidays. The meal cost is minimal and the service is available as long as needed.



Who needs Meals On Wheels....The widow or the widower who cannot prepare a meal for themselves, the disabled who are physically compromised, the recently hospitalized who have returned home in a weakened condition and the elderly who are consistently in need of at least one nutritious meal a day. The volunteer who delivers the meals are sometimes the only personal outside contact the recipient has during the day.

If you would like this service, or know someone who needs this assistance, a good meal is only a phone call away.

488-1889

Monday-Saturday 8am-11am

SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



The Sandalwood Website is getting lots of action and viewed by many each day. There are many requests for seasonal rental properties .

The current newsletter is on the website, along with past newsletters. Homes for sale by owner can be advertised on the website.

If you have anything to publish in the website contact Pat Gleckler at patanee@copper.net or webmaster@sandalwoodpark.com.

The address for the website is **www.sandalwoodpark.com**

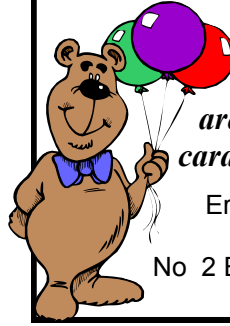
NEED HELP WITH MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY WHILE HERE OR AWAY?

THERE ARE RESIDENTS WHO ARE OFFERING PROPERTY CAREGIVER SERVICES IN SANDALWOOD PARK.

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR DETAILS.

CARE CORNER

Please remember the residents who are dealing with health issues with cards and prayers.



Ernie Stapf is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery, his address is: No 2 Elannchester Dr, Manchester, Mo. 60311

SANDALWOOD MAINTENANCE FEES

Sandalwood quarterly fees are due on or before July 1, 2011



**Maintenance fees 328.00
Lawn care 60.00 (Optional)**

If you are paying both Maintenance and Lawn Care, submit one check for 388.00.

Thanks!

FOR BETTER OR WORSE



A married couple were driving down a country road and had gone for several miles without speaking...not one word. A earlier discussion had let to a argument and neither was willing to concede their position.



As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically "Relatives of yours?" Yep, the wife says....."**In-laws!!!!!!**"



His wife's graveside service was barely finished, when there was a massage clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bold of lighting, accompanied by even more loud thunder rumbling in the distance.



The little, old man looked at the pastor and calmly remarked...."Well, she's there"

Submitted by Dan Clark

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Where it's at with Pat,

Years ago, I owned a Tour Company and Travel Agency where I produced a catalog of tours. Each issue had an article named "Where it's at with Pat", giving a little personal touch to the business. When I received an email from Lee to inform me that he would not have a message for the summer issue of the newsletter, I decided to fill the space myself. Little did I know that when I returned from my six week vacation to Ohio that I would come home to such an incredible surprise. The first thing I did this morning was to go to the post office to pick up my mail. Included in the huge pile of mail was a large envelope from an address in Sandalwood Park. Very curious, I opened it first. What a surprise!!! A huge hand made "Thank You Card" signed by so many of my Sandalwood Friends. Some of you even wrote sweet little personal messages. I have to say, it is nice to be appreciated!! I also need to add that it is a pleasure to design the newsletter and feels good to be needed. Thank you all so much for the card!!

Bill and I were guided by God to Sandalwood in 2000 after he suffered his 2nd stroke. I was still in a cast from my 2nd ankle surgery, so we were both rather early in our process of recovery. I made a miraculous recovery. Bill suffered from many disabilities, but fought hard and loved his life at Sandalwood. We made many friends and it's impossible to express how I feel about the wonderful way we were accepted and treated at Sandalwood.

Ernie was Bill's pal and took him places and shared stories with him...Thanks Ernie, for being Bill's special friend! Bill loved to play cards and the memories of playing with Tom and Connie, Jim and Betty and Roger and Eleanor are cherished, along with all of the other good times with everyone. Thanks to those who found Bill when he was lost and brought him back home or came to tell me where he was....along with all of the other acts of kindness along the way. To those who assisted when needed and gave a helping hand (you know who you are)...please know how much I love you for your support! Sandalwood was the perfect place for us, until Bill's health and safety became an issue and I needed to find a place with a fence and security and most importantly, near family. This time came too soon and leaving was difficult.

I miss everyone and hope to return for many visits in the future. Sandalwood is the BEST!!!

Pat Gleckler

Name this Resident

Hopefully, this newsletter article will bring in lots of old pictures. Do you know who this is? Can you guess??



No picture was submitted this month..

IN MEMORY

Burke McKenna



Burke McKenna, former resident of Sandalwood passed away on Monday, June 6, 2011 at his home in Kenton, Ohio at the age of 83.

Burke was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of the Immaculate Conception Church and the third and fourth degree Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Kenton Elks Lodge 157, Kenton Moose Family Center 428 and the U.S. Coast Guard Artist Association. He retired from Rockwell International in Kenton and was also a professional artist and a member of the Wolf Creek Art Center.

Condolences to his wife, Corrine. They were married on January 8, 1949. Also surviving are two sons, Gregory (Cynthia) and Patrick (Angela) and three daughters, Cathy (James) Mahoney, Julie (Steve) Patterson and Lisa Cochensparger (Fiancé Doug Bailey), along with tow sisters and 10 grandchildren.

Burke was preceded in death by an infant Daughter, Paula Susan, a granddaughter, Nichole Gould and a sister Helen James.

IN MEMORY

Barbara Brooks

Barbara Brooks went to be with the Lord on June 5, 2011.

Born Jan. 7, 1934 in Beavercreek, Ohio, she lived in Xenia, Ohio until 1978, when she moved to Florida.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Margaret Ferguson; brother Neil Ferguson and husband, William W. Brooks.

Survivors include Billy Brooks of Dayton, Ohio, Margaret Brooks of Kettering, Ohio and David Brooks of North Port, Fla.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; brother Tom Ferguson (Arlis); sister Wanda Durnbaugh.

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