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Dear Residents,

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year!

As we celebrate the New Year, it's out with the old and in with the new! I hope everyone has a wonderful starting of the New Year and it brings new and exciting things.

As you see, our activities department has been very busy planning wonderful activities. We are starting off with a New Year Tea Party on January 5th. Shopping at a discounted clothing store in Jensen on January 13th. Johnny Cash would be joining us again on January 19th and joining him will be MS Patsy Cline. Don & Annette will be performing on January 30th. Also we have lots of crafts and other exciting things to do. We hope that you all would be joining in all the fun!

Please be sure to check out the calendar for upcoming activities.

I wish you all an outstanding January and can't wait to see what this month brings!

Lisa Synakowski

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## LOBSTER Ravioli Carbonara







Dollie T.



Soft lobster filled pasta pillows, sautéed w/ cream, parmesan, applewood smoked ham and peas

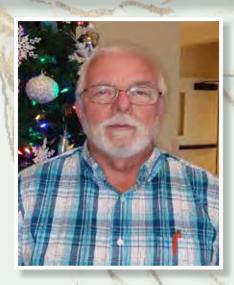


## Funny RIDDLES

Answers on back cover.

- 1) What is a New Year's resolution?
- 2) What's a cow's favorite holiday?
- 3) What did the little champagne bottle call his father?
- 4) Where can you go to practice math on New Year's Eve?
- 5) What did the farmer give his wife on New Year's Eve?
- 6) What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve?
- 7) What is a corn's favorite holiday?





Jim was born on August 3rd 1956 in Newton, Missouri. His dad was in the Army and served as a Master Sergeant for 20 years and his mom took care of the house. He has one older brother, who he looked up to as a child. His favorite childhood memory was, going fishing with the family. Since he lived in a town that was close to four states that bordered each other, his family would go to Arkansas and Oklahoma to fish. They lived on a farm, where they raised their own meat, vegetables and fruit. He also mentioned, that his mom used to can food for the winter and was placed in a well house. The well house was a structure that was built around a well and he explained that in the winter months it will help the water not to freeze and kept the food cool.

Jim attended Neosho High School. He was more of a laid back person, really didn't have any interest in participating in any school activities, but did very well in school.

Something that you might now know about Jim, he plays the Piano. He took lessons as a child, something his parents wanted him to be involved in. He still plays the piano till this day. He sometimes will volunteer to play at his church. His favorite music to play is old time gospel and quartet music. Some other things that Jim enjoys doing is, woodworking, still loves to fish, puzzles and Sudoku.

He met his wife online, they spoke for a couple of weeks before meeting for the first time. They dated for four months before getting married. He has one daughter and one stepson.

Most important lesson learned in life, when in doubt, pray, and if that doesn't work, keep praying. Somethings that made the most impact on his life, was in 1986 when the Challenger blew up and 9/11. Life advice he will pass along to his grandchildren, work hard and save for the future, so you would always have something left when you are not able to work anymore.

Jim worked in maintenance for over twenty five years. He moved to Sarasota, Florida in 2007 and worked for a mobile home and RV Park for ten years. He moved here to Okeechobee in 2017.

Jim said working here at Grand Oaks keeps him busy, there is always something to do, also staff and residents are very friendly.



