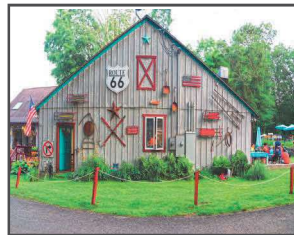


MMC TePee Talk

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Welcome to Camping Season 2026!



We Bid farewell to the Mayor of the Alley, Fundraiser Pro

Vivian Bunell Weyel died of cancer on March 17, just a few days before her 72nd birthday. She fought a hard fight to the end. Vivian will long be remembered as the driving force behind the Friday night Mystery Gifts that annually raised thousands of dollars for our Wounded Warrior Project. Ever the patriot, she sold flags on holidays throughout the summer and collected additional money. She was protective of the Alley and more than one golf cart driver was reprimanded for parking inappropriately. She was the queen of Bingo and commanded a large table of her peers. God bless the stranger that sat there. BUT, beneath that tough exterior Vivian possessed a heart of gold and would help anyone in need. I will miss all of her : cantankerous, generous, funny, gossipy, loving and giving. Cheers to you Viv. Give ‘em hell!



Water Woes



This has been an unbelievable spring...I wish it was all good things but sadly it was not.. We had a water leak that took 2 months and lots of digging and tracking to find. As a result the laundromat (with BRAND NEW washers & dryers) remains closed while we wait for my well to recoup. As well, there will be NO WASHING of trailers or watering of lawns until I say you can.

And then there was this...

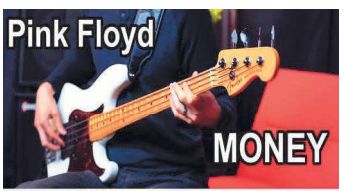
that is what Teddy’s & Kenny’s trailer fire looked like just minutes after it started in the back bedroom apparently from a faulty rechargeable vacuum cleaner. As is very clear, they lost everything. It has been an arduous month trying to replace licenses, credit cards, important documents and deal with the insurance company.



Our **CAMPING FAMILY**, as always stepped immediately up to the plate providing gift cards, clothing , food and support. (thanks Sandy) Teddy & Kenny are very grateful for **ALL OF YOU**. You are a special breed of people and they are most appreciative. Good News! Their new camper is here and as soon as their site is ready, they will be in their new home! (thanks Sal)

Those Pesky Tabs!!!!

Here is how tabs will work this year. If you want your family to be able to use a tab account, **I must have a credit card number on file.** I will run that card each SUNDAY afternoon. If you chose not to do this make sure your kiddos have CASH. I will NOT allow charges for anything under \$10. Period. Thanks.



Leaves...

should be raked to edge of your site so that Dave can easily pick them up. To dry to burn them right now.

Back Door on Hold For Now

While Teddy recovers from smoke inhalation from the fire (she briefly thought she was a fireman) and I endure surgery to remove my annoying tumor, the **Back Door** will be dark for a bit. I might make coffee?

Our **entertainment and BINGO** will remain on schedule and I will fire up the grill when we both feel up to it. And thanks for the offer, but no-one cooks but us!

