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NOTES FROM GARY MAGRINO

I wish a very Happy New Year to our residents and staff.

As January approaches our resort becomes busier than ever. We have 31 rigs arriving on New Year's Day! Please welcome all your new neighbors with your characteristic friendliness. Invite those who are new to our resort to join you as you enjoy your favorite activities.

Skyweb, the Michigan company that has been installing our new WiFi system throughout the park, is nearly finished troubleshooting their installation. I ask that you continue to use the new system as much as you wish so that we can effectively test the system under the stress of a full resort. This is your opportunity to help us ensure that the system meets all your internet needs going forward. I don't want to sign-off on the system until you are satisfied. If you have any difficulties, please call Skyweb directly at 844-641-9011. Our staff does not have the training to diagnosis WiFi issues, only Skyweb can troubleshoot problems. When you call Skyweb, you will reach their offices in Michigan. I hear from residents that they have been returning calls within 10 minutes and solving issues within 20 minutes. That's good service!

I expect that sometime near the end of January we will be launching our premium service with daily, weekly, and monthly rates for high speed WiFi. The basic Wifi service throughout the resort will remain complementary to all our guests.

In other news of facility improvements, I'm happy to announce that a third new heater has

been installed for the swimming pool. I expect the water will be pleasantly warm all winter. We have received the Pickle Ball equipment to convert the tennis courts into temporary Pickle Ball courts. The nets will be installed as soon as the Pickle Ball players inform me that the number of players exceeds the current court capacity. We have the ability to install two more Pickle Ball courts, increasing our current capacity by 50%.

I am very pleased with the reviews I'm hearing of the food in the 19th Hole Restaurant. You'll see that our new menu includes many new favorites. Darin tells me you'd never believe how much meatloaf our residents eat! Some of our dinner customers have commented that they'd like the ambiance improved for evening dining. In response, in January I have a lighting and design company coming to make design recommendations and submit a proposal for improvements. Look forward to a more intimate dining experience soon.

Our golf course maintenance crew is working hard to perfect the conditions. We have now reduced watering to two times per week to eliminate the muddy conditions that occurred after the rain last month.

Lastly, we have revitalized our Facebook page. Please "like" and "follow" us to see frequent photos of events happening throughout the resort. Even better, "share" our posts with your friends so they can see what a wonderful time you have enjoying the warm weather of the Yuma winter.

--- Gary

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19th HOLE RESTAURANT

The 19th Hole Restaurant is lead by Executive Chef Darin Brinkley. Darin, a Yuma native, has spent a lifetime cooking starting as a teenager at the Kachina Restaurant (now known as The Landings). Darin progressed from helper to prep cook and by the time he graduated from high school he was the Executive Sous Chef at the old Stardust Hotel Resort here in Yuma. After serving the United States for 5 years in the U.S. Air Force, Darin returned to Yuma and ran restaurants at the Yuma Golf and Country Club, Desert Hills Golf Club, and most recently at Fisher's Landing. Cocopah welcomed Darin to the 19th Hole Restaurant in November 2017. Since arriving at the 19th Hole Restaurant, Darin has greatly improved the food quality and introduced many new menu items. In addition to the new regular menu, Darin is featuring occasional Thursday dinner specials, the Friday Fish Fry (\$7.50), and the Saturday prime rib dinner (\$13.95). All menu items are available for take-out. Call the 19th Hole at 928-722-7593.

JANUARY 19TH HOLE RESTAURANT THURSDAY DINNER SPECIALS

Jan 10 – Moules Frites (mussels & fries) with garlic bread and soup or salad - \$9.95

Jan 24 – Beef Tips & Mushroom Ravioli with sweet pepper ragu, vegetable and garlic bread, and soup or salad - \$12.95

The regular menu is always available.

CANTINA

Under the direction of Kathy Schmidt, manager of the Cantina, the Cantina is introducing a varied menu on Friday nights. Look for a rotating schedule of pizza (\$2/slice), sloppy joe's & chips (\$4.), and tacos (\$2. each). There will be signs in the Cantina each week announcing the Friday menu. As always, residents enjoy hamburger night on Tuesdays starting at 4:30 pm. (\$5. for a burger & chips.) Hotdogs (\$3.), soft pretzels with mustard or nacho cheese (\$2.50), and chips with nacho cheese or salsa (\$2.) are available every day.

FACEBOOK

Cocopah RV wants to spread the word about all the fun the residents enjoy. Check out the Cocopah Bend RV and Golf Resort Facebook page for frequent pictures and updates of sightings around the resort. Click [Cocopah Bend RV & Golf Resort Facebook](#) . We appreciate it when you "like" and "follow" us; we want your friends to see all our good times. If you see something fun and interesting – send a picture and information to gazette@cocopahrv.com for possible inclusion on the Facebook page. If you let us know who took the picture, we will give you photo credit.

SOUP NIGHT

The January Soup Night potluck will be held on Monday, January 7th. Each household brings a crockpot of soup, salad, or dessert to share. So that there is enough food for everyone, please bring enough to feed 10-12 people. Bring your own tableware, bowls and plates, glasses,

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napkins, and drinks. Happy Hour starts at 4:00 pm, Soup & Salad at 5:00 pm. Sign up in Activities so there are enough tables set-up for everyone. No charge.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, January 19, the **Old Time Rock 'n Roll Band**, the most popular band to visit Cocopah, will provide rock dancing music from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Tickets cost \$6.00 in advance at Activities or at the door.



HORSE RACES

The first round of the Horse races will be held on Monday, January 14 beginning at 5:00 pm. Gather a group for a potluck table and sign up in Activities. No charge.

CARE FOR DOGS

Calling all dogs! Please instruct your owners that they must ensure that dogs are never on

the golf course or in the vegetable fields and that they must pick up dog waste immediately.

WALK, TALK & SHOP

Cocopah hosts **Walk, Talk & Shop** on the first Saturday of each month. **Walk, Talk & Shop** is a community sale where residents sell items at their site and shop at other sites in the park – a great big community yard sale. Items are usually put outside either on the driveway or deck so that when driving by the items are easy to spot. Larger items such as furniture may be announced with a sign. Sellers should have items displayed by 9:00 am. The sale continues until noon. This is also an opportunity for residents to offer “Free” items to fellow residents. On Saturday, January 5th, get in your golf cart and drive the roads of our community looking for the perfect find. The next opportunity will be February 2, 2019.

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Monday, January 14th in the ballroom from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The ballroom will be full of vendors. Come and see the interesting crafts the vendors have available for sale. Anyone interested in being a vendor or has questions regarding the Craft Fairs, please call Joyce Prince at 503-307-5982.

GOLF CART PARADE

The winners of the Golf Cart Parade held on December 6th were: in the Park Model category, 1st Place Site 699 - Ross Wiebe, 2nd Place Site 351 - Phil and Flo Curran, and 3rd Place Site 277 - Myron and Michelle Chuchmich. In the

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RV category 1st Place Site 699 - Bob and Vickie Rafferty, 2nd Place Site 230 - Ray and Veronica Gerow, and 3rd Place Site 220 - Tim and Lois Klotz. In the Golf Cart and Scooter category 1st Place with the Gingerbread Man - Sue and Rich Nichols, 2nd Place with the White Christmas Tree with blue lights around the golf cart - Don and Barbara Robertson, and 3rd Place with the Reindeer on a Lighted Scooter Cart and the dog dressed as Snoopy - Jesse Bunn, Stephanie Ringer and their dog Bailey. Winners were awarded gift certificates to the 19th Hole Restaurant.

BICYCLE PATROL

Watch for the Cocopah Security Bicycle Patrol!



RESIDENT PHOTO BOOK

Cocopah has engaged the company “Life Touch” to produce a 2018-2019 resident photo book. Residents should sign-up for a personal photo shoot in the Activities Office. “Life Touch” will be taking resident photos through February 2nd but it is important that residents sign-up for a scheduled time as soon as possible. Each site

will receive a Cocopah Resident Photo Book and one personal photo at no charge. Additional photos will be available for purchase. The completed photo books are expected to be available in early March.

WATERCOLOR AND ALCOHOL INKS

Artist-in-Residence Judy Wright teaches Watercolor painting on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - noon and Alcohol Inks on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Both classes take place in the Ceramics Room.

CARD MAKING

Come and learn about card making. Every Thursday beginning January 3rd from 1pm to 3pm in Room 114 Sue Spicer leads a limited capacity class in making 3 different cards. Sue provides all the materials and participants use stamps, dies, embossed folders, and more to create unique cards that are ready for mailing. Charge for materials is \$5.00. Call Sue Spicer 530-241-8131 to be assured of a place in this limited number class.

Jewelry Making

Come to Room 104 on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to learn about jewelry making. Instructors Betti Smith and Deb Williams teach interesting jewelry making techniques. Learn wire wrapping, chain maille, and more. There are tools available for participants to borrow. Participants can purchase supplies or kits from the instructors. No experience needed. Class cost is \$2.00 plus materials.

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SCRAPBOOKING

The Scrapbooking group meets on Mondays at 1:00 pm in Room 114. Bring pictures and scrapbooking materials - various supplies, tools and materials are available for participants to use.

On January 7, 2019 there will be a special course on making a journal. The instructor will provide supplies and be offering kits for sale for \$20. If possible, participants should bring a pencil, eraser, scissors, ruler, paper trimmer, scoreboard, and glue. The class will take the full 4 hours and there is a minimum of 6 and maximum of eight people. Please sign up to dbclement@shaw.ca by January 3, 2018.

SALVATION ARMY HOLIDAY DRIVE THANK YOU

As always Cocopah residents were extremely generous in donating food, angel gifts, and financial contributions to the Salvation Army Food Drive. The Salvation Army and the needy of Yuma County thank you for your generosity.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Enjoy Fun Shuffleboarding - No equipment or experience needed. Help is available. Sign in at 8:45 am and play at 9 am Mondays and Wednesdays. Fridays sign in at 12:45 pm and play at 1 p.m. Participants draw numbers to form teams. Fun at the shuffleboard!

More experienced players enjoy league play competing against other RV parks in Yuma. It is

a very competitive league and there are various tournaments scheduled throughout the year. At the Doubles Tournament, Dec. 3 – 6th held at Country Roads RV Park, Tom and Carole Durkin won 2nd place out of 90 teams in the consolation bracket. For more information contact Bruce Clement at site 510.

PICKLEBALL

Join the Pickle Ball players every morning at 8:30 am at the Pickle Ball courts. No experience needed. Players don't need any personal equipment – rackets and balls are available. Do wear rubber soled shoes for safety. New players are invited to join in the fun, impromptu lessons, and games. Experienced players will find lots of challenge as well. As soon as the number of active players exceeds the available courts, the new temporary courts will be installed on the tennis courts.

AQUA ZUMBA

Join Darla Schofield in the pool every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 am for Aqua Zumba. The water is warm and the exercise is fun.

LINE DANCING

Line dancing resumes Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom. Join Barby Vangsness and Ronay Hansen and have some fun. Get some exercise and learn the steps to a wide variety of dances.

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BALLROOM DANCING

Join Judi and Jeff Mahaffey on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Ballroom to learn and practice ballroom dancing. Each class begins with the basics so new dancers will not feel out of place.

VARIETY SHOW

Cocopah residents are performing a Variety Show on February 21, 2019. Residents interested in participating may contact Ronay Hansen at 612-239-0305 or Barby Vangness at 928-276-9105.

SINGLES MEETING

Singles meet Mondays at the 19th Hole Restaurant for breakfast at 9:00 am. Come join in the fun and meet others wintering alone.

- Vicky Haddock

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club for wine, snacks, and rousing conversation on Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in the library. The book selection for January is The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel Brown. *“Nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant.”* —New York Times

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A new Bible Study group for women is meeting on Thursdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm at space #388, beginning January 10th. The group will focus on 2 CORINTHIANS: Words from a caring Shepherd by John MacArthur. For more information contact Penny Lancaster at 509-922-4825 (Space 435).

BLOCK PARTY

Block 5 – Mission Hills and Augusta will hold a January Block Party on Sunday, January 13th at 2:00 pm in the Ballroom. Residents should bring finger foods, appetizers, or desserts to share. Bring your table service and beverage.

BRIDGE PLAYERS NEEDED

Join in the fun of bridge on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Card Room. All players are welcome, even rusty ones!

EARLY ARRIVALS

The staff in the Administration Office ask that residents who plan to arrive prior to the first scheduled day of a reservation please call reservations at 928-343-9300 at least one day in advance so that they can ensure that the electric power is available at the site.

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DONATION BINS

Two charitable organizations maintain donations bins in the resort: Habitat for Humanity and Precious Treasures. Habitat for Humanity collects only aluminum cans in the pale green shacks. Precious Treasures collects resalable clothing and small household goods in the red bins. Please place only resalable goods in the Precious Treasures red bins. Do not place any donations outside the bins.

RECYCLING

Look for the recycling logo on the recycling “dumpsters” to indicate in which dumpster to place your recyclables. (Generally on the left side.)



CHARLIE O’NEIL RETIRED

After more than 25 years of service to Cocopah, Charlie O’Neil retired from the Security Force on December 29, 2018.

CALLING 911

In the unlikely event of a medical or other emergency requiring a call to 911, please follow the following instructions to get help to you as soon as possible. It may be useful to fill in your site information and post this box in a conspicuous spot.

Calling 911 from Cocopah RV & Golf Resort

1. Call 911 and tell the operator you need help in Yuma, Arizona. Your location is 6800 S Strand Ave., Yuma at the Cocopah Rv Resort Site _____, on _____ Street.
2. After the emergency operator has all your information, call Cocopah Security at 928-503-0676.
3. At night, turn on all of your outside lights.

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GOLF



NEW RULES OF GOLF

Beginning January 1st Cocopah Golf will observe the new rules of golf. Be ready for significant changes. Read the [2019 Rules of Golf](http://USGA.org) at USGA.org.

GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop has new apparel for your shopping pleasure. Look for Puma and Foot Joy shoes and Men's Ping shirts. They also have new golf balls to show off your national pride. Look for Canadian and U.S. labeled golf balls.

Cocopah will host the Burn Tournament on Saturday, January 26th. Look for the ceremony of flags on Friday afternoon. In the solemn ceremony, firefighters place one flag in memorial for each firefighter lost on September 11, 2001. The flags are illuminated overnight

and remain in place until the conclusion of the tournament on Saturday.

As in past years, the firefighters launch fireworks to start the tournament. Staff will post conspicuous notices around the dog patch to remind dog owners to restrain their animals to prevent dogs from bolting at the sound of the fireworks.

In the rare event of a frost delay, the Golf Shop will endeavor to alert players via the Cocopah Blast email system. Before you call the Golf Shop to check about a frost delay, please check your email. Naturally you must be subscribed to the Cocopah blast email system in order to receive the Golf Shop messages. See page 11 for instructions to subscribe to the Cocopah blast email system.

RESORT EVENT # 3

Resort Golf Event #3 will be held on Saturday, January 12th. All players must have a verifiable handicap. A verifiable handicap is obtained through either a player's participation in the local Cocopah golf clubs (9-hole men or women, 18 hole men or women or by providing a current USGA or RCGA identification number and handicap index). The format is a 2-person modified best-ball (choose the best drive and each player plays their own ball from that spot; the best score of the two partners is used for competition); pick your own partner (within a handicap difference of 7); flighted net and gross awards. Entry cost is \$20 per player. Players will receive two tickets: 1 red for the year-end drawing and 1 drink ticket for use at the Cantina. There is a special tournament greens

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fee of \$27 per player that includes the use of a cart or a trail fee. Food consisting of a baked potato topped with chili and condiments and a cookie is available for \$6 (paid in advance) for players and guests. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, January 1th and end Tuesday, January 8th at 4:00 pm. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

We are range balls. We live at the driving range in our community of range balls. We are not allowed to ride in golf carts or go home with golfers.



Please don't take us away from the driving range.
We get lonely away from our friends. Thank you.

LADIES RED HAT GOLFERS

Cocopah hosts a unique group of women golfers – the Ladies Red Hat golfers. The Red Hat Golfers is a non-competitive group of women (not affiliated with the Red Hat Society) who meet to play 9 holes of informal golf on Thursday afternoons. The women meet on Thursday afternoons at 12:00 pm outside the

Golf Shop to form teams for informal play. No handicaps are required and some participants don't even keep score. The goal of the Red Hat Golfers is for everyone to have a good time and learn golf rules and etiquette. Historically playing with the Red Hat Ladies has empowered many women to feel comfortable playing in competitive leagues. Thursday afternoon golf is followed by a Happy Hour. Sign up for Ladies Red Hat Golf on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Ladies' Restroom by Sunday at 2:00 pm for that week's Thursday golf. All are welcome. For more information contact Jeanette Johnson at 253-224-9579.

LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The fun loving ladies of the 18 Hole Cocopah Ladies Golf Club have had another great month of golf. The monthly tournament for the Net & Gross Ace of the Month was held on Dec. 12th followed by a lovely and delicious Christmas lunch in the ballroom. The Gross Ace of the month was Kathy Schmidt. The Net Ace of the Month was Anita Rentas. Most improved player was a tie between Ann Grimes and Margaret Lowenberg.

The club is looking forward to the 9 & 18 Hole Ladies Mixer on Saturday, January 19 at 8:00 am. Players will play nine holes of golf followed by a box lunch and prizes. The cost is just \$5.00 plus green fees. Another great upcoming event is the 18 Hole Men/Ladies Mixer on Monday, January 28th, hosted by the men.

- Marie Grumetza

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MEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Men's 18 Hole Golf Club will host its next general meeting on January 14th in the Cantina. There will be a discussion of the new rules of golf and changes to the Club By-laws. On January 28th the Club will enjoy a fund raiser with the 18 Hole Ladies Golf Club. The event will feature a "roll the dice" scramble. On February 18th the Club will enjoy an "away" golf outing at the Desert Hills Golf and Country Club. Members should consult the Club bulletin board for details.

- Steven Senvold

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The 9 Hole Ladies Golf Club reports a successful Christmas luncheon with thanks to the efforts of Terrie Allar and the Executive Board. There were seventy-one members in attendance. The Club recognized the eight Ladies who recorded a Chip-in and those who earned Birdies in the prior month. Liz Walters recorded two birdies on the same play day. Terrie Allar and Jeanette Johnson reviewed some of the new USGS rules and provided a demonstration.

The Club will hold a General Meeting and luncheon on January 8th. On January 19th the Ladies will participate in the 9/18 hole Ladies' Clubs' Mixer. The game will be a 9 Hole scramble with a morning tee time followed by a box lunch in the Cantina.

- Michelle Chuchmuch

MEN'S 9 HOLE GOLF CLUB

The Cocopah Mens' Niners had their General Membership Meeting on December 5th that was attended by 56 members. The 2018/2019 Executive Board were introduced. They are: President - Craig Beardsley, Vice President - Chris Muhleman, Secretary - Dave Allar, Treasurer - Steve Brown, Past President - Dennis O'Brien, HEP Committee Chairman - Myron Chuchmuch, and Raffle Committee Chairman - Stan Chuchmuch.

New this year is the welcoming e-mail sent to all returning and new members explaining rules and procedures specific to the Mens' Niners League and Tuesday play. Important January dates include the General Meeting on Wednesday January 2nd, BBQ luncheon on Wednesday January 16th, and the Away Day golf at Coyote Wash (Wellton) on Monday January 28th. The next General Membership Meeting is Monday, February 4th in the Ballroom.

- Dave Allar

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COCOPAH RV EMAIL BLASTS

If you did not receive an announcement of this Gazette via email, you are not subscribed to our current email system. Either your email address was never subscribed or at some point your email address became “unsubscribed”. In either event, we have a solution.

New Subscribers: The only method of signing up to receive Cocopah RV blast emails is for the individual to send an email **from the email account** where they wish to receive the blast emails to activities@cocopahrv.com providing their **First & Last Name(s), Site Number, Telephone Number,** and the **request to be added to the Blast email list.** The subject line of the email should say, “**Blast email request**”. Usually this is all you need to do. Staff will check your email against the list of “unsubscribed” emails. If your email is listed as “unsubscribed” you will receive an email directing you to personally contact our email service provider to be re-subscribed to the Cocopah RV email system.

Prior Subscribers: There are some residents who have received emails from the email Blast system in the past but have unsubscribed (either through their own action or perhaps due to a glitch in the system). If your email address was ever subscribed to the Blast email system and became unsubscribed, due to privacy procedures maintained by our email provider the Activities Office cannot add that email address to the system. The individual owning the unsubscribed email must personally contact our email provider to reverse this action.

The individual who is unsubscribed must personally send an email from the account where they wish to receive the email blasts to: support@verticalresponse.com

The email must provide your full name (first and last names), site number and email address. The email must state: I want to be “re-subscribed” to activites@cocopahrv.com Include activites@cocopahrv.com as a CC (carbon copy). It may take a day or two for this to take effect.

2018 - 2019 Winter Season Hours

Administration Office

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Mailroom

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Activities Lobby

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Golf Shop

Sunday – Saturday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

19th Hole Restaurant

Sunday – Wednesday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday – Saturday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Cantina

Sunday – Saturday 10:45 am – 7:00 pm or later
Tuesday - Hamburgers at 4:30 pm
Friday - Various Menu Items at 4:30 pm

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GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS

The Gazette newsletter is a publication of the Cocopah Tribe. Contributions are welcome to the monthly newsletter. Contributions must focus on the Cocopah Tribe, Cocopah RV & Golf Resort, or its residents. The Tribe has generously issued an independent email address to the Gazette for residents to submit news and potential articles. Contributors should submit materials in MS Word or text format, without any special characters or formatting, to gazette@cocopahrv.com. Pictures or graphics should be submitted in jpg format (medium size) as a separate attachment. We cannot use submissions in pdf format. Submissions should be between 150 – 225 words, written in third person, newspaper-style. Submissions must be received no later than the 25th of the prior month for consideration in the following month's Gazette. All articles are subject to approval and editing.

Leslie Woodruff, Editor

New 2018-2019 Contact Information & Important Numbers

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(928) 503-0676

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Golf Shop:
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Activities:
(928) 722-7577

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