

May 2021

# The Senior Gazette



I hope you all are doing well and getting ready to get back together as a group! Thank you to everyone who responded from the last newsletter with your thoughts on getting together! We're going to start small and do a Bingo this month with limited capacity at Heritage Hall – hope to see you there! Hopefully we will soon be doing our Lunch & Learns again and be back to all of our usual events by fall. We've all been cooped up for the last year and I hope you are enjoying the spring air and chirping birds and getting outside to stretch your legs!

One thing, or trillions of things actually, I don't think anyone is looking forward to outside is the arrival of the cicadas. These buggers emerge from the ground every 17 years. (Talk about a long isolation period!) I first learned about these crazy red-eyed insects when I was a young lass in the 80's. (They still gross me out!) Cicadas stay underground feeding off of tree roots until it's time for them to break free as teenagers to breed. They crawl out in enormous masses, take to the trees, shed their skin, try to avoid predators, and the males begin singing to attract the ladies. Their singing can be as loud as a lawnmower! After a very short "going steady" period, the females are ready to lay their eggs. They do so in the small branches of the trees. Six weeks later, the nymphs fall to the ground and burrow about 2' into the earth to start the cycle all over again.

They are not deft at flying so they may accidentally fly right into you. Cicadas are loud, obtrusive, and ugly but they don't bite or sting and they are not poisonous. They're not known to carry any diseases and are good sources of protein for birds, snakes, bats, and squirrels. They have been around for millions of years and are very beneficial to the trees they nibble on and lay eggs into. They are a part of nature and the fact they still come up shows our forests are in good shape. If you really do not want them in your trees, you can net smaller trees or spray water on the branches to get them to fall.



## BINGOOOO!!!

ARE YOU READY?!

**Tuesday, May 18 10:30am**

**Heritage Hall – across from the police station**

Limited capacity of 20 people.

Bring your own coffee or water.

If the 10:30am seats fill up, I'll add a 1:00 game!

Parking spots on Georgia St, by the playground, or  
in the gravel lot next to the police station.

Call Stacey at Village Hall to reserve your seat!

330-562-1234





ABDOMEN  
ANT  
ANTENNAE  
ARTHROPOD  
BEE  
BEETLE  
BUTTERFLY

CHRYSALIS  
CICADA  
COCKROACH  
COCOON  
CRICKET  
DRAGONFLY  
EGG

ENTOMOLOGY  
EXOSKELETON  
FLEA  
FLY  
GRASSHOPPER  
HORSEFLY  
INVERTEBRATE

LADYBUG  
LARVA  
METAMORPHOSIS  
MOSQUITO  
MOTH  
PARASITE  
PRAYING MANTIS

PUPA  
STICK BUG  
TERMITE  
THORAX  
WASP

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes woke Watson up and said, "Watson, look up at the sky, tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." Holmes said, "And what do you deduce from that?" Watson answered, "Well, if there are millions of stars and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like Earth out there. There might also be life." And Holmes said, "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."

**Hardy  
Har  
Har!**

I was kidnapped by mimes.

They did unspeakable things to me.

CROSS-EYED TEACHER  
LOSES JOB,  
COULD NOT CONTROL  
HER PUPILS.

What's the difference between a dirty bus station and a lobster with breast implants?

One's a crusty bus station and the other's a busty crustacean.

**Why did the cowboy adopt a weiner dog?**

**He wanted to get a long little doggy.**



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