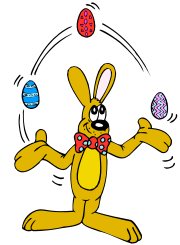




Welcome Lazy Dazers To  
Tucalota Springs RV Park  
Hosted by the Outbacks



Lake Perris was super green (after all it was St. Patrick's Day), especially beautiful, often quiet and always sunny. We had 44 rigs in camp enjoying hiking with Di, walking with Mother Nature, meeting with Peggy and the ladies, drawing with Jane and tossing washers with Gary. There were opportunities to go out for corned beef and cabbage, attend the American Indian Cultural Celebration at the Museum, wander down to see the classic car show or hike to the top of the mountain (Eliot).

Thank you, Lazy Daze friends, for supporting our little group. Even though the Backscratchers have disbanded, we will be there for you on future outings.

Submitted by our dear friend Verona McCutheon



Photos by John Fisher



# **WOMEN ONLY**

*Peggy Zabel (The Pegster)*

Hi Ladies,

The 4th Annual Lady Dazers Sew-a-Thon will be held on Thursday morning at the May Live Oak Caravan outing. We will be making **Binky's** for a Binky Patrol chapter located in Riverside.

This is the Binky Patrol mission statement: All volunteer, national, non-profit organization making and distributing homemade blankets to children born HIV+, drug-addicted, infected with AIDS or other chronic & terminal illnesses, those who are abused, in foster care or experiencing trauma of any kind.

## **What is a binky????**

A binky is a homemade blanket that can be sewn, knitted, crocheted or quilted. They range in size from 3 feet square up to twin bed size. (Sometimes we get requests for smaller binkies, 2' x 2' for our little Premie babies, stroller size and our Binky Angels.)

## **We will be making No-Sew Fleece Binky blankets.**

***\*\*\*You do not need to sew! All you need is some fleece fabric and a pair of scissors.\*\*\****

**Binky Patrol** "We used to say 'Any size,' but recent feedback from foster moms - not wanting to sound ungrateful - is that binkies need to be at least 36" x 36" and up to twin bed size for the older teens." They should all have a Binky Patrol label sewn in any one corner. Labels will be provided to any volunteers who can and are able to sew the labels on the blankets.

## **Binky Patrol instructions:**

Using the scissors you cut 1" strips like fringe into the edges of the fabric (about 4-5" deep), then simply tie the fringe in a square knot.

## **I have also included instructions (with a pattern) from Project Linus.**

Di Filler brought two fleece blankets on which she had crocheted the edges. They were beautiful!

What **YOU** can bring to the Sew-a-Thon:

## **The pattern calls for:**

1 ½ yards fleece fabric (fleece is usually 50-60" wide)

## **Items to bring to Live Oak:**

- Fleece
- Cutting board
- Rotary cutter or scissors

**\*\*We need a few people to bring their sewing machines and/or sergers with thread.**

**\*\*\*And....anything else you sewers out there suggest but I have forgotten.**

## **Please label your items.**

I am looking forward to doing this project for needy children with a great bunch of Lady Dazers! If you do not want to sew, **please consider donating some fleece** for our project. With a Joanne's 50% off coupon you can purchase quite a bit of fleece. Donated fleece would be much appreciated!

Please join us even if it is only to see what we are doing and giving moral support.

Any questions? Email me at [peggyzabel@gmail.com](mailto:peggyzabel@gmail.com)

The Pegster

# No Sew Fleece Blanket

## You will need:

Fleece: 1½ yard piece or choose your own custom size. (Fleece is usually 50-60" wide)

"Ruler or Shape Cut Ruler and Rotary Cutter": Works best to create neatly cut fringe. If you are using scissors, make sure your cuts are clean, even, and straight with no frayed edges.

This blanket is simply made in 5 easy steps.

### Step #1: (Fig. 1)

**VERY IMPORTANT!** Before you begin, **trim off selvage edges** and square uneven edges as needed.



Figure 1

### Step #2: (Fig. 2)

Cut a 4" square from each corner of the fleece.

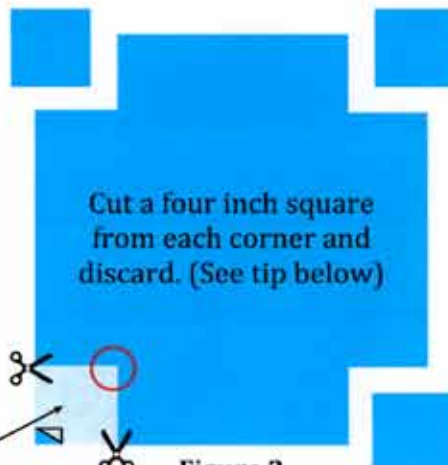


Figure 2

### Step #3: (Fig. 3)

Cut 4" x 1" wide fringe around blanket

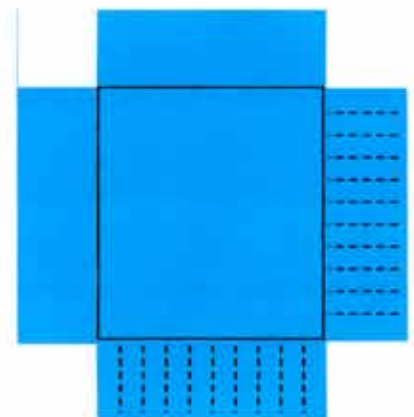
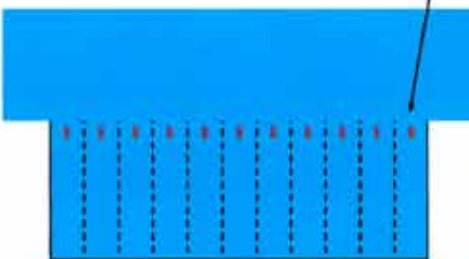


Figure 3

*Tip: Cut a 4" piece of fabric or batting to use as your corner template. (Fig. 2) It won't slip and will make cutting easier. Using your ruler and rotary cutter cut vertically and horizontally (arrow) ALMOST to the corner (red circle) but NOT QUITE. Then use your scissors to finish the corner cut. This will give you a crisp, clean cut and you won't cut into the neighboring fringe. NOTE: Fringe may be cut in 1/2" or 1" increments.*

### Step #4:

Using a seam ripper, make a tiny slit at top of each fringe piece.



### Step #5:

Feed the end of the fringe through the back side of the slit you just cut and pull through to create a neat and secure fringed edge.



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# Caravan Anniversaries

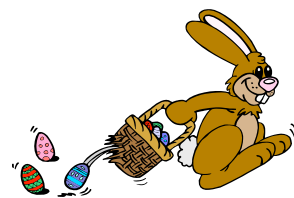
Caravans	Rig #	Members
100	2886	John & Caryl Fisher
150	2638	Gary & Velna Wells
200	2037	Willie & Ruthie Judd
200	2285	Lurlie Edgecomb
300	1222	Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Congratulations on achieving these milestones.  
I did not have photos at time of this posting.

# The nesting birds of Lake Perris



# Some of us enjoyed St. Patricks Day at Jenny's



# Caravan Anniversary Photos



John & Caryl Fisher — 100 Caravans



Gary & Velna Wells — 150 Caravans



Willie & Ruthie Judd — 200 Caravans



Lurlie Edgecomb — 200 Caravans



Vern & Charlene Tutterrow — 300 Caravans



# Washer Toss



## Washer Toss Winners:

Fourteen teams enjoyed a warm morning with sunshine that we had not seen for the passed two Caravans. The weeds were a small problem with a washer getting lost now and then but the players persevered and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Claude Potts and Georgeann Lovett were victorious in the Winners Bracket defeating Marlin Zabel and Donna LaPorte, sending them to the Losers Bracket where they defeated Jon Van Wongerghem and Verona McCutcheon.

Marlin and Donna had to defeat Claude and Georgeann two games to win the tournament. However Claude and Georgeann were too much for them and were able to defeat Marlin and Donna in the first game of the play-off.

Congratulations to Claude and Georgeann for a game well played.

Looking forward to the May Caravan, all you guys and gals remember the Mickey / Minnie Mouse Tournament at Live Oak. Choose your own teams and sign up as a team.

Gary Wells



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

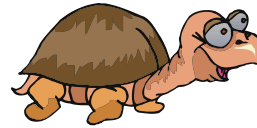
Bill Arthur  
Backscratchers  
Betty Boschma  
Debbie Bowling  
Herb & Carlynn Christian  
Jim & Ann Cook  
Bob & Di Filler  
Carol Harter  
Carol Kratzer  
Donna LaPorte  
Ken & Linda Palmer  
Claude & Carol Potts  
Rosie Reeder  
Don & Millie Reiner  
Roadrunners  
Bob Schmahl  
Mike & Margaret Skinner  
Dan Stiegler  
Steve Tivy  
Vern & Charlene Tutterrow  
Robert & Joanne Wayne  
Greg & Sandy Young

## Goodwill Abassador Report

At Large, SHIRLEY McKINNEY, #2049 has taken a fall and was in Long Beach Memorial Hospital. She has now been moved to their rehab center.

Drifter, JANE FLETCHER, 1658 had her gall bladder removed 3/20.

Drifter, ED WIDMER, 944, at our last caravan had to call 911 after feeling some discomfit. He is at home now. He is ready for his party in the April Caravan.



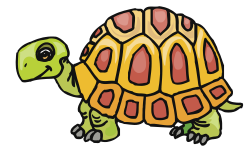
## Painted Turtle

Painted Turtle 2017 Summer Camp is getting together all the necessary items to make camp a memorable time. I know several of you are making afghans and possibly turtle pillow slips. Currently I will try to be at Live Oak on a Friday to pick up what ever you have to offer at the Saturday morning Craft Show.

I have been receiving some donations for those who want to contribute but do not make afghans or sew. Since the Painted Turtle Camp is run on all donations, money is gratefully accepted. Thank you Lydia Granger for donating in Carol Hurley's name. I am sure she is smiling about your contribution.

Again thanks to all who knit, crochet and sew for this very worthy cause.

Jane Farwell

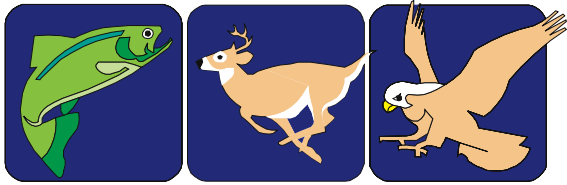


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# Mother Nature

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285

Thursday's Nature Walk did take place at Lake Perris in March thanks to Bob Filler #2981 and his tow car. Four Lazy Dazers made their way downhill to the picnic area and walked to the bottom of the hilly point of land that separates Moreno and Perris Beaches. That small hill has about a dozen eucalyptus trees. Looking way up we could see 5 or more wide nests. After staring for a while we could make out long-necked, big-billed great blue herons. Walking around the fence to the east, we decided there were 7 herons at 5 nests. They do appear to be the same nests as in years past. They were watching us watch them.

Way in the distance, we could see what appeared to be Tonka trucks and a backhoe digging up loads of dirt to do some remedial fill at the dam. Word has it that there is a previously unknown earthquake fault in this region so the state has decided to be proactive. For now the trail around the lake is closed to humans. Wonder what the coyotes think of this? I didn't hear any during our 4 nights in the park.

We saw a fisherman get a pan-sized fish while standing in a boat while others in boats were seated and a lone kayaking fisherman was paddling near the shore. A young couple gave up the effort as frogs croaked their good-byes. The great blues fish this lake close to the shore, but will also take pocket gophers and ground squirrels from their holes in the lawn, and mollusks and frogs in shallow waters.

A fence lizard and then a jack rabbit scurried away at our approach. One or two hummingbirds and black phoebes appeared during our stroll. The rains have accelerated the erosion around the fenced area. We had to keep watching where we put our feet so keeping track of how many birds we were seeing wasn't too great. An osprey sitting atop a broken dead tree took flight while looking for a meal of fresh fish. It may be the top avian predator here as the most recent bald eagle count found none at Lake Perris. A few minutes later, a turkey vulture did a flyover at the point of land and along the beach.

Coyote droppings were seen near the picnic area. Typically their excrement is very dry with squirrel and/or rabbit hairs binding the lumps together. Desert animals, including the coyotes, have developed the ability to retain as much moisture as possible from their droppings. Necessary because they often do not have access to a water supply, certainly not a reliable one and so their dung is dry.

In camp we saw robins and California towhees checking the soil for anything edible. The larger robins were easy to identify--yellow beaks and rusty red breast feathers. Towhees will do a chicken-like hop when pecking at the ground and then is when you can see their rusty orange under-the-bottom feathers. Otherwise they seem to be an even brown with a darker brown head. And then there were the crows. Perhaps, they should have been named the state bird. There certainly are enough of them and they can be noisy. What we didn't see were cormorants and coots at the lake. There were a few western grebes diving from the water's surface. Their legs are so far back on their bodies that they really are inefficient at walking and so stay on the water. No quail or roadrunners were reported in camp. No white pelicans this year or egrets, either. Next year we will be at Perris a month earlier so we may be too early for the herons to be nesting, but there may be other waterfowl in migration. We'll need to have all of you looking and letting me in on what you see.

Mother Nature/Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



# LAZY DAZE CELEBRATION COOKOUT

## Celebrate Ed Widmer's 325th Caravan and 90th Birthday at Tocalota Springs



**Date: Friday, April 21, 2017**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. Dinner**

**Ed Widmer** is celebrating his 325th caravan—the first person to reach that milestone. And, he is celebrating his 90th Birthday.

In honor of both achievements, we'll holding a BBQ potluck dinner. Please bring your food, drinks, and good wishes to Ed, who has been a long-time dedicated member and volunteer of our Lazy Daze Club.

If you have any photos of Ed from early caravans you'd like to share, please make copies. We're sure he'd enjoy having them.

- **You're invited to bring your hamburgers to cook along with buns and a side dish to share**
- **Fixin's will be provided by the club (cheese, mustard, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles & onions)**
- **Dining will be available outside and indoors**
- **Celebration Cake will be provided by the Drifters**