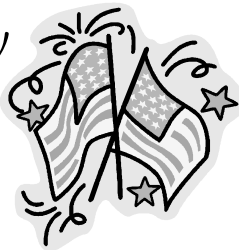


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*Have A Happy
Independance
Day*



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INDEPENDENCE DAY FRIDAY, JULY 4th

As we all look forward to the coming 4th of July weekend, we also should remember what this day is symbolic of, and reflect on the fact that we are a free country and are privileged to live in America . The following anthem is written for a free world:

“LIBERTY”

*We can say what we feel
And know in our hearts
That every word is real
We can question all the answers
Without fear to find the truth
We can lift our eyes to heaven
And believe in the God we choose
Liberty
Reaching out to the world
The flags of freedom unfurled
Liberty
Forever we will be
Forever proud and free
We can sing out loud our own song
And know we have the right
The right to be wrong
We can soar like an eagle
In blue and endless skies
And all throughout our journey
Never compromise
And we all share a dream
A dream that will never die
That someday everyone
Will hold their heads up high
And be given
What should not be denied*

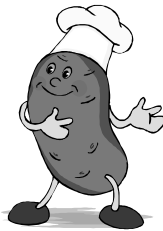
**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE
4TH OF JULY!**



BON APPETIT!

German Potato Salad

- 4 potatoes
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- salt and pepper to taste



Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes; cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool and chop.

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside. Reserve bacon fat.

Add the flour, sugar, water and vinegar to skillet and cook in reserved bacon fat over medium heat until dressing is thick.

Add bacon, potatoes and green onions to skillet and stir until coated. Cook until heated and season with salt and pepper. Serve warm.

Strawberry Trifle

- 1 [5 ounce] package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 [9 inch] angel food cake, cut in cubes
- 4 bananas, sliced
- 1 [16 ounce] package frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1 [12 ounce] container frozen whipped topping, thawed



Prepare pudding with milk according to package directions.

In a trifle bowl or other glass serving dish, layer half the cake pieces, half the pudding, half the bananas, half the strawberries and half the whipped topping. Repeat layers. Cover and chill in refrigerator 4 hours before serving

Chuckle & Grin...

Nickel-Diming Johnny

There was a little boy named Johnny who used to hang out at the local corner market. The owner didn't know what Johnny's problem was, but the boys would constantly tease him.



They would always comment that he was two bricks shy of a load, or two pickles short of a barrel. To prove it, sometimes they would offer Johnny his choice between a nickel (5 cents) and a dime (10 cents) and John would always take the nickel — they said, because it was bigger. One day after John grabbed the nickel, the store owner took him aside and said "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. They think you don't know the dime is worth more than the nickel. Are you grabbing the nickel because it's bigger, or what?"

Slowly, Johnny turned toward the store owner and a big grin appeared on his face and Johnny said, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I have saved \$20!"

The Arrest

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down main street.

"But officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But officer, I just wanted to say——,"

"I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom!"

Smile

Remember, amateurs built the ark, Professionals built the titanic.

Marriage

A married couple is like a pair of scissors: inseparable: joined after moving in opposite directions; but punishing anyone who comes between them.

From the Managers...

From time to time the owners and staff at Burkhart Ridge like to take the time to thank those residents who truly try to make our community an attractive well cared for place to live. If you are one of the following residents, we want you to know how much we appreciate having you. So, please pat yourselves on the back if you are one of those who:

- Pick-up after your pets on a daily basis and keep them on leashes.
- Park in your drives and not on the streets, and make sure your guests do the same.
- Keep your vehicles in working order and not leaking all over the drives.
- Make your children aware of the community rules and make sure they follow them.
- Keep your lawns mowed, watered and picked up.
- Put your trash cans away in a timely manner.
- Obey the speed limit signs and see to it your guests do the same.
- Make complaints in writing to the management.
- Turn your loud music down while driving in the community.
- Use the emergency pager for emergencies only.
- Are courteous of the other residents who reside in the community.

Most of all, we would like to thank you for being patient with us in the long awaited completion of the clubhouse and pool. We're almost done and we hope you will enjoy using the facilities.

Pool Rules and Regulations

A copy of the pool rules and regulations are now available at the Welcome Center. All residents over the age of 18 must sign an acceptance form before you are allowed to use the pool. Access cards will not be needed at this time to enter the pool area. These cards will be issued once the clubhouse is fully operational.



Lights Out!

Do you have a broken street light near your home? If so, please call the Welcome Center as soon as possible. We will be doing street light repair in the next few weeks. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Reservations



Please make sure if you wish to reserve the pavilion or clubhouse for any function, please call the office to ensure that your requested date is still available. The rental of these facilities will be on a first come first serve basis. Picnic tables are on order for the pavilion and should be in place some time in July. There is no fee to reserve the pavilion; however, there will be a deposit fee and a fee for on-site security for rental of the clubhouse. These fees have yet to be determined. Please check future newsletters for more updates.

Playground Use

Remember, all children are to be supervised while at the Community playgrounds. Our office has received several complaints of children abusing the playground, throwing wood chips as well as interfering with the enjoyment of the neighboring residents. It is not the Community's or your neighbors' job to watch your children. Children are to be supervised at all times by an adult. In addition, we ask all parents to remind their children that homes near playgrounds do not have public rest rooms. If your child needs to use the bathroom, please see that s/he knows to come home and not to bother the neighboring homeowners to use their rest room.



The Grass is Always Greener



Just a reminder that the key to a healthy lawn is proper watering. Even though we have had a wet Spring, your lawn only remembers if it rained last night. Please see that your lawn gets the water that it needs. Watering late in the day or in the early morning is the best time. Watering during the hot noon sun can actually cook your lawn. If you wish to install an irrigation system, please contact our office so we may point out any utility locations as well as give some pointers on installation methods. Installing an irrigation system may have a substantial up front cost, but in the end will pay for itself by more effectively managing your water usage and placement as well as saving you endless hours of moving hoses and adjusting sprinklers.

Did You Know...?












- A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5.00 bill.
- Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- "I am." Is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- No word in the English language rhymes with the words month, orange, silver or purple.



You Know You Work In Corporate America If.....

- You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
- Your company welcome sign is attached with Velcro.
- Your resume is on a diskette in your pocket.
- You learn about your layoff on CNN.
- Your supervisor doesn't have the ability to do your job.
- You sit in a cubicle smaller than your bedroom closet.
- Salaries of the members on the executive board are higher than all the Third World countries annual budgets combined.
- It's dark when you drive to and from work.
- "Communication" is something your group is having problems with.
- You're already late on the assignment you just got.
- Your boss's favorite lines are "when you get a few minutes", "in your spare time", "when you get freed up", and "I have an opportunity for you".
- The only reason you recognize your kids is because their pictures are hanging in your cube.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 RENT DUE <i>Canada Day</i>	2  <i>National Literacy Day</i>	3	4  <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Office Closed
6 LATE FEES ASSESSED FOR ALL LATE RENTS Office Closed	7	8  <i>Liberty Bell Day (1835)</i>	9	10	11	12  Fowlerville Fair Begins Office Closed
13  <i>International Puzzle Day</i> Office Closed	14	15	16  Apollo 11 Mission (1969)	17  First U.S. Paper Money (1861)	18	19 Office Closed
20  Fowlerville Fair Ends Office Closed	21	22	23  Ice Cream Cone Invented (1904)	24	25	26 Office Closed
27 Office Closed	28  World War I Began (1914)	29  N.A.S.A. Created (1958)	30	31 U.S. Patent Office Opened (1790)		