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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

We Mourn the Loss of Frank



Cheers to you, Frank!

For the past few years, Frank fought the battle against cancer. Through it all his sense of humor came through. Just two days before he passed away he joked about how many ambulance rides he had had in the previous three months!

Frank founded WMJW, 92.1, Nanticoke, PA and owned it until 1987. Prior to WMJW Frank worked at WGBI on air and at WNAK as an announcer and station manager. Frank later moved to Texas and was a Winter Texan TV reporter for KRGV-TV for a number of years.

Frank was instrumental in founding Natures Resort. He, Rich S, and Pool Richard planned and plotted, and eventually in 2000 Frank and Rich S bought the land and Natures Resort went from a dream to a reality. Frank was instrumental in setting up the guidelines and policies of the resort which created the

tone and personality of Natures as we know it today.

Frank retired from KRGV-TV and spent a few quiet years taking a back seat at Natures, enjoying his life at the resort. Then, towards the end of 2007, Frank came out of retirement and became the familiar face behind the counter in the Natures' office. This is the Frank with whom we are most familiar. He always had time for a chat, a joke (followed by "That was a funny" - lest he be misunderstood) and, to the delight of all of us with a sweet tooth, he started the tradition of a candy jar in the office.

To our great sorrow, our beloved Frank passed away on December 1, 2015. We will be having a "Celebration of Life" for Frank on January XXXX during which everyone will have an opportunity to share a fond memory of Frank. We will also be making a Memory book - One copy to go to Frank's family, and one copy to be kept in our library. Everyone who knew Frank is invited to email us anything that they would like to have included in the memory book.

Frank touched the lives of everyone who knew him, and every one of us has a special place for him in our hearts. He will always be missed and never forgotten.

Frank's good friend, Vince, spent the last couple of years caring for Frank, taking him to doctor appointments, making sure that he had proper care while in hospital, and that he had everything that he needed. We are most grateful to Vince for all that he did for Frank.

Tidbits from the Spirit of Speckles!

I'm so sad about Frank. I especially miss his smiling face.



We have been very busy in December and there is lots to report on.

- The evening started off with everyone having fun taking turns to pick a gift from the table, then suddenly people started doing dreadful things. I can't believe that our nice Natures' family could be so mean! Instead of picking a gift from the table they stole someone else's gift! And other people laughed when they did this! I just don't understand people. Apparently it was all in fun, but the whole thing seemed strange to me!
- Denis & Francine have again dressed the Stop sign up for the season. I don't know where they get all their ideas!
- Once again the Fun Association scheduled a hot dog and hamburger meal as a fund raiser. Hosts Steve & Sue and Greg & Rainy and all their helpers did a great job of organizing and running the event. Many thanks to them and to everyone who supported the fund raiser.
- What talented people we have at Natures. The first of two craft sales was held early in the month which gave everyone a chance to buy some unique and original gifts for Christmas (or for themselves!) Once again the organizers did a great job of organizing, setting up and taking down. Many thanks to Mel and her helpers.

- The giving spirit of Natures is alive and well! Five families in Monte Alto received big packages of food as well as gifts for a total of 23 children. Many thanks to everyone who bought gifts, donated food or gave monetary contributions. It's nice to know that we helped these five families enjoy a wonderful Christmas.

- The park looked so pretty! Many people decorated their lots with Christmas lights. If you haven't already done so, take a walk around the park at night and enjoy the decorations.



How do they get the lights so high up in the tree?



More Beautiful Christmas Lights

- On open mike night Pool Richard surprised everyone by getting up and

singing not one, but two songs! Apparently singing can make people do strange things. I didn't see it, but I heard that after his first song he chased Misty around the clubhouse with a broom! What was that about?

- On Christmas Eve many people gathered in the clubhouse for Wine and Cheese. This has become a wonderful tradition at Natures. Many thanks to Tom & Cat and their helpers for making this such an enjoyable evening.
- What a fantastic job Sylvain & Sylvie and all of their helpers did organizing the Christmas dinner. It was a fantastic feast! Many thanks to all who helped with this great event.
- Did you see this? Natures was blessed with a beautiful full rainbow!



A Lovely Rainbow!

That's all from me. I have a purrrrfectly wonderful surprise for you next month! Have a happy and healthy New Year!



Condolences

It is with great sadness that we report that Carol (Art) Lot #34 passed away on December 13th. Carol and Art have been members at NR for many years although they have not been here for quite awhile. Our condolences go out to Art and his family at this time of sorrow.

Something New and Different!

From time to time we hear people saying that they would enjoy having a different activity. Now you have one: The Renaissance Feast and Knighting! This is not a dance and has nothing to do with the Renaissance Rockers Band.

This is an exciting event that actually starts about two weeks prior to the Feast. If you wish to be knighted, you are asked to make a banner with your 'family crest'. Everyone also has the opportunity to vote for a King or Queen prior to the event. On January 4th, 5 names will be drawn, and these people will either be vying for the position or working hard to avoid the position of king or queen by getting people to either support them or support one of the other nominees by placing their coins in the various jars. (What a cool way to raise funds for the Fun Association!) The nominee with the most money will be crowned at the Feast.

And that is just the start of the fun. There will be other fun things happening during and after the feast, but you have to be there to find out "the rest of the story!"

Dress up, or dress down, but don't miss out! This is going to be a fun evening.

January Special Events

- 1st** 10:00 a.m. Brunch
- 1st** 12:00 noon Usher in the New Year with a cup of Moose Milk!
- 4th** 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive. Please sign up to donate a unit of life giving blood.
- 8th** Snack & Prep for Renaissance Feast and Knighting.
- 10th** 6:30 p.m. Join us in the clubhouse for cake and ice cream as we celebrate all the January birthdays & anniversaries.
- 11th** 7:00 p.m. Dance - Music by Walter Plant
- 16th** 9:00 a.m. Members Meeting. If you are at Natures you are a member and are encouraged to attend this meeting. Complimentary coffee and donut.
- 16th** 5:00 p.m. Don't miss out! This is a first for Natures and promises to be a very different and fun evening! Bring a dish to share.
- 17th** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Poker Run. \$5 entrance fee.
- 19th** 10:00 a.m. AARP Safe Driving Course. Please sign up in the 3 ring binder \$15 for AARP members. \$20 for non-members. Contact Ken, Lot #56 for more information.
- 23rd** 7:00 p.m. Dance Music provided by the Renaissance Rockers
- 30th** 7:00 p.m. Dance Music provided by The Kenastons

Weekly Activities

- Belly Dance Lessons:** 7:00 p.m. Thursday
- Bible Study:** 9:00 a.m. Card Room

- Bingo:** 6:15 p.m. Signup begins
6:45 p.m. Signup ends
7:00 p.m. Bingo starts
- Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday & 3rd Sunday. Sign-up required
- Bridge:** 11:00 a.m. Monday
- Campfire:** 5:00 p.m. Friday Bring your own hotdogs etc and something to drink.
- Cards:** 10:00 a.m. Saturday
7:00 p.m. Every Day
- Crafting:** 1:00 p.m. Friday. Pool Hall Bring whatever you are working on or just stop by for a chat!
- Country Club Dance Practice:** 7:00 p.m. Monday
- Darts:** 7:00 p.m. Saturday
- Exercise:** 8:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday
- Happy Hour:** 4:00 p.m. Wednesday
- Ladies Day:** 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month.
- Mexican Train:** 6:45 p.m. Wednesday
- Petanque:** 2:00 p.m. Every Day
- Pickle Ball:** 9:00 a.m. Every Day
- Water Aerobics:** 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Water Volleyball:** 2:00 p.m. Every day (Check Impromptu Board for more information)
- Wii Bowling:** 3:45 p.m. Tuesday
- Yoga (Advanced):** 9:00 a.m. Thursday
- Yoga (Beginner):** 9:00 a.m. Tuesday