



NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

Natures Reaches Out

Monte Alto

Monte Alto is a small town just north of Natures Resort. Many families in this area struggle to make ends meet and for many years Natures Resort has sponsored a number of families for Christmas making sure that all the children receive a bundle of Christmas gifts, a set of clothes, and each family is given a care package to ensure that they have a great Christmas dinner, plus a good supply of non-perishable foods and toiletries.



What an amazing pile of Gifts & Food to be distributed

This past Christmas the response from our Natures family was awesome. With the help of Santa, a trailer load of gifts and food were delivered to the six Monte Alto families. Many thanks to the crew who organized this outreach as well as all those who donated gifts, food and money. Because of you, 6 families were able to enjoy a wonderful Christmas, and make great memories to store in their memory banks!

Days for Girls

On a very different line, a group of ladies at Natures has become involved with *Days for*

Girls, an international organization that makes washable feminine hygiene kits which are distributed around the world. These kits enable girls to go to school during their monthly cycle. During distribution the girls are also educated on feminine hygiene. Last season the ladies made 150 kits which were distributed in Zambia. Over the summer 300 shields, 1,000 liners and 125 bags (the main components of each kit) were made giving the group a good jump start for this season. They will be sending 40 kits to Zambia in January, 2018 and have distributed 14 kits locally.

However, all of this could not have been done without the help of our generous Natures family as each kit costs about \$10.00. The major fund raiser is the raffle of a beautiful quilt made by Lynne, Lot 53. Many others have been generous with monetary donations to help defray the cost of the materials needed. Many thanks to Lynne as well as all those who have bought raffle tickets and those who have made a donation to DFG.

On the first Friday of each month there is a DFG workshop from noon to 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome to help with the kits. It is not necessary to have sewing skills, as there are many other steps in the kit making process that do not require sewing.

Shriners

This was a day to celebrate! Everyone who wanted Pool Richard to cut his shoulder length hair was asked to made a donation to witness the hair shearing. When Steve, Lot 214, heard that these donations were going to the Shriners, he said that he would allow his pony tail to be cut too. The crowd was large and amidst the cheering the two heads were

shaved. Thank you Richard and Steve for sacrificing your hair so that the Shriners could receive the \$510 in donations! And thank you to all who made donations.

***Tidbits from
Speckles, Natures
Proud Cat!***



How busy we have been! And what fun we have been having! The weather has not been very kind to us, but that has not stopped us from enjoying ourselves. Even when we had a little snow people made the most of it!



*It's Valerie's Fault!
She had a sign that said "Let it Snow!"*

- A dedicated group of people took time at the beginning of December to decorate the clubhouse for Christmas. Valerie also excelled with her decorating of the office. A big thank you to everyone who helped get us into the holiday spirit with the festive decorations.
- We have amazing talent at Natures, and were once again given the opportunity to purchase unique items from 11 crafters

at the Natures craft fair. Thanks to Jay & Lee for organizing this event.

- Once again the people here lost the giving spirit of Christmas and went crazy stealing each other's gifts at the gift exchange! I don't understand it, but they all seemed to be having fun. Thanks to Jan & Steve and their Elves for organizing this fun evening.
- Christmas is not Christmas without a parade. All Big Bill's creations were hauled out and riders were found for each one. Other people decorated their golf carts, themselves and/or their dogs and anything else that they could push or pull. Steve was up front with the music, and those not in the parade lined the streets. This has become a treasured tradition. Jim & Maryann were awarded first place for their decorated golf cart. Mark & Janice took first place for the best decorated lot. And, as always, Denis and Francine decorated the stop sign on the corner of their lot to coincide with the holidays.
- The Cheese & Wine party hosted by Tom & Kat on Christmas eve was a huge success. Lots of food, lots of games, lots of fun and good companionship!
- Christmas Dinner, always a special event at Natures, was very well organized by Andy & Kay and Nick & Phyllis and their helpers. As always, abundant food and good fellowship. Thanks to all who helped make this event such a success.

Now we start a New Year! I hope that all my Natures family will have a happy, healthy and purrrfect 2018. That's all from me!



January Special Events:

- 1st Moose Milk** 11:00 a.m.
- 2nd Blood Drive** Please sign up to donate your life saving blood.
- 4th Open Mike/Karaoke** 7:00 p.m.
- 5th Days for Girls Workshop** 12 - 3 p.m.
- 6th Breakfast** 8:00 a.m. Please sign up.
- 13th Breakfast** 8:00 a.m. Please sign up.
- 13th Dance** 7:00 p.m. Music by Renaissance Rockers
- 14th Cake & Ice Cream** 6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate all the January Birthdays & Anniversaries
- 14th Darts** 7:00 p.m. (Re-scheduled because of dance on 13th.)
- 18th Monte Carlo Night** 7:00 p.m. This is a new event and should be a fun evening. Come and see what it is all about.
- 20th Members Meeting** 9:00 a.m. If you are at Natures, you are a member and are encouraged to attend. Free coffee & Donut.
- 21st Open Mike/Karaoke** 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd Dance** 7:00 p.m. Music by Hellen Russell & Company
- 27th Breakfast** 8:00 a.m. Please sign up
- 28th Show** 7:00 p.m. Bill Chrastil

Weekly Schedule:

Monday:

- 8:00 a.m. Golf (outside park)
8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
9:15 a.m. Cardio & Weight Training

- 10:00 a.m. Ruthi's Line Dancing Lessons
1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball
7:00 p.m. Country Club Dance Night

Tuesday:

- 10:30 a.m. Bridge Lessons
1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball
3:45 p.m. Wii Bowling

Wednesday:

- 8:00 a.m. Golf (outside park)
8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
9:15 a.m. Cardio & Weight Training
1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball
4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Sandy's
6:30 p.m. Mexican Train Card Room

Thursday:

- 11:30 a.m. Veggie Joe
1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball
7:00 p.m. Euchre

Friday:

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
9:15 a.m. Cardio & Weight Training
1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
1:00 p.m. Crafting in the Corner
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball
5:00 p.m. Camp Fire
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Bingo Sales
7:00 p.m. Bingo

Saturday:

- 10:00 a.m. Texas Hold'em
1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball
7:00 p.m. Darts

Sunday:

- 1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot Card Room
2:00 p.m. Petanque
2:00 p.m. Volley Ball