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February 14th is a very special time. To me it is a time to cherish those you love in very thoughtful ways. It is a time for remembering those who are far away or perhaps those who have passed away.

I think you can celebrate Valentine's Day every day of the year. Especially if you think of each day as a day to show you care for others. That can be doing things like picking up the telephone and calling a friend.



One way you can keep Valentines Day alive all year round is through reaching out to others and doing things that make their day, like offering sincere compliments.

I feel that complimenting someone can have a positive impact on the that person just like offering a box of chocolate or flowers. But don't forget the flowers and chocolates.

The Power of Compliments

I think sincere compliments make a difference. I may not practice it enough, but I really feel that telling someone that they have made a positive impact on your life, or that you admired the way they handled a situation, is a powerful gift much like a Valentine card.

Compliments are special. When you see the smile on someone's face or hear their happy voice on the other end of the phone you might have just made their day and their response might make your day.

Listening is an important part of complimenting. But it takes lots of practice.

Listening involves truly concentrating on what someone is saying. Looking someone in their eyes and facing them when they speak are key ways to build trust.

I try to pay close attention to what the other person is saying by listening to both their words and watching their body language. I might even repeat back to them what they said to me. I sometimes get too wrapped up in my thoughts and I find that repeating helps me genuinely concentrate on that person and their thoughts.

So this Valentine's Day reach out to those you love and show them that they are a blessing in your life. And shower them with compliments all year long.

Monument Refurbishment

Staghorn is a beautiful community. I see it in the way you take care of your homes and property. In an effort to reflect that beauty throughout the community, we will be repainting some of the monument signs that have been damaged by constant sunlight.

Those signs to be repainted are: Lewis Daily, Waterford Cove, Staghorn Dam, Brockton Road and Waterworks (2 signs), Waterworks and Cabin Creek, and Tall Timber.



That will involve removing eight signs, taking them to **The Sign Brothers LLC** to be repainted and returning them to their place. It is not cheap at \$2,678.00. Everything is so expensive today and your dues payment keeps us a float.

Carla and Andy Fowler have worked to keep the sign repainting cost down by removing and replacing the signs, rather than having Sign Brothers do it.

The heavy winds in December and January resulted in the top of the trash can next to the beach area was blown away. We couldn't just replace the lid.

It would have been a cost of \$500 to replace the whole trash can but **David McGee** found the lid in the lake after searching for it using his row boat. Kudos to David.

Neighborhood Water Shut-Off Issue

Cortney Gunter, manager of the Nicholson Water Authority apologized for the confusing communications over the Christmas holidays concerning their water line valve replacement project.

Replacing the water line valves during the Christmas season was in part necessitated by annual funding issues. Because water lines were 20 plus years old and records of existing valve locations didn't exist, as a precaution, residents covering a large geographic area were advised of the water shut-off. The time period of shut-off was communicated as one of three possible days.

The announced shut-off times changed as the third-party contractor worked to find the lines and make the valve changes. Some residents kept their bath tubs full of water for three days and never lost water pressure.

We are now working with Cortney Gunter to ensure that all her communications go through our neighborhood media beforehand.

Water Leak Repair

In December, tree roots caused a break in the water line going to the Staghorn Recreation Facilities' two lakeside bathrooms. We had a water bill with the Nicholson Water Authority of \$965.45 after the reduced charges by 20%.

Our repair of the waterline costs \$646.79. And we had to pay \$365.00 for electrical line repair damaged during the process of finding and repairing the water leak.

We spent almost \$2,000 due to excess water usage and water leak repair or the equivalent of seven \$300 annual dues payments.

If you haven't paid your 2022-2023 dues yet, our community needs your help.