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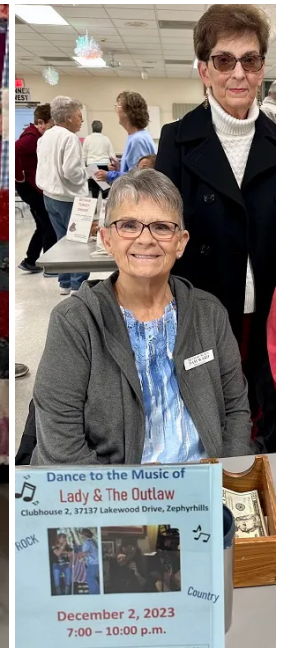
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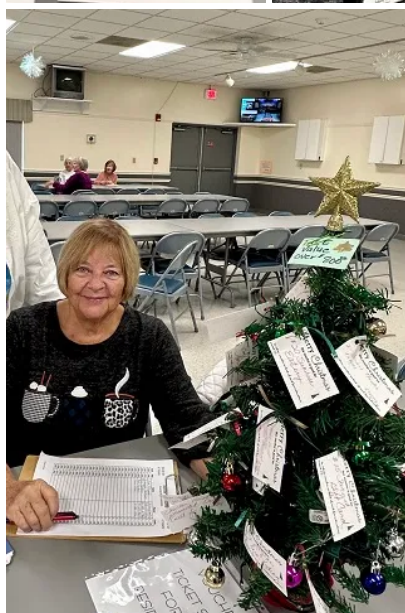
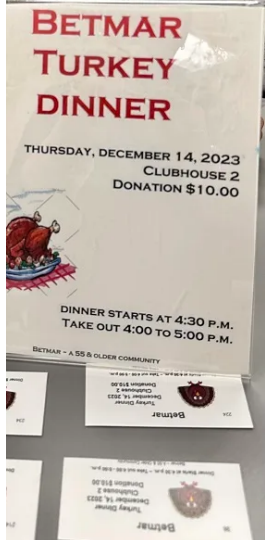
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GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:







November Coffee Volunteers



How was everyone's THANKSGIVING? We have soooo much to be grateful for!

Michelle and Mac are back! They had a wonderful time with their kids and grandkiddos.

AMERICAN HOUSE/KEATON HOBBS is here today! Donuts and Coffee purchased for everyone today!

Chorus we will come and sing their commercial

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT!



This Beautiful Lady Works at the What Not Barn; runs the ice cream socials in the Summer; She's helped with Shuffle Lunches; Sells Dabbers at Bingo; She's part of the Dance Club; She lives here in Betmar year-round and has lived here a long time!! She was a vendor at the Betmar Craft Fair!

Who is this Awesome Lady you ask? Well, it's Pat Armendinger (of course!!)

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT?? CONTACT MICHELLE OR MELINDA. 😊 Help us give honor to those whom honor is due!

NEW RESIDENTS



New Resident- Maria Paul from Washington, DC

TENNIS/PICKLE BALL CLUB: Annual Christmas Homes Tour

Tennis/Pickle Ball Club is pleased to announce the Annual Christmas Homes Tour 2023. The tours will be Tuesday December 12, 6:30 pm to 8:30. Tickets are available here this morning and again Dec. 5th Coffee Hour **OR** call Pam at (207) 778-5152. Price is \$8.00 per ticket. Please join us for an evening of holiday cheer!

WHAT NOT BARN

WHAT NOT BARN can now begin accepting furniture again! Please remember that your furniture must be clean and in good repair. If we can't sell it, we don't want it. Looking forward to the second weekend in January and the big What Not Sale !!!! (Linda Bentz)

What-Not Sales/Christmas Sale

Many people helped to make Betmar's Christmas sale a huge success. Thanks to those set up the tables, to security, to those who carried the many boxes into the clubhouse, to those who unpacked the boxes, to those who sold the items, to those who sold the food, to those who bought the items and to Tom Brown who organized it all. It is a big project but once again it is the Betmar volunteers who work together and get it all done!

Below is this weeks Video....**"Going into the Betmar Christmas Sale"**.

Please Click on **"Subscribe"** while you're watching it.

BETMAR CHRISTMAS SALE LINE UP VIDEO....CLICK HERE

Tom Brown says, "Wow, what can we say? The crowd was great (lined up to the street waiting to get in on Saturday morning).

From the standpoint of results, the numbers are better than we expected. Last year's sales made \$2900. That was by far the best sale in recent memory but to some extent, could be credited to a good amount of COVID inventory that was added to that year's merchandise. Based on that, we expected a little over \$2,000 this year. In fact, preliminary numbers show a profit of approximately \$2600, not counting a successful day of sales at the What-Not Barn and Bike Shop.

Pretty amazing. Huge credit goes to our volunteers who worked for hours sorting through boxes and miraculously setting up attractive displays for the shoppers. Our tree department worked painstakingly setting up numerous trees, fluffing wreaths and checking lights. And, of course, the shoppers who turned out to make their many purchases. Hot coffee, donuts and cookies were offered by Judy Ferrari throughout the day.

A big thank you is deserved by the What-Not Barn volunteers who collected and packed these treasures all year long and moved them into the Clubhouse on Friday morning, and to Betmar Security who assisted throughout the sale. It was heartwarming to see everyone chatting and smiling with Christmas music playing in the background. You make us proud to live here. Thank you all!!





What-Not Sale

Plans for the January 11-13th sale continue. We still need to hear from several of our Department Heads as to how they stand for help this year. Once we know, we will advertise any needs here in Coffee News.

If you are not part of a specific department, please understand we can always use help during the Ant March on Wednesday morning and cleanup on Saturday afternoon. You do not need to be on a list to participate during those two times.

And please remember, the box for collecting your newspapers and plastic bags is in the Annex for your donations. (Tom & Dee Brown)

BETMAR CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Christmas Decorating around the park was to happen on Saturday, November 25th.

But, with the Christmas sale in the park and rain so only a portion of the park was decorated at that time.





BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP

We went this past Sunday to see the show "White Christmas" November 26 to Hudson. Lunch was fabulous and the show was nothing short of **AMAZING!** I remember as a youngster watching tap dancing in shows with my parents; What great memories came flooding back watching these folks on stage. Going together on the bus is fun and you get to know others you don't normally get to be around much.

We would love to have you join us on our next adventure. We have a list of current activities by the front door in Clubhouse 2! (Bonnie and Sandy)

HOSPITALITY CLUB

a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th in Clubhouse 3 at 1 pm. Time to start assembling Valentine cards for distribution. See you all there! (Lorna Bradstreet)

HOBBY CLUB:

will be selling Christmas items plus other gifts ideas at Coffee Hour in the Annex starting next Tuesday, December 5th. Come support Hobby Club as all profits go to Betmar. We will be set up for 3 weeks for your shopping pleasure!!

TABLE AND CHAIR SET UP

Block assignments for Table & Chair volunteers are published in each month's Betmar Bulletin. Blocks are mapped out on page 28 of the phone book. The block assignment for the first half of December is Blocks G & H (west end of 8th and Sandra, Betty and Vera).

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 11/29 8 am Betmar Bandstand (major)

Sat 12/2 11 am Dance (major)

Sun 12/3 1 pm Chorus Concert CH-2 (major)

Mon 12/4 8 am Bingo & Chorus (major)

DANCE CLUB:

Lady and the Outlaw will be our musicians for this week's Saturday night dance. Tickets are available 8-9am in the Annex on Tuesday mornings and at the door the night of the dance.

AROUND BETMAR



New Apache Junction sign-created by Kim and Chuck Pfeil

A Betmar resident came home to find a hawk fascinated by her outside plant. It stayed long enough for her to get these great photos and the hawk left with only greenery in its mouth!





BETMAR TRAVEL

Trip to Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater to see "White Christmas" on Sunday, November 26.



NEW YEARS EVE:

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and now available for both residents and non-residents. We'll be dancing to the music of Karl Sapp. Refreshments, party favors, and a Champagne toast included. Contact Maxine Bailey, 813-715-4323 or Mary Shedd, 813-715-2051. Volunteers are still needed to help with various tasks, i.e. decorating, ticket sales, etc. If you would like to help support the Dance Club, you would also be supporting Betmar. Membership of the club is not required.

JAM CLUB:

Monday night Jam will be December 4, at 6:00 PM in Club House 3. Get your first Christmas Cookie here – White Chocolate Macadamia Nut and Double Chocolate Chunk Gourmet Cookies. Will enjoy the music and dancing.

Membership Meeting will be December 4 at 9:00 AM in the Apache Club House White Room. We will be addressing new Rules and Regulations, so we're looking forward to your input.

Monday Night Jam will be next Monday at 6:00 PM. See you there. (Jim Powell)

BETMAR BANDSTAND:

Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 pm at CH 2 to hear The Jam Bandits. Good music, dancing, snacks, and camaraderie. Hope to see you there. (Janet Seibert)

GARDEN CLUB:

GARDEN CLUB planted 70 Poinsettias in the 21 gardens. Enjoy your walk through the Betmar Gardens this Christmas season!

Music Entertainment:

Music Entertainment this Friday night, CH #3, 7:00 o'clock. Danny Jackson hosting with some new performers. Also mark your calendars for Music Entertainment's big Christmas show right here in CH #2, December 15 @ 7:00 and December 16 @ 2:00 p. m. This show guarantees to put you in the Christmas spirit. Tickets on sale in Annex. \$5.00 donation. (Carol Kelly)

**10th Annual Shred Event! WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 17, 2024, from 9:00–11:00AM**

Betmar Acres Office Parking Lot: No need to remove staples or paper clips.

Bring your documents in bags, boxes or any other container and it will be emptied into the shredding truck for you!

FREE SERVICE TO ALL BETMAR RESIDENTS

BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY! Pancakes and sausage.

BETMAR FISH FRY

Time once again for our Park Dinners & Fish Fry's. If you have helped in the past and would like to help this year, please contact Dave & Cindy Godfrey ASAP. Remember the first Fish Fry is next Friday – December 8th. (517) 605-7342 or (517) 605-1928

MULTI-CLUB FUND RAISER! VOUCHER TREE NUMBERS

MULTI-CLUB FUND RAISER! VOUCHER TREE NUMBERS are available at Sue Flynn's home and will also be available at breakfast on Saturday morning. You can purchase 6 numbers for \$5.00. The Voucher Tree has a value of over \$900.00 from donations of Betmar activities!

GOLF CLUB:

Golf Notices: The winners of our annual Membership drawing are 1st place, winning the 2024 Golf membership, George Ferrari. 2nd place, winning the golf cart trail fee, Barbara Ryan. And 3rd place, winning a \$25 gift certificate to the ProShop, Bob Kraft. Congratulations to all this year's winners!!

Also, the **Golf Board** is suggesting that anyone who has a question, comment, suggestion, or complaint submit this in writing to a Board Member one week before the next board meeting so that we are better able to address these and possibly have an answer or solution at the monthly board meeting.

CHORUS TREE LIGHTING AND CONCERT:

Looking for the sound of Christmas? Come join us on Sunday, Dec 3 at 7 pm for a concert with wonderful music by the Betmar chorus. No tickets needed. Cookies and punch afterwards! If handicap reservations are needed, please contact Rita Wencil at 989-975-0587

THEATER:

Meeting, Wednesday, Dec 6th at 1pm for planning our Desert theater which comes at the end of January. New members welcomed! More information on that will be announced later. (Theresa Phifer)

HEALTHORAMA NEWS:

Bringing health care to you!!!! Skin cancer prevention and treatment. We are excited to announce that the Board approved this new service for our residents. A mobile Dermatology Clinic coming to us called OnSpot Dermatology. It is a full-service clinic offering exams, procedures and follow-up. Their website is: onspotdermatology.com .

Their first visit will be December 12th, 2023, 7:30-3pm and they will be parked where the bloodmobile usually parks. Onspot is in-network with major insurances and has competitive self-pay rates. Phone 941 444 0011 or visit onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres to book an appointment. Walk-ins may be possible. (Marsha Frain)

THE BETMAR MAHJONGG PLAYERS:

THE BETMAR MAHJONGG PLAYERS will be hosting our very first tournament on February 3rd, 2024. Residents and their friends have the first opportunity to **enter by 15th**, the way time flies please get your entry in ASAP! It will be a fun filled day with 6 rounds (4 games per round) of competitive MahJongg, food, beverages, cash prizes, and door prizes. Registration forms available by email or contact Karen Emery at krnemery@gmail.com or 989-3296450. You can also pick up a form on Monday or Friday at Apache Clubhouse Maple Room, 1:00-3:00pm. (Karen Emery)

HOOTENANNY on New Year's Eve:

New Year's Eve is fast approaching and once again time for the hootenanny in clubhouse three from 8 to 12 PM the tickets will be five dollars and will go on sale December 1. Carol Kelly and Danny Jackson will provide the music for dancing. Bring your own snacks and beverages. You may go to the clubhouse at 11 AM to set up your tables and decorate. For tickets call Shirley Fisher at 788-7525 or Lynda Cutter at 317-750-4618 or buy them at coffee.

BETMAR LIBRARY:

Greetings from your community Treasure Trove Library!

TRIVIA QUIZ:

Another great night at last night's trivia quiz! Every team scored more than fifty points in a fun filled evening. Join us next week when we will do it all again. Sundays at 6.30pm. Up to 4 per team. See you there!

THOMAS PROMISE TOY DRIVE:

This Thursday 11/30 is the LAST day to drop off toys and items for the Thomas Promise Kids' Christmas Dinner with Santa. Please place items in the gray bins between CH#2 and the Annex OR in the bin outside Connie's home on Jodi Ave BEFORE NOON on Thursday so the Pickleball Wrappers can bring their task!! Thank you everyone for supporting Thomas Promise year-round!! 😊😊😊

Let's Dress the Girls Quilt Raffle:

Let's Dress the Girls Quilt Raffle: starts today in the Annex for the beautiful hand-stitched hand-quilted 90" x 88" quilt. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 tickets for \$5. Sales will be at coffee hours and at the Shuffle Luncheon on December 11th and 12th. Drawing will be on December 15th. All proceeds go to purchase underwear for each dress' pocket, elastic, backpack cording, Velcro, thread, and other sewing supplies.

BETMAR TOPS

BETMAR TOPS meets Wednesday morning. If you choose, you may weigh in at 8:15am followed by our support meeting at 9am in the Apache Clubhouse.

The weight-loss journey is a personal one. At TOPS®, we respect each member's individual journey and choices, while urging one another to be our healthiest selves.

CREATIVE WRITERS:

"I think new writers are too worried that it has all been said before. Sure it has, but not by you." – Asha Dornfest.

Join other Creative Writers on Mondays at 10am. in the White Room at the Apache Clubhouse. (Debbie Archibald)

COMPUTER CLUB:

The Computer Club will meet today at 1:00 to learn how to take and edit photos on your Iphone and Ipad. We will show you some new editing options using Google Photos. At 2:00, bring your device in and we will help you fix any problems you may be having. Our membership is still only \$15.

Next week the class will be on How to save money and time booking a trip.
(Mary Ann Gifford)

BETMAR COMMUNICATIONS:

Bonnie Coutz would like to remind everyone, to please "Don't forget the deadline for the December Bulletin is due soon!" So please get your articles in ASAP. She would also like to add that our

WEBMASTER BARRY MOHLMAN, has asked that "We bear with him for a bit." He had emergency surgery on Sunday. When she'd asked him if everything was ok, she realized his sense of humor was still in place when he responded with; "Appendix...They're now in a jar in the surgery room....and hits just keep on coming..." Not only is he recovering from his surgery, but his wife, Suzy, just had hip replacement so they are both in the recovery process.

For those of you who do not know Barry or of him, he is our very devoted Webmaster, who gives much of his retired time to Betmar. Not only does he provide us with this service he no longer lives in Betmar...but being the person he is, he gives us his time and service at NO COST to Betmar. He carries over what Betmar has always been...A volunteer Park.

So please keep him and Suzy in your prayers and try not to contact him for a little while to give him his well-deserved recovery time.

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- Kim and Chuck Pfeil, for replacing the “old” Apache Junction sign. This sign is located at the Betmar Gardens off Lakewood Street.
- Carol and Vic Sambol, for coordinating the volunteer teams that decorated Betmar’s buildings and other areas in the park this year. The volunteers dodged cold weather and some rain. Betmar is now decorated and ready for Christmas 2023.

Speaking of Decorating! CLUBHOUSE 2 will be Decorated for Christmas, **Right now, after Coffee Hour!** Please stay and help! We want to decorate this beautiful room! We already have the decorations but could surely use YOUR help. If you can stay and assist, we can get it done quickly and have fun doing it together. These are fun times for our community! 😊

I’ve started with mine right now with the podium!!!

BIRTHDAYS:

Nancy Russ, November 29th, 62 years

Gene Hart, November 27th, 94 years

To Submit a Birthday Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

ANNIVERSARY:

Bryan and Donna Toll November 27 Celebrating 55 years! Congratulations!!

To Submit an Anniversary Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

SICK BAY:

Barry Mohlman and his wife, Suzy
Praying complete healing and recovery over both of you!

Tom Kelly

JOKE OF THE DAY:

I'm 83 years old! I was I was in the McDonald's drive through this morning, and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing some ugly things because I was taking too long to place my order..... so when I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with my own.

The cashier must have told her what I'd done because as we moved up, she leaned out her window and waved to me as she began mouthing "thank you! thank you!" probably feeling embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness....

When I got to the second window, I showed the server both receipts and I took her food too! Now she must go back to the end of the queue and start all over again!

Don't blow your horn at old people!..... we've been around for a LOOOOONG TIME!



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