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Holiday Hayrides

The date is Sunday, December 12th and the wagon leaves **promptly at 6:00 pm**. Come along with us and take a Holiday Hayride through Winter Haven. We will be riding on a wagon pulled by mules. Yes I said mules. Just imagine how much fun we will have.

We will meet and park at the corner of Prince and Country Club. We will be departing from the N.E. corner in front of Shooter's Steakouse & Saloon which is located at 3115 E. Prince Rd.

Bring your snacks, beverages and blankets if you wish. The price is \$15.00 for ages 4 and up. Children 3 and under are free. Your families are welcome to come with you.

Make your Holiday season special with a Mule drawn Hayride. **Get your tickets early!**



BINGO

Bingo will be held on Tuesday, December 7 & 14.
No Bingo on the 21st and 28th.

Doors will open at 6:15 pm; Bingo begins at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. Get ready to yell "Bingo!"

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join our RCW family for a family style dinner on Christmas Day at 1:00 pm. in the Auditorium.

It works this way: We will have tables for 16 people. Each table will have a sign up sheet designating a host and hostess. The park will furnish a ham for each table. The remainder of the meal will be provided by you. The host and hostess should have an organizational meeting with the table members so that you can modify the menu to suit your particular taste.

Decorate your table as much or as little as you choose. Remember, this is your Christmas Dinner. Bring out the china, or use the paper plates. It should be anything that makes you happy!

You may decide to fill an entire table with close friends and neighbors, or you may wish to sit at a table and make new friends. Either way we encourage you to join us for Christmas Dinner and some old-fashioned fellowship.

Table sign-up sheets are in the Activity Office, and everyone who plans to attend must have their name on one of the sheets.

The Rincon Country Staff wish you a happy and joyous Christmas!

Wednesday, Dec. 1

11:00 am **Merrill Lynch Seminar**
Sponsored by: Harold Langer
Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)
Tickets: Complimentary

Friday, Dec. 3

9:00 am **Coffee by All RV Repairs & Merrill Lynch Investment**
Bring your own cup
Meet in the RCW Saloon (Aud.)

7:00 pm **Playcrafters Present:**
"Happy Hollandaise"
Tickets: \$5.00
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

Saturday, Dec. 4

7:00 - 9:00 am **Pancake Breakfast**
Cooked and served by The Wood Shop
Bring your own service.
Tickets: \$3.00
\$4.00 at the door

7:00 pm **Playcrafters Present:**
"Happy Hollandaise"
Tickets: \$5.00
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

Sunday, Dec. 5

1:00 - 4:00 pm **Arts & Crafts Sale**
Bring: Money
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

5:00 pm **Solos' Social**
Bring: Snacks to share and your beverage
Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)

See Solos' bulletin board in the Coffee Room.
Information is also in the article in this Villager.

Monday, Dec. 6

10:00 - 11:30 am **Free Blood Pressure**
Place: School House (Classroom 2)

11:30 am Solos Lunch
Place: Hometown Buffet
See article for details.

4:30 pm **Red Hat Christmas Social**
Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)

See article in this Villager.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

6:15 pm Doors open
7:00 pm **Bingo**
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

Wednesday, Dec. 8

9:00 am **Q & A Financial Seminar**
Sponsored by: Pat Quigley
Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)
Tickets: Complimentary

Thursday, Dec. 9

Gaslight Theatre

"Secret Santa"

2:30 pm Doors open

3:00 pm Show Time

Ticket: \$18.50

Place: Gaslight Theatre on the SW corner
of Broadway and Wilmot - Off the Ranch



Friday, Dec. 10

9:00 am **Coffee by Freedom RV**
Bring your own cup
Meet in the RCW Saloon (Aud.)

7:00 pm **Villageaires Presents:**
“Christmas Time Is Here”
Tickets: \$5.00
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

Saturday, Dec. 11

7:00 pm **Villageaires Presents:**
“Christmas Time Is Here”
Tickets: \$5.00
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)



Sunday, Dec. 12

2:00 pm **Round Dance Party**
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

2:30pm **Wine Tasting- (Note Special Time)**
Tickets: \$3.50
Bring: 2 Wine glasses each and munchies
Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)

6:00 pm **Departure : Please arrive early.**
Holiday Hayride thru Winter Haven
Meet at the N.E. corner in front of Shooter’s
Steakhouse & Saloon which is located at
3115 E. Prince Rd. - Off the Ranch

Tickets: \$15.00 per person - 4yrs. and up

Monday, Dec. 13

10:00 - 11:30 am **Free Blood Pressure**
Place: School House (Classroom 2)

Tuesday, Dec.14

11:30 am **Ladies Luncheon**
Place: Hi Falutin’
Ticket: \$19.00
Includes: Lunch, beverage, tax and tip.

See written article in this Villager for details.

6:15 pm Doors open
7:00 pm **Bingo**
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

Thursday, Dec. 16

10 pm **Hot Fudge Sundaes**
Sponsored by: Shuffleboard Club
Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)
Bring: Your bowl and spoon
Tickets: \$2.50

6:45 pm **Rincon University High School**
Holiday Concert
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)
Donation at the door

Friday, Dec. 17

9:00 am **Coffee by Sky Med**
Bring your own cup
Meet in the RCW Saloon (Aud.)

2:00 pm **Cookie Exchange**
Bring 4 dozen cookies.
We will supply coffee and fun.
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)
Sign up in the Activity Office

See written article in this Villager for more details.

5:00 pm **Free Pizza & Seminar by Sky Med**
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)
Tickets: Complimentary

Saturday, Dec. 18

7:00 - 9:00 am **Pancake Breakfast**

Cooked and served by The Wood Shop
Bring your own service
Tickets: \$3.00
\$4.00 at the door

If you purchase your ticket in advance, if
will be eligible for door prizes.

7:00 pm **Line Dance Party**

DJ & Instructor: Carol Bandy
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)
\$5.00: Pay at the door

Sunday, Dec. 19

5:00 pm **Solos' Christmas Pot Luck**

Bring: See Solos' bulletin board in the
Coffee Room. Information is also in the
article in this Villager.

Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)

Monday, Dec. 20

10:00 - 11:30 am **Free Blood Pressure**

Place: School House (Classroom 2)

6:00 pm **Strawberry Shortcake**

Prepared by:
The Digital Imaging Club
Cost: \$3.00
Place: Recreation Hall

6:45 pm **Free Music Concert**

By: Fletchers Music Centers
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)
Rated PG-13

Tuesday, Dec. 21

7:00 pm **NO Bingo**

Friday, Dec. 24

9:00 am **Coffee by Ameriprise & RCW Staff**

Bring your own cup
Meet in the RCW Saloon (Aud.)

4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Party**

Bring: Your beverage and snacks
Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)
Price: Free

Enjoy **Tom Chesnut**, as he plays fun music for
your dancing and listening pleasure.

Santa just might show up.

The results from the **Decorating Contest will be
announced.**

The Garden Railroad Club will be giving you a spe-
cial treat tonight. The "**Christmas Express**" will
be running with new Christmas Trains. The area
will be beautifully decorated.

Saturday, Dec. 25

1:00 pm **Christmas Dinner**

In the RCW Saloon (Aud.)
Bring the dish you signed up
for, for your table.
Coffee will be supplied

For more information, see the written article.

"Merry Christmas"

Sunday, Dec. 26

4:00 pm **Wine Tasting**

Tickets: \$3.50

Bring: 2 Wine glasses each and munchies

Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)

Monday, Dec. 27

7:00 pm **Free Movie - "Letters to Juliet"**

Rated: PG

Place: RCW Saloon (Aud.)

Tuesday, Dec. 28

7:00 pm **NO Bingo**

Wednesday, Dec 29

9:00 am **Blood Drive**

Call or stop in to the Activity Office for an appointment.

Place: Town Hall (Rec. Hall)

See written article for more information.

Friday, Dec. 31

9:00 am **Coffee by Ameriprise & RCW Staff**

Bring your own cup

Meet in the RCW Saloon (Aud.)

8:30 pm **"New Year's Eve Dance"**

Music by: "Debbie & The Double Eagles"

Place: RCW Dance Hall & Saloon (Aud.)

Ticket: \$18.00

Reserved tables

Bring: Your beverage and snacks

See article in this Villager.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

On December 24, stop by the Auditorium and enjoy some fun music and dancing with Tom Chesnut and your RCW family.

Santa and his helpers may even show up for a bit of extra fun and entertainment. . . If you have been good girls and boys!

The Garden Railroad Club will have the "Christmas Express" running sometime during the evening. They have some new Christmas Trains you won't want to miss.

Tom Chesnut will be here to give you some great Christmas and fun music.

There is no cost, bring your own snacks and beverages and of course the whole family.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas. See you there.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Plan now to enter the annual RCW Christmas Decorating Contest. Winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be determined by park residents and announced at the Christmas Eve Party. There will be a category for:

1. The Best decorated RV, (motorhomes or pull trailers.)
2. Best decorated park model
3. Best Street.

Ballots will be distributed to each mail box and can be dropped in the ballot box until Thursday, December 23, at 4:00 pm. The ballot box will be in the Activity Office. The winners' names will be engraved on the plaque displayed in our trophy case.

Walk or ride through the park. It is always gorgeous!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The holidays just keep on rollin' by in western town. Get out your dancin' duds and join us in the RCW Dance Hall and Saloon. We got a great dancin' band by the name of **Debbie and the Double Dueces**. I hear tell that they do a good variety of regular walzes, two step, line dancin' and any number of fun dances. Not to worry, it is not all western.

The dress code is anything you want to wear. There will be fancy and the not so fancy, but I betcha everyone will have a great evening.

Tickets \$18.00 per person and are available in the Activity Office and at Friday morning coffee. All tables are reserved. If you want to set with someone special, we suggest you get with them early on and buy your tickets at the same time. You may also buy a full table if you wish. Not to worry if you are new or just like to meet new friends, we always have a table available through the Activity Office. See you at the Dance Hall and Saloon!

THE GASLIGHT THEATRE "Secret Santa"

It's the swinging sixties, and it's the Christmas season in Merryton; but not everybody has the holiday cheer. Local politician Maxwell Power is out to squash the Christmas spirit in the towns-people.

As usual Max will stop at nothing to get his way. Luckily, help comes from an unexpected place...a mysterious old toy maker. He and his assistant Candy enlist the help of Reporter Barclay Baxter along the way and are determined to bring Christmas back into the heart of Merryton.

Join us on Thursday, December 9th at 3:00 pm at the Gaslight Theatre for yet another one of their hilarious Christmas stories that will warm your hearts and tickle your toes.

Show starts promptly at 3:00 pm, doors open at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$18.50 and are available in the Activity Office. Seating is limited, so reserve your seat early and don't miss out.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Friday, Dec.17 Time: 2:00 pm - Auditorium

Get out your favorite Christmas cookie recipe and whip up a batch or two for our Christmas Cookie Exchange.

The way this works is that you bring 4 dozen **HOMEMADE** cookies of one variety (no cheating with store bought stuff).

Three dozen cookies will be exchanged with the cookies brought by others. This way you take home almost as many cookies as you brought.

The last dozen everyone gets to munch on with a beverage that we will supply.

Be sure to bring your recipe to share with others.

Remember, Dec.17, at 2:00 pm for a sweet time and holiday atmosphere. Everyone is welcome. Hey bring the hubby too!

The girls in the office will be your hosts.

Sign up in the Activity Office.



BLOOD DRIVE

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood, and this need remains constant despite holiday travel and celebrations. Each day the Arizona Region Blood Services of the American Red Cross needs about 300 blood donors to support patients at local hospitals.

Blood must be tested, processed and shipped before it can be used. In an emergency it's the blood on the shelves that was donated days before that actually goes to help the patient.

You can donate in the Rec. Hall on Wed., Dec.29, by scheduling an appointment in the Activity Office. Stop in or call 889-6900.

HOT FUDGE SUNDAES

Date: Thursday, Dec. 16

Time: 6:00 pm

Sponsored by: Shuffleboard Club

Bring: Your bowl and spoon

Tickets: \$2.50

Added Bonus: The Rincon University High

School Chorus

Time: 6:45 pm

Cost for Entertainment: Donation of your choice

RINCON UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL "CHRISTMAS CONCERT"

The Rincon University High School Chorus will be here at RCW on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 6:45 pm in the Auditorium. Get ready for some great music. This will follow the Hot Fudge Sundaes sponsored by the Shuffleboard Club at 6:00 pm.

You are invited to attend one or both events as you please. A large group of young adults will perform for you. After the concert they will stick around for a while so that you can talk to them and get your "Kid Fix" for the holidays.

A donation at the door will be appreciated. All proceeds go to the Chorus.

Come and enjoy some great Holiday music!

MERRILL LYNCH SEMINAR

Date: Wednesday, December 1

Time: 11:00am

Place: Recreation Hall

Subject: Financial Strategy for the
Surviving Spouse

Presented by: Harold Langer

Please pick up your complimentary ticket in the Activity Office.

PLAYCRAFTERS PRESENTS

"Happy Hollandaise"

Dates: Friday, Dec. 3 & Sat., Dec. 4

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Auditorium

Tickets: \$5.00



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Date: Monday, Dec. 20

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Recreation Hall

Sponsored by: Digital Imaging Club

Tickets: \$3.00

Special Bonus: **A representative of Fletcher Music** will be here to play the piano for your listening pleasure.

Time: 6:45 pm

Cost: Complimentary



FLETCHER MUSIC CENTERS

A representative and performer of Fletcher Music Centers will be here in our Auditorium on Monday, Dec. 20. The concert is free and consists of an hour of music and fun. These free concerts are their way of giving back to the community.

Fletcher Music Centers
Tucson Mall 520-696-0460

Join us in the Auditorium on Monday, Dec. 20 at 6:45 pm following the Strawberry Shortcake.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Put on your western duds and meet us for lunch at HI FALUTIN, 6780 North Oracle Road (east/right side of Oracle just beyond Orange Grove).

Reservation is for 11:30 on Tuesday, December 14.

Menu choices:

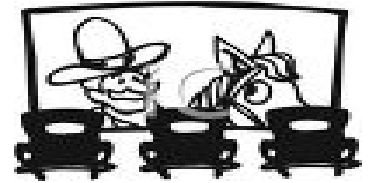
- **Aunt Chuck's Favorite Salad** – field greens, apple wedges, sugared walnuts, mild blue cheese crumbles, & red onion with citrus vinaigrette.
- **Chopped Chicken Cobb** – grilled chicken breast, bacon, blue cheese crumbles chopped eggs, carrots, fresh tomato and avocado slices, with light honey mustard dressing
- **Spinach Salad** – spinach, grilled shrimp & mushrooms with citrus vinaigrette, shaved parmesan and shoestring tortillas.
- **Grilled Tomato Sandwich** – tomato, eggplant, feta cheese, mushrooms, artichoke hearts on asiago cheese roll with basil pesto mayonnaise served with coleslaw or cowboy fries
- **Longhorn Meatloaf Sandwich** with coleslaw or cowboy fries.
- **Cowboy Sandwich** - sliced seasoned chicken breast with crisp bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato & homemade ranch dressing.
- **Pima Canyon Grilled Veggie** entre – thin fresh veggies, grilled corn & black beans over thin noodles in a soy poblano sauce.

It all sounds yummy, doesn't it?

Cost is \$19.00 which includes coffee, tea, soda, tax, and gratuity. Tickets are available in the Activity office.

Rodeo Tickets

Saturday, February 26, 2010
Cost: \$24.50



FREE MOVIE: LETTERS TO JULIET

In Verona, Italy – the beautiful city where Romeo first met Juliet – there is a place where the heartbroken leave notes asking Juliet for her help.

It's there that aspiring writer Sophie finds a 50-year-old letter that will change her life forever. As she sets off on a romantic journey of the heart with the letter's author, Claire, now a grandmother, and her handsome grandson, all three will discover that sometimes the greatest love story ever told is your own. Rated PG

Join us in the Auditorium for this Free movie on Monday, December 27, at 7:00 pm. Bring your own snacks and beverage. Please do not bring your own chairs. Bring pillows if you like but please use the chairs in the Auditorium. Thank you.

VILLAGEAIRES PRESENT "Christmas Time Is Here"

Dates: Friday, Dec.10 & Sat., Dec. 11
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Auditorium
Tickets: \$5.00

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Wood Shop pancake breakfasts for December will be Saturday the 4th and the 18th from 7 - 9 am. Cost is \$3.00. The menu will be eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$4.00 at the door.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the start of a beautiful day. If you buy advance tickets, you will be included in the door prize drawing.

Please bring your own service.

WINE TASTING

December 12, 2010 TIME CHANGE 2:30 to 4:30 pm (so you can enjoy the Winterhaven hayride and the wine on the same day!)

December 26, 2010 4:00 to 6:00 pm as usual.

The wines will be waiting for you in the Rec Room Buy your ticket in the Activity Office for \$3.50 and bring 2 glasses as well as munchies to share.

We plan to have a good time and to learn more about wine by tasting together. See you there.

Judy Fried 294-2879

HEALTH CARE REFORM WORKSHOP

Do you want hassle-free, easy to understand Medicare information?

Come and join the **Q & A Group** on **Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 9:00 am** at a special seminar to learn about *Healthcare Reform* and the impact it will have on *Medicare* for 2011. We will discuss the changes to *Medicare* and how you can better understand your benefits! Meet us in the Recreation Hall. Please get your complimentary ticket in the Activity Office.

Q & A is an independent advisor group with specialized knowledge in the Senior Market. We have spent much of the last year preparing for how *Healthcare Reform* is going to impact *Medicare*, *Medicare Supplements*, and *Medicare Advantage plans*. Don't miss this informative meeting as well as a helpful question and answer session at the completion of the workshop.

Q & A Group provides personalized service to assist you in making the right choices for your healthcare and can help you with any claims which may need to be addressed. Our goal is to make the *Medicare* process painless, easy, and understandable. We look forward to seeing you.

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Our Fall Fair will be held in the Auditorium on Sunday, December 5, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Anyone wishing to sell crafts can sign up in the Activity Office. Prices are: \$5.00 for a full table, \$3.00 for a half table and \$5.00 for a rack space.

Everyone is invited to join us on December 5 for shopping. Remember, we have some unique items that make great Christmas gifts.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Our annual Toys for Tots drive starts today. We are collecting new toys that will make Christmas a bit brighter for children less fortunate than our own children and grandchildren.

If you wish to donate a new toy, please bring it to the main office. Fire Station 18 will pick up the toys here at RCW on Friday, Dec. 17, during coffee.

The deadline for the toy collection is Friday morning at coffee on Dec. 17. Thank you for your generous donations.

Your Christmas gift will be the beautiful smiles on all those happy faces on Christmas morning.



FOOD BANK

Every year the residents of Rincon Country West have been so generous with their donations to our local Food Bank.

We are once again asking you to participate in this very worthwhile project. Boxes for your contributions will be placed outside the Auditorium.

Please DO NOT leave perishable items.

Thank you for your generosity.

HOWDY PARTNERS

Welcome to the Circle RCW Ranch! Now we knows ya come from many a mile a away to enjoy all the fun stuff that'll be a goin' on around here. We aim to please with lots a fun, vittles, hootin' n hollerin' an a dancin' too. Might even bring in some of dem cute little showgirls too. Whew that's alota words.

Ya probably noticed by now all the new room signs but just in case here is a list of the new rooms on the ranch:

Auditorium	R.C.W Saloon
Activity Office	Sheriff's Office, Jail & General Store
Business Office	Land Management Office
Accounting Office	Bank
Recreation Room	Town Hall
Rally Room	Hatti's Potluck Suppers
Laundry	HopSing's Laundry
Billiards	Main Street Billiards
Card Room	I. B. Crooked's Gamblin' House
Class Room 1	Fanny's Card Parlor
Class Room 2	School House
Coffee Room	Arbuckles Coffee
Craft's Sewing	Millinery & Quilt Shop
Ham Radio	Telegraph
Kitchen	Chuck Wagon
Lapidary	Assay Office
Library	Gini's Used Books
Mail Room	Pony Express
Pottery & Ceramics	Indian Pottery & Beads
Swimming Pool	Swimmin' Hole
Train	RCW Depot
Digital Imaging	Tintype Photo
Wood Shop	Saw Mill
Ladies' Rest Rooms	Cowgirl
Men's Rest Rooms	Cowboy

We'll keep ya posted on any new stuff goin' on.

News From The Office

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Business Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, except for the following holiday hours:

Dec. 24	8:00 am to Noon
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 31	8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Jan. 1	10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Activity Office will be Closed on Jan. 1.

VISITING GRANDCHILDREN DURING CHRISTMAS

Grandchildren over the age of 3 years are welcome to use the pool facilities between the hours of 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. from Monday, December 20, to Sunday, January 2. In addition, they may use the other facilities during these days. As always children must be accompanied and supervised at all times by the **resident**. All guests should be registered in the office.



AMBASSADOR CLUB

The Ambassadors welcome newcomers every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am in the Card Room.

Come in to get acquainted with RCW, the Tucson area, how to find a hospital or urgent care clinic, grocery stores, malls, restaurants, and the interesting sights of the area. We will try to answer any questions you may have.

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS AT RCW

Did you know we have TWO Pearl Harbor Survivors living in our park? Joe Bailey and Bill Smith were there on that long ago terrible Sunday in Oahu on separate ships.

Bill Smith turned seventeen on November 20, 1941, and the next day enlisted in the Navy. He had three days of Boot Camp stateside and then was told his training would continue aboard his heavy cruiser, the SS New Orleans, as they left for Hawaii.

His ship was in dry dock under a big crane BIG BERTHA. Bill and many others were in the breakfast line when the surprise attack began. Once the guys saw the “meatball” on those planes, they realized this was no friendly maneuver. They hurried to get their ammo out of the ready box. It took twelve men to man each anti-aircraft gun. The Jap planes could not strafe Bill’s ship because they had to fly above Big Bertha.

The Chaplain was scurrying around between the rows of gunners saying “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition.” When they ran out of ammo they boarded their sister ship, the USS San Francisco, and continued firing. In early 1942 musician and song writer Frank Loesser published the first popular WWII song, “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition.” I did not know until now that a “Sky Pilot” meant Chaplain.

Bill’s ship escorted many troop convoys to the South Pacific...Brisbane, Saipan, Guam, Coral Sea, Guadalcanal. He has pictures of before and after his ship was torpedoed. His ship won seventeen Battle Stars and Bill has fifteen. He left the Navy after six years, most of it spent at sea. He was Chief Petty Officer – Gunner’s Mate at his discharge.

Joe Bailey will be returning to Pearl Harbor once again, this time for the dedication of the New Pearl Harbor Visitors Center, on December 7, 2010. Joe will be accompanied by his wife Adeline and his daughter Kathy. The number of survivors is decreasing rapidly. The ceremony will be held this

69th year, headlined in the “ Pearl Harbor Gram” November issue : “Those Who Can ——Return One More Time.”

Joe was a nineteen year old sailor, Fireman Third Class, on the destroyer tender USS Whitney off Pearl City, Oahu. It was a quiet Sunday morning that December 7, 1941. The Whitney was one of two tenders at the base that could take on five destroyers at a time for fuel, water, provisions, repairs, and most important of all, ammunition, including torpedoes. Both tenders had their full complement of destroyers being serviced and fortunately missed all bombings.

Within two hours it was all over. Joe had watched helplessly as a bomb hit the USS Arizona in the magazine section mid-ship. One thousand one hundred and seventy seven (1,177) crew members perished, making it the greatest loss of life on any US warship in American history. The new Visitor Center is on the site formerly known as the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center. Because the old site was sinking in the 1970’s, the PHSA solicited private donations of \$59 million to finish this new Center. It is now part of our National Park Service “Valor in the Pacific National Monument—Hawaii.” For more information, old and new pictures, program and events, google USS Arizona Pearl Harbor Dedication December 7, 2010. Also google the song “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition.” It is uncanny that Bill was on board with that “Sky Pilot.” Thank you for your service Bill and Joe and for being such good neighbors! Such special men you both are!

Mary E. Hallesy



THANK YOU

The decorators have done a fantastic job in the Auditorium.

Sue Scott and I painted the front wall of the Auditorium so that we could convert that to a Western frontier Saloon, namely the RCW Saloon, including an upstairs loft. We then proceeded to put a bar in place including a very interesting picture gallery.

Pat Smith, Alice Price, Theron Smith and Ned Bell took over and have added some holiday decorations along with a great area for picture taking. They also do lots of things with the decorating that are behind the scenes.

If you stroll out to the hall between the Auditorium and Recreation Hall, you will see all the pictures on the wall. These are mostly pictures of our Rincon Country Staff. They posed, Annette from the Office and I took the pictures and I mod podged all the pictures on the wooden boards. The boards were made by Ron Petry. Then Ken Jeffries, Sue Scott and I hung them. Big job all around.

Check out the saloon doors and entry to the Auditorium and Kitchen. Roger Larson hung these and made the entrance with the help of Jim Whitmus. Nice job guys.

The new signs hanging by chains were a major job. Sue Scott made the letters on the Cricut and mod podged by me but the big job was hanging them. Again thanks to Ron Petry and Jim Whitmus. Ron had some help from Richard Holmes going to the dumpsters to find all the worst boards available.

These super people have done a fantastic in helping to transfer Rincon Country into a great Western town. Thank you to each and every person who helped. Please forgive me if I missed anyone involved in helping. You are all so appreciated.

I hope you will thank them when you see them.

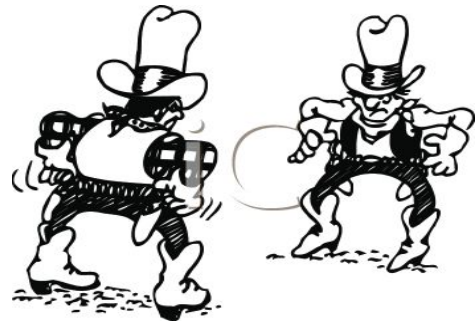
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BLOOD PRESSURE

The Blood Pressure clinic takes place each Monday from 10:00 am 11:30 am in Classroom 2. Everyone is welcome to have their blood pressure checked, so please stop in and see us.

Rincon Country Nurses



SENIOR OLYMPICS

When:

Friday Jan. 21st thru Sunday Jan. 30th

Register:

www.EZEEREG.com

or

520-573-3933

Deadline:

Must be postmarked by Jan. 1st

Questions:

call 520-791-3244

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Join us on Friday, December 17 at 5:00 pm in the Auditorium for pizza and an informational seminar. Please sign up in the Activity Office. We will also be at the morning coffee on this same date.

KNIFE SHARPENING

Rincon Country resident Jim Haack with Shear Magic will be sharpening knives on Friday, **January 14** in the Rec Hall. Sharpening will start at 8:30 am. Please bring your knives in a rolled up towel with a slip of paper with your name and lot number. Any knives not picked up before I finish will be left on the counter. Be sure to wash your knives before using.

There is no charge for sharpening but cash donations to the food bank are greatly appreciated. A donation jar will be on the table. Thanks to the generosity of Rincon Country residents, \$132.00 was given to the food bank for sharpening last year.



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Howl-O-Ween Doggie Costume Winners

1st: "Cookie" - Victorias Not So Secret .
Owners Betty & Eldon Callen.

2nd: "Linus" - Punk Teenager.
Owner Elena Anderson.

3rd: "Sabrina" - Busy Bee.
Owner Jennifer Dillman.

Thank you to all of the participants.

Other special costumes: **Scruffy** was Tuff Guy; **Fancy Lady** was Tarantula; **Charley** was Great Pumpkin; **BooBoo** was Baby; **Buddy** was Pumpkin; **Sprocket** was Old Miner and **Molly Millenium** was Lady Bug.

Judges were Nancy Philmlee, Pat Zacharias and Norma Webb. Thanks guys.

FOOD BANK

Every year the residents of Rincon Country West have been so generous with their donations to our local Food Bank.

We are once again asking you to participate in this very worthwhile project. Boxes for your contributions will be placed outside the Auditorium.

Please DO NOT leave perishable items.

Thank you for your generosity.

Bird Club

We have started with some good field trips in November and now December. Everyone is welcome to join us for the field trips and programs. The winter birds are showing up each day as the north turns colder. Don't miss out on a birding experience as well as getting outdoors.

Our first formal classroom meeting starts January 7, 2011. Also pick up the new schedule for 2011.

Our spring overnite trip is still pending. At the moment I don't know if I can put it together.

December Schedule

Dec. 3, Friday:

Whitewater Draw & Grasslands to Wilcox.
Minimum walking but a long day and driving miles.
Bring a lunch and water.
Meet at 7:00am in the parking lot to car pool.

Dec. 17, Friday:

Aqua Caliente Park & Lakeside Park
Some walking, all level ground. Bring a lunch and water. Meet at 7:30am in the parking lot to car pool.

Come and enjoy the fun.

Fun Fact: Many migrating birds travel at an altitude of 2,000 to 6,000 feet.

Ferran K. Eales - Lot 375 - 807-0972

LINE DANCING

We meet on Thursday mornings in the Auditorium. Beginners are welcome, no previous experience necessary. There will be a small charge at the door.

Beginners:	9:00 - 10:00 am
Intermediate:	10:00 - 11:00 am

We will continue having our practice class on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Rec.Hall.

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SQUARE DANCING

Merry Christmas to all! Now is your chance to learn to square dance with beginner lessons Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Rec Hall, continuing Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Auditorium. We can still fit new people in, but not for long.

December's scheduled dances and reviews will continue EXCEPT Dec. 17-26, when we will be DARK while I am home with family. The regular schedule will be in effect for Dec. 27-30. I will then be in Laughlin through Jan. 4.

Sunday night Mainstream dances will include review and instruction for last year's beginners. Full schedules are available in the RCW Activity Office, the Main Office or at any of the dances.

Marshall Flippo
Lot 129, 520-294-6490

LADIES' SQUARE DANCERS

Women square dancers needing partners are invited to join the informal Ladies' Square Dance group. Now you can learn the man's part by volunteering to be an angel for beginner lessons and other reviews this winter. We can use your help.

Adelaide LaVerdi, Lot 177
573-9760

RED HAT CHAPTERS

Attention all Red Hat Chapters: Please send me an e-mail or note in the mail of who your current Queen Mum or contact person is for your chapter.

Jan Hedgpeth, GQM, Lot 1082
Phone - 741-9565 - e-mail - lewnjan@aol.com

We will be decorating the Rec Hall for Christmas again this year. We will need a couple members from each chapter to help. Probable date is the Saturday following Thanksgiving at 9:00am. Many hands make quick work of the decorating.

Red Hat Social Hour- Monday, December 6, from 4:30-6:00 pm. All Red Hat Ladies and their spouse or friend are invited.

Any ladies interested in joining a Red Hat Chapter here at RCW are especially invited to attend. Bring your own beverage of choice and an appetizer to share.

We will have a Red Hat lunch the last Sunday in January.

Jan Hedgpeth, GQM RCW Red Hat Society
741-9565



COMPUTER CLUB

The RCW Computer Club meets for about an hour on Wednesday evenings in Classroom 2 at 7 pm. The first meeting this season will be December 1. We will kick off the season with a Q & A session and presentation of the season's program schedule. The objective of the Club is to expand everyone's awareness of the many uses of computers and share our knowledge. The forum is designed to appeal to everyone with a focus on beginners to intermediate users. All are welcome!

Dave Starnes

SOLOS

We welcome all Single newcomers to our park. If you are single and would like to meet other singles with the same desire for friendship, join us on the first and third Sundays in the Recreation Hall.

Our gatherings for December are as follows:

The Social will be held on Sunday, December 5, in the Rec Hall at 5:00 pm.
Bring snacks to share and B.Y.O.S.

Our Luncheon will be held at the Hometown Buffet on Wilmot just South of Broadway at 11:30 am on December 6.

Our Pot Luck will be held on Sunday, December, 19, in the Rec Hall at 5:00 pm B.Y.O.S.

Coffee and Tea will be available.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the Coffee Room.

Carl Stubbington, 889-3509



DESERT EXPLORERS HIKING CLUB

Join us for hiking. We meet on Wednesdays in Classroom 1 at 7:15 am.

Put on your boots, bring a hiking stick, water, a snack, and money to share transportation cost. Enjoy desert and mountain views while hiking at a reasonable pace.

For questions about the Wednesday hikes, contact: Jerry or Nancy Paulson at 295-0196.

SHUFFLEBOARD

The Katherine Mumm Yuletide Tournament will be held at RCW on December 6-8. This is a mixed doubles tournament. Contact our park rep, Jim Withey, 889-2553, Lot 540 to register. We will also need the help of our members to prepare and handle this large tournament. See the bulletin board for further information.

Anyone interested in learning how to “chart” can attend a charting class here in RCW on December 15, 8:30 am to noon in the Rally Room.

Park play continues on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:45 am and 6:30 pm. If you are new to the game, we will give instructions while playing. No athletic ability is necessary. Shuffleboard playing is based on three things: acquired skill, strategy, and luck.

We will be hosting our Hot Fudge Sundae night on Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 and can be obtained in the Activity Office, after Friday morning coffee or at the door. Please bring your own dish and spoon and enjoy.

After the Hot Fudge Sundaes join everyone in the Auditorium to enjoy “The Rincon University Chorus” for a Christmas Concert. They will accept donations.

Marian Eising, Secretary
Lot 550, 741-8412

BIBLE STUDY

Date: Thursday, January 6, 2011
Place: Classroom 2
Time: 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome—couples and solos. For more information please contact:

Heidi Schmidt Lot 671
Walt Scott Lot 977
(Books will be available in class)



OIL PAINTERS

Our 2010-2011 season has started with only a handful of talented artists participating. Where are the rest of our artists? We are looking forward to meeting many more beginning, novice and professional artists at our Wednesday afternoon painting sessions.

Currently we are planning to spend one session each month creating two color paintings. Everyone will bring their painting supplies to the class. Then, thanks to a generous donation of paint (thank you Caroline), each of us will select two colors for our painting. We can use the colors straight from the tube, or we can use paint thinner with the color to create lighter values. We are hoping this can be a fun, challenging afternoon.

Please plan on joining us every Wednesday afternoon in the Recreation Hall, 12:30 to 4:30 pm. We're a fun-loving group of oil painters! For more information please contact:

Pat McFarlin #235
phone: 520-434-9565 or cell: 509-844-3553

DOUBLE DECK PINOCHLE

Saturdays . 1 - 4 P.M.
In Class Room 1
Beginners are Welcome.
Any Questions Call:

Maxine Gruner , 520-889-2547



SEWING AND CRAFT ROOM

Have you visited the Sewing and Craft Room yet? If not...stop by! Check the glass-front cabinets for information and samples of classes that are being offered; then sign up on the clipboards below. The calendar near the south door lists all the classes and groups using the room.

This busy room is the site of all kinds of needlework and crafting. Classes offered this month range from quilting to Swedish weaving to tole painting and many more. When the room is not scheduled (check the calendar for these times), it is available for all crafters and sewers to use.

Thanks to our fund-raising efforts, we have four sewing machines available as well as many other tools and equipment. Please note that all equipment, machines, and tools are for use in the room only and must remain there. However, if you need a button, zipper, bit of lace or other such notion, you may check the bins under the cabinets. Those are for you to use in your projects.

If you would like to teach a class or schedule an activity, first check the calendar to see if your preferred date is available and then contact Secretary Sally McFarlin at 654. Do not enter your activity on the calendar...Sally will do that once your date has been OK'd.

The Sewing and Craft Room Board holds a monthly business meeting. All crafters and sewers are welcome. Instructors are encouraged to attend. Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

This year's officers are:

President: Ruby Burrows, 604
Vice President: Sue Mattson, 458
Secretary: Sally McFarlin, 654
Treasurer: Sonja Bridges, 726
Hope to see you soon!

Sue Mattson, Vice President

CACTUS QUILTERS

“The Low-Necked Dress”

“The low-necked dress is a fatal lure to many a woman who ought to know better than to display her physical imperfections to the gaze of a pitiless world. Either a fat old woman or a scrawny young one should be wise enough to court the favoring and softening influences of high necks and any other devices for lessening the obviousness of their defects of form.”

From “Our Manners and Social Customs, 1891”.

While the above statement has nothing to do with quilting, I think that most of us have commented on the levels of dress (or should that be undress?) worn by people today. When one is a quilter, she (or he) only has to worry about squares, seams and colors and enough \$\$\$ to pay for the supplies.

If you are looking for something to do on Monday afternoons, please join the Cactus Quilters in the Craft Room at 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The members of this group are full of fun, have great quilting skills, and are willing to share their knowledge. More than anything else, this group is friendly and talented. We do many projects, provide many classes that include beginners, and once a month have a Field Trip. On the last Monday of each month our group meets at the Craft Room where we car pool and enjoy lunch at a different restaurant. From there we proceed to one of the many quilt shops in Tucson where we are usually treated with an informative program. And, oh yeah, we have plenty of time to shop.

Our group is also involved in making Comfort Quilts, quilts for Blind Babies, and many other items to bring comfort to those not as lucky as we are. Life is very short so please enjoy every minute. If you're feeling down, just look around at others, then get up and come and meet the Cactus Quilters.

Cooky Bergman
Secretary
Lot 1066 , 520-294-1880

DIGITAL IMAGING CLUB

If you enjoy taking pictures and/or video, this is the club for you! Come learn or share your knowledge with the club. We will be having classes this year on subjects ranging from using your camera to using photo enhancement computer programs. We have a few field trips planned and always enjoy sharing our pictures the next week.

Photography is a wonderful hobby!

It gets you outdoors enjoying nature and makes you look at colors in a new way. You can share your adventures with family & friends by making DVDs with music. Organize those great memories. The more you learn about your camera, the more you will want to use it.

To see the schedule of classes stop by the Video Room door.

Digital Imaging Meetings

Monday
Video 1-3:00 pm
Digital 3-5:00 pm

Classroom 2

TOPS

Monday Mornings:
Weigh-In 6:45 - 7:30 AM
Meeting 7:30 - 8:00 AM
Class Room 1

HARDANGER

Happy Holidays...coming up soon! This is a perfect time to get started on a beautiful project with Norwegian embroidery – Hardanger! We will be happy to help you. We meet together each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in Classroom 1. Drop by and see some of our stitchery projects – we love to have visitors.

Jan White – 807-4990

CHARITY QUILT

The Comfort/Charity Quilt Group is back for the season and busy making quilts to be delivered before Christmas.

Many of our dedicated quilters have brought back quilts and quilt tops they worked on this summer. As a result we have a head start on completing quilts for our veterans, the hospice and the sick children at University of AZ Medical Center, Pediatric Ward.

We meet every Thurs. from 9 am- 3 pm. If you are near the Sewing and Craft Room, stop in and see the quilts in progress. If you have an interest in sewing or tying quilts, you are more than welcome to join us whether it is for 2 hours or all day.

We also love to share our beautiful quilts with any RCW resident facing health challenges. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone at RCW in need of one of our Quilts.

Team Charlotte - Co-Chm.
Sue Charlot, #854, 509-952-5645
Charlotte Baker # 807, 402-490-7929

MACHINE EMBROIDERY

The machine embroidery group meets in the Sewing Room on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at 6:30 pm.

If you have an embroidery machine, are thinking of buying one (at least two members of the group bought a new machine over the summer!), or just want to learn about machine embroidery, please join us for our first meeting of the season on December 8, at 6:30 pm.

Be sure to check the calendar and/or glass cabinet in the sewing room to confirm date and time. If you have questions, please call Bobbie Albright at 807-1801.

FLEX & STRETCH EXERCISES

With Fall around us, we want you to enjoy the beauty of our desert and this great resort. We hope to prevent falls also. Regular exercise emphasizing joint flexibility and overall strength make you less likely to fall.

The exercises used by this group require standing and floor routines. Although getting up and down on the floor may seem difficult, if you attempt these routines, soon you will be able to do many more. An important benefit of these exercises is increased range of motion (picture your golf or tennis or pickle ball swing). Your balance will be improved through stronger leg muscles which helps in hiking and bicycling.

WELCOME!

The group meets each morning Monday thru Friday at 7:15 am in the Auditorium. The exercise only lasts twenty five minutes. Bring a pad or towel and join us for better health and balance.

If you have any questions, drop by the exercise group and someone there can answer your questions.

WOODCARVERS

Come join the fun and learn the art of woodcarving. You will be surprised at your hidden talent. There is a beginner's table with plenty of help from experienced woodcarvers.

We meet every Monday at 12:30 and Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Rec. Hall. Both sessions end at 4:00 pm. There is an annual membership of \$5. There are tools and lots of cutouts for sale to get you started.

Stop in and talk to the woodcarvers and find out if this hobby is right for you.

Renee Wolf

BILLIARDS

Our friendly weekly pool tournaments are held each Thursday in the billiard room. The tournament starts at 1:00pm. Practice starts at 12:30 pm. The entry fee is \$2.00.

Come and enjoy good fellowship with your Rincon Country neighbors. I am hoping to see you there.

Del Schonthaler



GENEALOGY

Thanksgiving is past and the leftover turkey and dressing have been relegated to the freezer. Thoughts are now turning toward the Christmas season and family. There is much more to "family" than those who are still living.

Perhaps you are becoming interested in the "family" that came before your immediate family. If that is the case, may we suggest that you join us on Monday evenings in Classroom 2. The Genealogy Club meets at 7 pm and we certainly would welcome you to come and join us.

At our December 6, meeting we will be happy to welcome you, just get acquainted and answer any questions you may have about genealogy.

The meetings on December 13 and 20 will be devoted to showing videos from the Ancestors series or from the Family Search website. These videos are especially helpful to those of you who may be new to this idea of searching for your ancestors. There will be time for discussion after each video. No meeting will be held the evening of December 27, so that you can enjoy the company of visiting family or friends. We will look forward to seeing you again on January 3.

When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.

VILLAGEAIRES

You won't want to miss our Villageaires' winter concert "Christmas Time Is Here". It will be held in the Auditorium Friday and Saturday nights December 10 and 11, at 7:00 pm.

Our great director, Dr. Allen L. Wortman from Minnesota State University, Mankato, has chosen for us to sing-a-choral medley of secular and sacred tunes. As usual there will be solos, duets, audience sing a long, and other surprises. We will also be performing an unusual, very syncopated arrangement of "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

Bette Wortman, Al's wife, is our talented accompanist. Come join the fun! Enjoy listening and watching this musically-gifted couple. Tickets are available at coffee hour or in the Activity Office.

Questions? Call:

Burt Taylor, President 807-4900
Mary E. Hallesy 889-3926



SWEDISH WEAVING

Create a lovely piece for your Holiday decor! Classes will be in the Sewing room as follows:

Friday, December 3 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, December 15 – 10:00 – 12:00

Sign up under the display for either the Beginner or Intermediate patterns. All materials will be supplied for both levels, including red and green yarn. Should you desire different colors, feel free to bring your own washable, 4-ply yarn to class. Fee will remain at \$7.00.

Please call me should you have any questions.

Judy Simmel
807-1053

PINOCHLE

Come join us on Wednesday evenings in Class Room 1 for a fun time playing Pinochle. The official start time is 6:30 pm, but most people arrive earlier to help set up and get in some practice hands and other discussions. We play 6 hands before switching tables. You do not need to bring a partner.

We have published rules if you would like to brush up or are a new player. The rules are basically standard with a few local preferences. Come join us for a fun evening.

Larry Heil 725, Representative

POTTERY & CERAMICS

Hey, all you sunbirds and early snowbirds come visit us in the Ceramic/Pottery room and see all the new molds we have for ceramics. Now is the time to start or finish Christmas projects and gifts.

It's a great time to get started. We're right next to the coffee room.

JoAnn Godawski
Secretary

PICKLEBALL

Come join us in experiencing the thrill of Pickleball, the fastest growing racquetball sport among Seniors in the United States.

Park residents and their guests are welcome and encouraged to play at any time. Get together your own twosome or foursome or join us Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings for "open, mixed" play starting about 8:30 am.

Balls and paddles are available at the courts for your use. Ask a player or the Activities Office for the combination to the shed if you do not already have it.

MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Betty Blackstock

LOCATING YOUR STROKE CENTER

If you or a loved one were to show sudden symptoms of a stroke, would you know where to go for the best emergency care? If your answer is no, you're one of the 60% of Americans who don't know the location of the specialized stroke care centers nearest them according to a recent American Stroke Association survey. In an emergency that lack of knowledge could mean inferior care and more extensive brain injury – or even spell the difference between life and death.

Specialized stroke centers are hospitals that have been certified as providing superior stroke care by state agencies or the Joint Commission, a not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies more than 18,000 health care organizations and programs in the U.S.

The warning signs of stroke – sudden onset of symptoms such as confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, seeing, walking, loss of balance, weakness affecting an arm or leg or one side of the body, or sudden severe headache – should signal a call to 911 and rapid transport by ambulance to the nearest stroke center experts say. These symptoms are indications of a health emergency. Rapid treatment response is key to limiting brain damage and disability and lowering risk for future stroke. In most individuals comprehensive treatment must make place within 3 hours of the onset of symptoms to minimize injury to brain tissue.

To locate the nearest certified stroke center on-line, visit the “What’s New” section at www.strokeassociation.org and click on “find stroke care near you”. Or call the American Stroke Association directly at 1-888-478-7653.



PLAYCRAFTERS

December is here so soon! Welcome home! The Christmas play is ready for all of you to view and to roll with laughter in the aisles. (Isn't that a picture?)

Friday, December 3, and Saturday, December 4, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium, the Rincon Country West Playcrafters will present **Happy Hollandaise** by Tim Koenig. An outstanding cast and crew are ready with Dawn Krause as the director and Joy Fehrenz as producer. Tickets are for sale, \$5.00, in the Activity office and at Friday Coffee. Come one, Come All and bring your friends!

Barb Norwick will be directing the Spring play, “*The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater*” by John Rustan and Frank Semerano. She will be announcing tryout dates following the Christmas play. Rehearsals will start in January with the play presentation on March 4 and 5, 2011.

Fulfill your desires to escape from the daily doldrums and be a part of make-believe. Stop in to sample our weekly meetings on Thursday afternoon in the Auditorium from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We will be meeting Dec. 9 ,and Dec. 16, this month. We will be meeting every Thursday beginning January 6, with weekly entertainment. Don't miss it!

Joy Fehrenz

NEEDLEWORK

NEEDLEWORK, KNITTING, CROCHETING, ETC.

Some of us have some kind of needlework project tucked away in a back closet somewhere which needs to be finished. Why not pull that out and bring it with you to our Wednesday Needlework group to get it finally finished? We will be in the Sewing room every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to greet you and we might even be able to find a way to assist you in getting restarted. We have some interesting projects going on there. Come in and visit.

Any questions, call Adeline Bailey - 294-2728

LIBRARY NEWS

Yippy ky yay and a hearty WELCOME HOME to all of you returning visitors to the RCW ranch and a warm Out West Welcome to our new visitors. Our Library is open from very early in the morning (6am) until 10:00 pm. You'll find there, other 'early birds' looking over one of the several newspapers. Then wander down to the coffee room for a morning jolt. You know, of course, that no beverages are allowed in any room here at the RCW ranch that has carpeting on the floor. That especially means the Library! And you may want to leave your spurs outside also!

You'll won't believe the number of new (to us) books that have been donated this summer and fall. Keeps our processing volunteers busy. We want to get them right out to you, pronto, so you may catch one of us there working with the new books at just about any hour of the day. You will see an increase in the Western section, the Romance section, as well as the Mystery/Thrillers.

In addition to all the new books, we have an abundance of surplus books. These are books do not fit into our guidelines for processing and shelving. Basically, we only keep romance books for three years. The general fiction and mystery books, we keep for ten years. So that leaves us with books that we are happy to put out for you'all to take, read, and pass on. If they have a discard stamp on the top and bottom, please do not return them to us. Sometimes we have duplicate books you might find those on the Surplus shelf just outside the door.

One of our Library patrons offers this... Read a Book – Give a Book 'The Rincon Country library has many books, thanks to donations by residents. **Jan Karon** is an author that would be a good read for someone looking for good characters who try to do good all tied together by those small moments that make up all of our days. The library has three or four of her Mitford stories that track the life of Episcopal Priest Tim Kavanaugh. He is not perfect, but he tries. He has a great dog and a next door neighbor who becomes something more. If you have any of these books, share them with the library. If you haven't read them, you are in for

a treat.

As you know the Library is 'cared' for entirely by volunteers. Some are there one day a week, others are 'subs' and a precious few, help out with special projects. Wanna come and see whats goin' on? Give is a jingle. (or a jangle)

We have a special collection of Christmas books, arranged on our 'Carousel'. So come browse awhile.

Marti Fox , 746-8001

BEADS, BEADS, BEADS

Every Monday at 9:00 am the Pottery Room turns into a bead party. Some of us make beads out of clay and some of us bring purchased beads to string. Some of us even repair bead items.

We help each other, we talk and we have fun. Come over and have fun with us.

Note: the gem and mineral show has beads for sale and the beads will be in Tucson at the end of January.

Judy Fried 294-2879

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

If you are interested in Ham Radio, please join us in Classroom 1 at 11 am each Wednesday. We will have classes for anyone who would like to study to obtain a license. Our club also enjoys field trips and Echolink, a voice over internet protocol. You no longer have to learn Morse Code to get a license.

For more information please join us or contact Bruce Baker at 402-490-7929.



GOLF

As winter flies in at RCW, we can still play a round of Golf without the snowflakes or rain some of us have experienced before retirement. It's nice to head for the Golf Course with the sun shining and friends we've met at RCW.

Come on out and enjoy some special experiences playing some fantastic courses during your stay at Rincon Country. Our courses are in great shape and still priced very reasonable. All of the courses we play provide range balls for practice prior to teeing off. All courses provide power carts to get us around the course. Don't be bashful, sign-up. We have golfers of all ages and skills. Just enjoy the course and weather and, of course, the people you have met during the season.

Don't forget to sign up each week in the coffee room for Tuesday's Open Play and Thursday's Men's play. Remember we play 8 different courses during the year. We are looking forward to another great year playing and meeting new friends.

For information about Thursday's Men's play contact Darryl Philmlee at 741-7903.

For Tuesday's Open play contact Rae Hane at 807-0870 between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

AS WE SAY AT RINCON COUNTRY "HIT'M STRAIGHT AND ENJOY !"



LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

Aerobics are now being held in the Rec. Hall, Monday thru Thursdays from 7:45 to 8:45 pm. Come and join us all you need are comfortable shoes, 2 or 3 pound weights, and on Wednesdays a stretch band.

We do use senior tapes that are in our activity range. On Mondays we do a fall prevention tape, Tuesdays and Thursdays we do low impact aerobics, and on Wednesday we do the stretch band. We do use weights everyday. The tapes we use have 3 different levels to follow.

If you have any question call:

Donna, 419-231-2506



THANK YOU

If you haven't noticed, the maintenance staff has worked very hard this summer getting everything beautiful and clean. The floors are all shiny, and the Auditorium floor looks fantastic. No small job, believe me! The kitchen and pantries have been scrubbed and are ready for the season.

The flowers are planted and will soon look gorgeous. Have you noticed that the entrance and exit have been widened? Good job guys.

Those are only a few of the things that they have been doing, but it sure looks good around the park.

So to the Maintenance Staff we say Thank You for a really great job!

Doreen

GARDEN RAILROAD CLUB

The RCW Garden Railroad Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Class Room 1 at 3:00 pm. This month meetings will be Dec.1 and Dec. 15. We wish to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining the RCW Garden Railroad Club to come to our meetings or stop by the RCW Garden Railroad layout located at the end of the boulevard and talk to our members.

Trains will begin running in early December for the season! Park residents can always check the train schedule posted at the layout to learn when trains are running. This season our projects include the addition of a water feature and a new rural village in the upper area of the layout.

Our trains will be making their annual Christmas Eve "run". Come on out and join the fun and see our special Christmas trains! We will also have our "trainathon" and night running of train events this winter in addition to being on the Tucson "Rails In The Garden Tour" in March.

The club would like to thank park residents for their generous donations of items for the November RCW parking lot sale and also for your words of encouragement and advice as our members work at the layout.



JOKER

Joker is a board game using cards to go around the board. There are different rules in different places. We have our own set of rules. If you have played before, they might be a little different. So come join us on Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We play partners so bring a spouse or friend with you. Hope to see you there.

Questions call 419-231-2506

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM

The Christmas Angel program, sponsored by the Salvation Army, gives individuals the opportunity to purchase toys or clothing for needy children, and special gifts for senior citizens at Christmas.

Angel tags stating "boy" or "girl", age, clothing sizes and toy preferences are placed on a Christmas tree in the office of the Activity Director.

You may pick one or more Angel tags, purchase gifts for the child or senior and return the gifts and tags to the Activity Office. Please do not sign the gift tag if the gift is for a child, as the gift is to be from the parent(s). Please do NOT wrap the gifts.

The cost of the gifts generally run approximately \$15.00 to \$20.00. If that's more than you care to spend, you may want to share the cost with a friend or donate to our Toys For Tots program.

YOU can make a difference in the lives of these children. Your generosity is very appreciated.

ATTENTION NURSES

Our first nurse meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010 at 10:00 am in Classroom 2.

The Blood Pressure Clinics started on Monday, November 22, and we will be looking for volunteers to work Mon. Dec.6, 13 and 20. We will not do BP clinic on Dec. 27.

Thanks to Linda Swibold for her hard work this summer completing a list of all urgent care centers in this area including hours of service, location map and other needed information. Hopefully we can get this information out to the park residents soon.

It's great to be back. Hope to see you at our meeting Dec 7. If you can help at one of the BP clinics, please call me at 807-9733.

Thanks, Bonnie Hemming.

MACINTOSH USER GROUP

The RCW MUG will continue to meet in December on Tuesday afternoons in Classroom 2. The meetings are from 1 to 3 pm. If you have an Apple product (computer, iphone, ipod or ipad), or just wish you did, then join us. We have all levels of people in our group from beginners to experts. Everyone is welcome.

We start each meeting with sharing and questions. If no one knows the answer to your problem, we know where to find out. Did you know that on YouTube you can find a video of almost anything, literally from soup to nuts? It's not just for jokes. If you want to know how to install more memory in your computer, or make french onion soup, the answer will be there in a short video.

If you are thinking about a holiday gift for yourself or a family member or a friend, ipads, and iphones are truly awesome. Those of us that have them will be sharing at the Tuesday meetings.

For more info contact:

Martin Rathbun—806-1303
George or Nikki Wells—889-3247

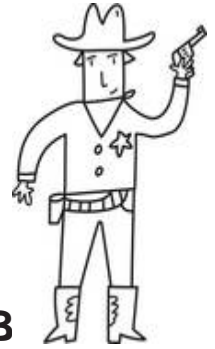
LINE DANCING

Line dancing is not only great exercise but it's a good way to make new friends and renew old friendships. Come to Carol Bandy's weekly Line Dance Class held on Thursday mornings in the Auditorium from 9-11 am. Beginner dances are taught the first hour and high beginner/easy intermediate dances the second hour. The fee is \$4.00 for one hour and \$5 for two hours.

Our monthly Saturday night line dance will be held in the Auditorium on December 18, from 7 – 9:30 pm.

Come join us for an evening of fun. Bring a snack to pass and your drink of choice. The cost is \$5.00 per person, and you pay at the door.

Don't forget our Saturday morning line dance practice and review sessions in the Rec. Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.



DIGITAL IMAGING CLUB 2011 Photo Contest

Everyone is invited to submit entries in the RCW Digital Imaging Club Photo Contest. There are eight categories: five to show photography skills and three to show what can be done with computer enhancements. The contest will culminate in a display of all entries, announcement of photo contest winners and raffle drawing at the February 18, Strawberry Shortcake Night.

Categories:

1. People
2. Outdoor Scenery (Landscapes, cityscapes.)
3. Critters (Domestic or wild; dogs, cats, insects, birds, fish, etc.)
4. Flowers/Plants (Any photo that features flowers, cactus, etc.)
5. Abstracts (Photos where it is not obvious at first glance what the subject is.)
6. Still Life (A representation of inanimate objects.)
7. Digital Magic (Photo manipulations with all types of computer alterations and tricks, filters etc., allowed.)
8. Video Montage. A five minute maximum DVD. Videos and photos with sounds and a maximum of one song.

Entry forms with rules and other information are available in the Activity Office during December and January.

Paul & Joan Cleveland
Photo Contest Coordinators

HIKING CLUB

“A faster paced group than Desert Explorers”

For those of us who love hiking, there’s nothing more inviting than the many trails through the canyons and valleys all around Tucson – and beyond!

Join us on Thursdays at 7:15 am in Classroom 1 to meet your fellow hikers. You are guaranteed to enjoy great views and lots of memories while getting a terrific workout.

Early mornings may be cool but can warm up quickly so make sure to wear layers to maintain comfort. Good hiking footwear, walking sticks, water and a snack are strongly recommended. A programmed (but changeable) list of hikes is posted outside the Activity Office.

If you don’t wish to drive your own vehicle, you may join other drivers; you will be asked to share the cost of gas. We meet at 7:15 am and leave at 7:30 am sharp.

Rincon Country Website

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Business Office use

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or

the **Activity Office** use

activities@rinconcountry.com



LAPIDARY SHOP

The new season is getting underway. It’s time to start making beautiful jewelry in a variety of art forms. Stop in and see what opportunities the Lapidary Shop has to offer.

Instruction in various techniques will be offered throughout the winter. Sign-up sheets are posted in the shop. Talk with the shop monitor for more information. Newcomers are welcome. No experience required.

Soldering and fabrication: Basic techniques for soldering and fabrication of pendants or rings, including mounting of stones.

Lapidary: Techniques for cutting, shaping and polishing of stones.

Wire wrapping: Techniques of wrapping stones with silver or copper wire for jewelry.

Chain making: Techniques of wrapping, cutting and using jump rings for construction of basic chain designs.

Wax carving and casting: Basics of carving wax figures and then casting them in silver or bronze

Precious Metal Clay (PMC): Techniques for design and construction of jewelry from PMC in silver, copper or bronze.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from
The Rincon Country
Staff



AROUND TOWN

By Rachel Margolis

Downtown Tucson Parade of Lights

Saturday December 18th at 6:30 pm

Downtown Tucson's holiday parade of lights and floats features Santa Claus, seasonal music, and a tree light. Produced by Downtown Tucson Partnership. For more information call 520.837.6504. On the web at www.downtowntucson.org.

Holiday Spectacular

Saturday December 18th at 7:30 pm

Sunday December 19th at 2:00 pm

Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Mariachi Azatlan del Pueblo High School, and Tucson Regional Ballet perform at Tucson Music Hall. For more information and ticket prices call 520.882.8585 or on the web at www.tucsonsymphony.org.

La Fiesta De Tumacacori

Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Free Admission

A celebration of the culture of the Santa Cruz River Valley held on the first full weekend in December each year at the Tumacacori Mission. For more information call 520.398.2341 or on the web at www.nps.gov/tuma.

A Southwest Nutcracker

Saturday December 4th at 2:00 and 7:30 pm

Sunday December 5th at 2:00 pm

Ballet translates the traditional Nutcracker to Tucson in the 1880's, by Tucson Regional Ballet with Tucson Symphony Orchestra at the Tucson Music Hall. For more information and ticket prices call 520.885.0862 or on the web at www.tucsonregionalballet.org.

Tucson Marathon & Expo

Sunday December 12 at 7:30 am

This fast and scenic downhill course from Oracle to Oro Valley runs along the Santa Catalina Moun-

tain Range and is a Boston Marathon qualifier. For more information call 520.320.0667 or on the web at www.tucsonmarathon.com.

Luminaria Nights

December 4th - 6th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$3-\$9 at the gate

The paths at Tucson Botanical Gardens glow with lights from 2,000 luminarias, seasonal music is performed, and holiday treats are offered. For more information call 520.326.9686 or on the web at www.tucsonbotanical.org.

Zoo Lights

December 4th - 20th , Th, Fri, Sat, and Sun Nights 6-8 pm

\$1 - \$4 at the gate

Thousands of twinkling lights and holiday decor adorn the 17-acre Reid Park Zoo. For more information call 520.791.3204 or on the web at www.tucsonzoo.org.

Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair

December 10th - 12th from 10 am to 6 pm

Free Admission

Hundreds of arts and crafts booths, food vendors, and performers line the streets of 4th Avenue, between Ninth St. and University Blvd. For more information call 520.624.5004 or on the web at www.fourthavenue.org.

Winterhaven Festival of Lights

December 11th -16th

For 59 years, the residents of Winterhaven have hosted the Festival as their gift to the community, and only ask for donations to the food bank when you attend this winter wonderland. For more information on how to get to Winterhaven, visit their website at www.winterhavenfestival.org. You may wish to take the Hayride on Dec. 12 with the Rincon Country Group for \$15.00. See article in the Villager for further information.

You can get more information on all of these annual events plus more events online at the Visit Tucson website www.visitTucson.org.



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