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Residents Enjoy Dinner and an Evening Cruise

In July, the BT Social Committee hosted dinner at Harborside in Winter Haven, followed by a sunset cruise with Living Water Cruises (photo of cruise on the right).

“It was so relaxing. The dinner was good, and the sunset cruise was perfect,” commented Sherry Defrancisco, Social Activities Chairperson.

Watch for another “Let's Do Dinner” in August. Announcements will be posted in the Clubhouse and USPS area. Sign up for fun !!



Thank you . . .

to Sue and Mike Lesko for helping to keep the park clean during your morning walks. (Below: Sue)



40th Anniversary BT Cookbook Ready for Press

With over 200 recipes sent in by 67 people, the 40th Anniversary BT Cookbook has presales of approximately 130 copies at this time,” shares Sarah Kaplan, project leader for the project. “Thank you to all who have sent in recipes.”

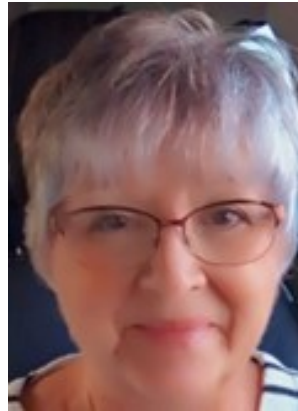
Books arrive in the fall. “For presale orders, books will be set aside specifically for you. We will set up a time when you will be able to come to the clubhouse to purchase and take home these prized BT books before anyone else,” states Sarah. The cost of the cookbook is \$10.

To place a presale order: email your name, lot number and number of books wanted to nennster63@gmail.com, Jenny Barnette. Think holiday gifts! Cook books will be sold at the Arts in the Park, November 12. When they are gone... they are gone! So get on the list!

FROM THE H.O.A. PRESIDENT

We hope that everyone is having a terrific summer!

We are always working to keep Beacon Terrace the best community in Lakeland. Any needs you have please know that your HOA board is always here for you. Sherry Defranco is filling in for Bonnie Irwin-Pocock for the summer. Call Sherry 614 309 2605 or stop by #215. You matter and we care!! Enjoy the rest of your summer!



HOA President

**Bonnie Irwin-
Pocock**

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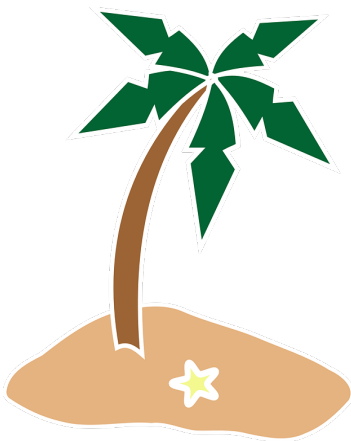
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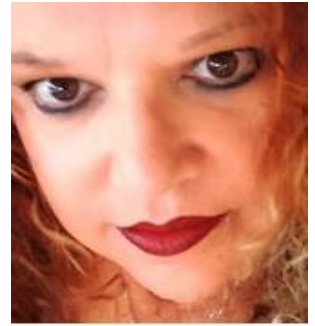
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Be on the Lookout for Potlucks & Happy Hour!

Be on the lookout for some fun on Wednesdays at the Island in November!

The Pot Luck/Happy Hour this coming season will be on Wednesdays from 5 pm to approximately 7 pm on the Island. There may be times, because of bad weather, we will move to the Club House.

We had a great turnout last season and hope even more BT residents show up this season. It's a great time to get acquainted with our new neighbors and better acquainted with our "older" neighbors.

CORRECTION TO JULY BEACON

Please note the following corrections to the New Resident pages in the June/July edition of the Beacon: Karen Rankin was referred to as Kathy on page 5 (sorry about that) Gerry and Trenna Haake live at Lot # 291. Please Welcome them all in Beacon Terrace Style!

We are so very lucky to have such wonderful people joining our community.

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We've Hit Another Jackpot in Beacon

Another Jackpot in Beacon Terrace!!

I think a lot about people...across differences in ethnic and racial backgrounds, political views, religion convictions, intelligence levels and income levels. It still amazes me how in the end...in the long run...we are really more alike than different. Just when I think I couldn't be more different than someone I am meeting for the first time, I come to learn that we have common ground. Common Ground is a safe place and in meeting my new friends here, I learn over and over that we are definitely more alike than different. It's almost comical...always a surprise to find that when meeting new people in Beacon Terrace, I walk away saying to myself, "It's amazing how much we have in common!" And I'm the one who is fortunate enough to meet and then introduce residents for The Beacon.

Common Ground happened again this week. I had missed greeting this family when they moved here in December, probably because we were transitioning from one welcome group to another and it took a minute to get organized. When I met Lori at our ladies luncheon a couple of months ago, I was sad to hear that her family had not met the welcoming team when they came here to live around Christmas time. I realized that it was exactly at the time when we were changing hands and holiday activities were in full swing. Recently Lori agreed most graciously to do an interview which is proof that we have a jackpot right here.

Meet the Sheridan family, Lori and Joe. They are some of the nicest people you'll meet anywhere. As I first sat down next to Lori in ladies' luncheon at Cleveland Heights Irish Pub, I thought, "Hmmm, she is so much younger than me, has some tattoos and I'm in my last decade of life, no tattoos". But then I looked past those differences and saw her as someone who was friendly, open and smiling. She wasn't afraid to get to know me and enjoy a first meal together. I met her mom at that lunch table also...more on that later...another treat.

Lori and Joe moved to Lakeland about 18 years ago from south of Buffalo, New York. So, wow, talk about differences! I'm here from 40 years in the desert; they're here as transplants from New York ice, snow and now 2 decades as tropical sun worshippers. After a bit of prodding, the good stuff started coming out.

So, who do you know who has owned a Honda motorcycle, tended bar, loved horror movies and bowling and played the drums in their free time? Nope, that's not Joe; that's Lori.

Wow, what else? Lori loves decorating and has been a serious collector of Coca Cola memorabilia. Serious collector...as in 30 years of antiques. Lori collected for over three decades. Her new digs show off some of the Coca Cola items she retained for their living area here so Lori's eclectic decorating really shines through...warm and reflective of these lives that have spanned 33 years



*In back: Lori and Joe;
seated, Lori's mother, Carol McMaster*

Terrace with the Sheridans!

By Regina Marshall

of marriage. Side comment: I love the way this couple so naturally displays respect and care for one another. After 33 years, with all that entails, they still like each other and enjoy free time together.

Their upcoming trips are still in the planning phase, but Lori has it in the works. It might be to a beach and later this year she is hoping to show her grandkids, Layla and Collin, the old homestead in New York state where they'll sled ride and play in SNOW in the mountains for the FIRST time in their young lives.

Lori and Joe have one daughter, Jessica, who was just 14 when the Sheridan's moved to Lakeland. Jessica attended Harrison School for the Arts where she studied viola and piano. She has taught both instruments but is now enjoying a promotion that she earned at Geico. After meeting Jessica's daughter, Layla, I can predict another success story coming soon. She is a great volleyball player and plays the game seriously. Jessica's son, Collin is a teenager and I look forward to meeting him some day while he's visiting his grandparents here at Beacon Terrace.

Before transplanting to Lakeland 18 years ago, Lori and Joe called Eden, New York home. They met at a place where Lori was tending bar and Joe had just rolled up on his Harley. She said it was love at first sight...for the Harley. (PHOTO, RIGHT: Lori on her 'bike') LOL

Lori became a paralegal and later took a job managing the office of the manufacturing business where Joe was "on his way up". Joe started as a machinist and worked up in the company that manufactures rollers for all businesses... always being promoted until he has now become the Director of Manufacturing for Finsler...the entire operation, 11 plants in his oversight. I can't imagine being in one business, just a couple of companies, for 38 consecutive years. Joe is that kind of guy. He is skilled in most trades, but he modestly neglected to reveal the fact that he holds the patent to a product he invented and marketed, one that is related to the business in which he made his career. Joe is still in full time employment with the "luxury" of working from home.

Joe is the kind of guy who will tackle his mother in law's brake job and replace the sub floors in their place here on Heather. Joe has a confident but quiet demeanor and also is very approachable. As I heard their story, it seems Joe was not so much in favor of actually moving and I asked Lori how she could leave such a beautiful big home here in South Lakeland and get used to a much smaller place in a mobile home community. Lori and Joe had purchased the place here to possibly rent out for a time. They then realized after doing the updating work in the home here, they actually liked it here and also needed a smaller place to care for. So, they finally decided to make Beacon Terrace their "downsize" move.

Joe and Lori moved here this past December with their lovely 11-year-old Pomeranian, "Yahoo", who can be seen on their walks (Yahoo is the one in the stroller... can't walk far but sure does enjoy the view from that rolling ride.)

(Continued next page...)



4 generations: Lori, Jessica, Carol, Jessica

We've Hit the Jackpot in Beacon Terrace Again

(Continued from previous page)

Joe and Lori managed to catch our Golf Cart Parade last Christmas and have since purchased their own golf cart to ride to Lori's mom around the corner on the west side of the park.

Lori goes to our water exercise class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. She and her mom go to the Ladies Luncheon monthly. Lori enjoys shopping and also believes in volunteering. She holds a letter of gratitude from officials in New York for her volunteer work during the attacks of 9/11. She and Jessica also did many hours of volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

Now, more later about Carol, Lori's mom...who reluctantly moved to a place in Beacon Terrace after a major uprooting from the woods of the north. Carol McMaster (photo right) had a lifetime of living in New York state and was perfectly happy into her 8th decade while caring for an entire house in the woods about 70 miles south of Buffalo. I'm not a fan of snow but Carol showed me some photos of her beautiful home, nestled in the woods where deer and fox let her see their babies and where bear sometimes visited along the creek in the backyard that ran under her wooden bridge...a bridge that connected her land with the edge of the woods. Gorgeous place, almost picture perfect. But Carol realized it was time to be near her daughter and she made the move away from the life she had shared with son and his family in New York state. With no intention of moving to Florida, it was more of a huge nudge from Lori that led Carol to realize it was time to give up her 3 acres of land that she cared for with her riding mower and her snow plow. (Did I mention Carol is in her 8th decade? Made me feel like I have no reason to complain in my 7th...especially since I have never mowed a 3-acre piece of property or plowed snow!) Carol had to be coaxed to agree it was time to trade in the mower for some shorts and sunhats!

Carol has a wonderful humor about her and often made me laugh in our interview. I felt that she had let me into her life as we talked about her career in TV, working for Channel 4, managing the Operations Department. For her good work at the Channel 4, she received an all-expense-paid trip as Employee of the YEAR which included an award of an Alaskan CRUISE in 1998. What a wonderful trip that was! We also looked at photos of her family here and her grandkids from New York. She joked about things that left me saying once again, "Common Ground".

We are both dog (and cat) lovers and Carol now is "mom" to Millie, a 3-year-old Yorkie mix that she adopted from SPCA. She showed me photos of a 22-pound cat named KitKat that she had mothered its whole life. Imagine that cat! Bigger than her dog! Carol strongly supports SPCA adoptions and her pastimes also include gardening and all things Amish. At one time in her life, Carol gave the Amish women rides to appointments... they don't drive cars but they do sit in cars if they need transportation to town...we both have a strong appreciation for Amish Dutch. Growing up and living near them, it is part of our love of differences.

While at Carol's, I saw her love of the outdoors, her gardening and her concern that she might lose her white bougainvillea. I also met her pet turtle, George...not a snapper...one that she found while out in her yard. George resides in the aquarium of the living area. Animal lovers, unite!! Carol and I made plans to get lunch together with Lori who will join us if we can eventually get on her schedule. LOL



Carol McMaster

with the Sheridan's . . . and Carol McMaster!

In conclusion, can I suggest you take Lori Sheridan's lead and be open and friendly to folks wherever you happen upon them. It absolutely pays off if you find your Common Ground, where it is not only safe, but also very rich...as it seems I have received a big win in the meeting of the Sheridan and the McMaster families. You see what I mean? Beacon Terrace did it again...we've hit another Jackpot!

Regina Marshal



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*Join with your BT neighbors to welcome our local
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Beacon Terrace Clubhouse

August 2, 2022 2PM—4PM

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WELCOME HOME NEW BT RESIDENTS



(Above) John & Linda Blackburn #155



Donna Atkins #270



Gary and sister, Cookie #288



Welcome committee: Sarah Kaplan, Regina Marshall & Cathy Ann Nicholson

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August Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Bretell Provost
Joan Goldberg
- 2 Larry Cook
Helen Roberge
Karen Savage
- 3 Linda Blackburn
Richard Brown
Cathy McLean
- 4 Ruth Cottingham
Dave Dunn
- 5 Karen Jersey
Jim Merritt
- 6 Bob Provost
- 7 Ron Murphy
Trudy LeBlanc
- 11 Shirley Goetz
- 15 James Villers
- 16 Paul Willis
- 18 Bob Patterson
- 19 Doug Howison
Jan Willis
- 25 Marilyn Baker
- 26 Doug Patterson
- 28 Coral Dauphinais
- 29 Evelyn McAneny
- 31 Susan Riley



September Birthdays



- 1 Mary Fran Foster
Dean Clawson
- 2 Ellie Williams
- 3 Arlene Woodworth
Alfred Smith
- 4 Janet Provost
- 8 Joe Levengood
- 10 Carol Edwards
Gary Gearheart
- 11 Sheila Rewis
- 14 Ann Haw
- 15 Linda Smith
- 17 Flo Olive
- 20 Gary Kindle
Christine Birdwell
- 21 Jane Townsend
Janice Raby
- 22 Jan (Mr. Jan) Vlach
- 23 John Carney
- 24 Gerald Barras
- 29 Deborah Brown
- 30 Penny Steele



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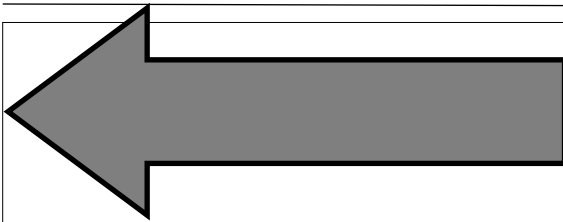
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUMMER

With summer here, regular activities may be on hold until Fall. If you are not certain, contact the activity leader for information.

Sunday

12:30 PM **Hand & Foot***

Monday

9:00 AM **Shuffleboard**

Dave Bradley, 401-474-3309

9:00 AM **Pool Exercise**

Wednesday

9:00 AM **Pool Exercise**

Ladies Golf

Linda Castor, 863-687-6068

6:00 PM **Mexican Train**

Thursday

Men's Golf

Walt Swink, 412-691-0075

Ladies Luncheon

11:00 AM 2nd Thursdays

Sherry Defrancisco, 614-309-2605

12:30 PM **Hand & Foot***

6:30 PM **Shuffleboard**

Dave Bradley, 401-474-3309

Friday

1-3:30 PM **Bridge**

Chuck Snaveley, 863-221-0592

6:30 0 8:30 PM **Rummikub**

Saturday

8:00 AM **Coffee in Clubhouse**

** In Clubhouse*

BT CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

We are grateful for each and everyone of you who share resident health or other issues with us so that we can address them in a confidential and timely manner. This is how we are able to let our neighbors know just how important they are to all of us!

Summer is a different animal all its own. There aren't as many people out and about. I'm afraid we are missing people who need that human touch - by card, wave from the cart or visit, so please make sure to send information to Sarah while Sueanne is off enjoying her family this summer.

Also, please remember to take care of yourselves! If you feel you should go to the ER:

- * call an ambulance
- * the ambulance will arrive in approximately 7-8 minutes
- * you will be taken directly into the ER, rather than spending hours in the waiting room and possibly being exposed to other health issues

Want to know what the neighbors will think? They will be thrilled to know you are being taken care of properly and will welcome you home with thankful, open arms. You are important - so PLEASE call 911!

Thank you for checking in on neighbors, donating cards and just being good people. That's what makes BT great!

Sarah & Sueanne

Sarah (904) 318-9147

Sueanne (716) 417-5511

BT Travel Notes

Dec 5-10

Our mini cruise on Royal Caribbean Mariner of the Seas. The bus is full but since we are seniors there will probably be a cancellation or two. If you are thinking of joining us....put your name on the wait list in the club house. Our final payment is due to Don Cook by Sept. 2nd

2023

Feb 17

Eight glorious nights to the ABC islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao) on Royal Caribbean Jewel of the Seas. This is a smaller ship and our space/great rate will be revoked on Sept. 20th. There are 30 of us going....come and join us. \$250 deposit per person required.

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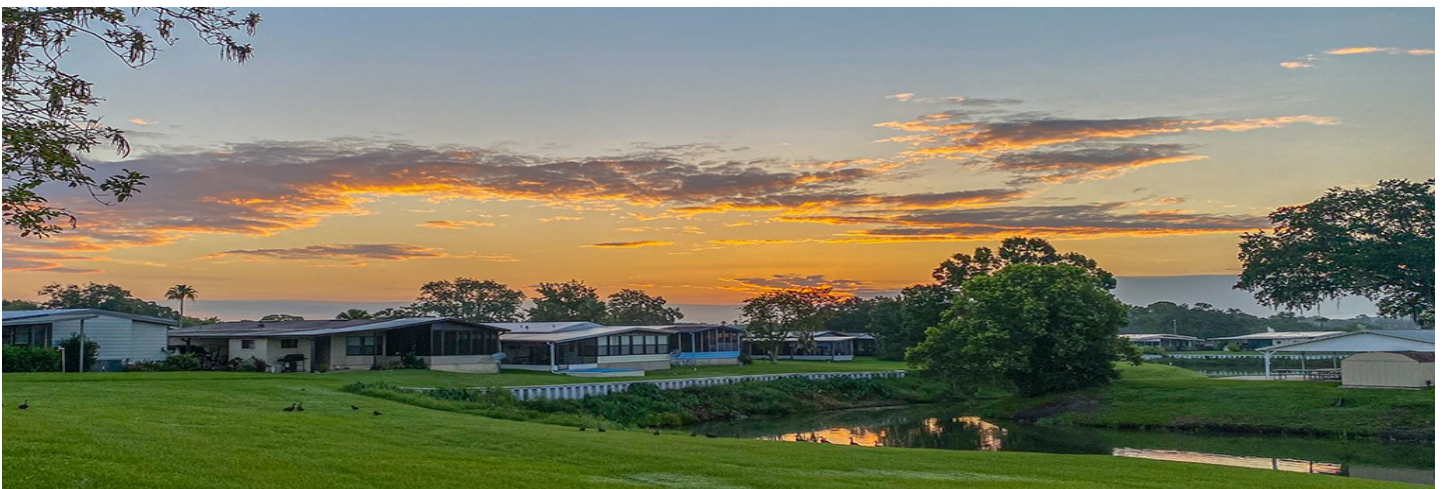
From the Zimmermans-

We've only been here for a couple of months, and we feel like we're finally home. We love our view while having coffee every morning, and the new sights and sounds are beautiful.

Donna & I moved here from Emmaus, Pennsylvania, at the beginning of May, so we don't have many stories to share; however, during that short time, we made some good friends, and everyone here has been so welcoming. In addition, we attended our first "ice cream" social, which was an excellent opportunity to give back to the community while enjoying ice cream and meeting new people.

I'm a photographer (see photo of sunrise below) and feel like a painter with a fresh canvas. I've included a handful of my photos. **EDITORS' NOTE: "We'll be sharing these great photos in future issues! Thank you, Bryan & Donna"**

Thanks to the BTC community for making us feel at home. We look forward to many more years! Best, Bryan & Donna Zimmerman





AUGUST 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SEPTEMBER 2022

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4th of July Ice Cream Social Supports Dixieland School Supply Project

By Alice Murray

On July 4th. we enjoyed an Ice Cream Social as we collected school supplies for Dixieland Elementary School. It was a festive occasion with the tables being decorated by Veronica, the 9 y/o great niece of Helen Vasquez, Lot 190.

Mike and Sue Lesko were our “scoopers” and Doug Howison provided the “muscle” as we moved the school supplies around. **This is a great community!!**

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this a successful campaign. By the way, I still have money to do more shopping.



~ In Loving Memory ~

We honor Beacon Terrace residents who have died this past year.

12-?-21
Kaye Caravaglio #106

1-8-22
Chet Davis #287

1-8-22
Jeanine Lemke #124

1/30/22
Lori Parnell formerly #2

2-23-22
Frank Riley # 182

3-14-22
Velma Seitz Formerly #235

3/16/22
Clyde Holiday formerly #214

3/18/22
Ron Cottingham #220

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6-20-22
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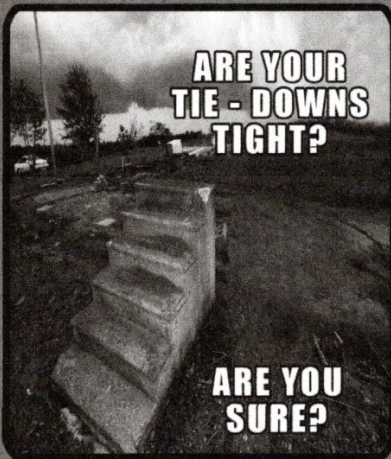
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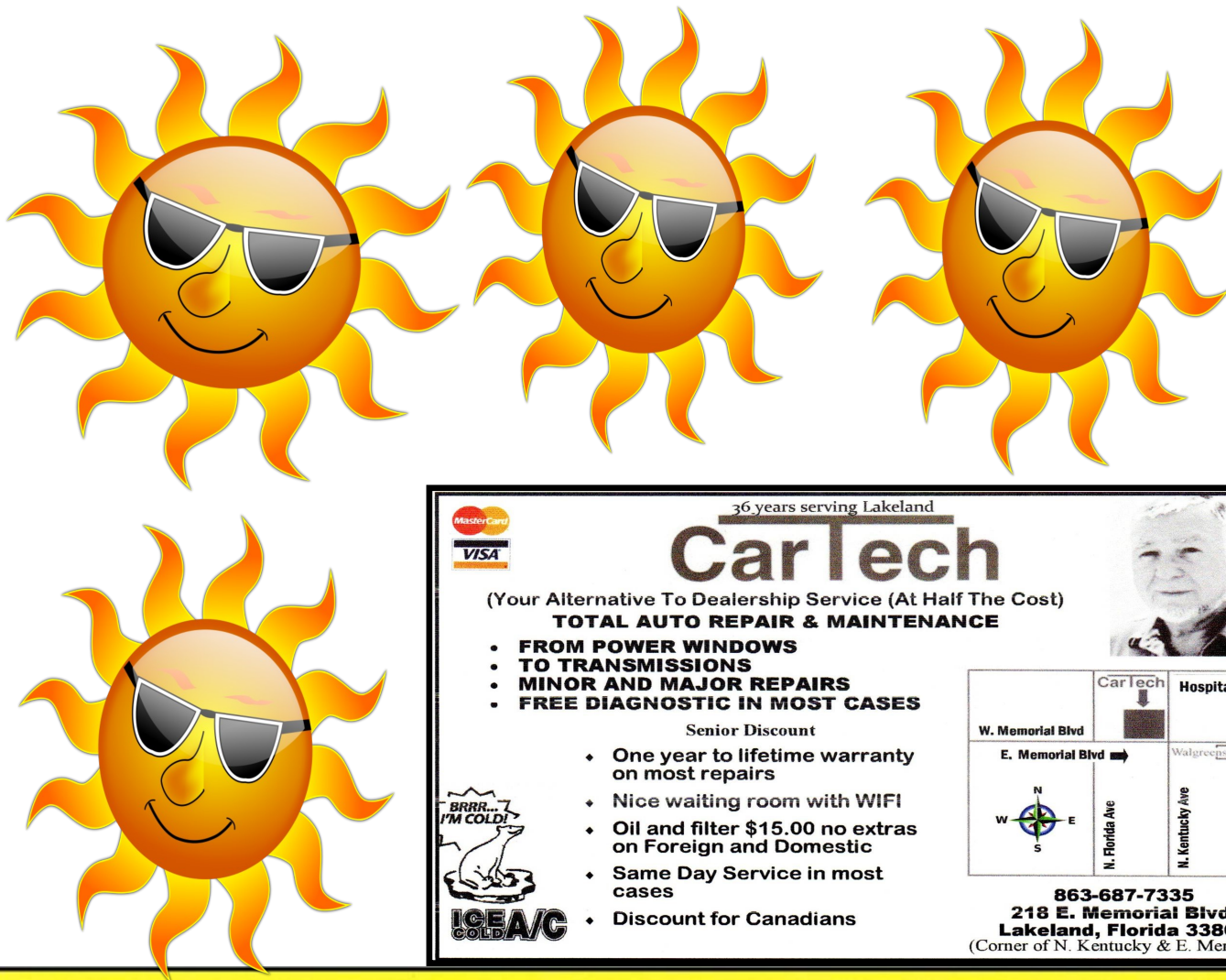
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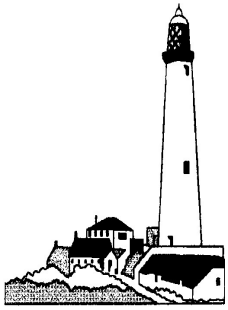
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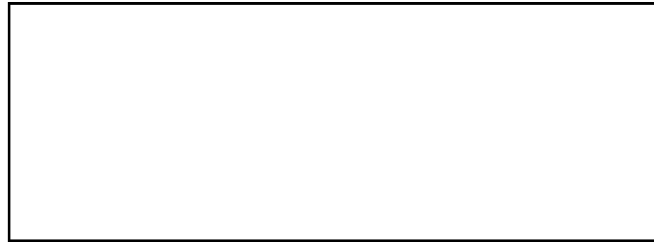


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