



# The Oaks

## March Newsletter

### Office Hours:

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# March

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## Birthdays:

Bruce F, Kailam E, Cody R, Christina B, Judith C, Carlos N, Cristina H, Amber F, Helen R, Isabel W, Luis N, Griselle F, Hartley R, Anays S, Carol C, Chris F, Chase O, Patricia S, Courtney S & Ronald S.



# Spring Cleaning

We are approaching spring! It's time to get homes/yards looking good and start pressure washing.



## MOBILE HOME SPRING CLEANING TIPS FROM FOREMOST®



Spring is a good time to inspect your Mobile Home and make any necessary repairs in preparation for the summer months. Here are a few tips to get your home in top shape!



### ROOF

Clear off any debris, fix or replace damaged shingles, recoat the metal and clean out the gutters.

*\*Be cautious up there!\**



### SKIRTING

Check to see if there are any unwanted critters under your home; if needed, call your local animal control service. Also, see if you need to clean or repair the skirting.



### SIDING

Examine the siding of your Mobile Home for damages or areas that need washing.



### TREES AND BUSHES

Trim landscaping that may be too close and pose a threat to your home in the event of a storm.



### LAWN

Remove mounds of dirt or other debris that may have piled up throughout the winter.



### WINDOWS AND SCREENS

Make repairs like sealing and caulking the frames, or replacing damaged windows and screens. While inspecting the windows, be sure to wash them!



### PESTS

Fill exterior lumber cracks with caulking or asphalt roofing cement and replace damaged lumber with treated wood to keep the critters out.



### STEPS AND RAILINGS

Test the sturdiness and fix as needed. If your steps are concrete, seal them with acrylic or silicone-based concrete sealer. If they're wooden, use wood stain or wood sealer.

Before you kick back and enjoy the spring, don't forget about the AARP® Mobile Home Insurance Program from Foremost! Call 1-888-786-8397 to get a free quote today so your Mobile Home will be prepared for every season.



# Events

## Florida Strawberry Festival

February 27 – March 9, 2025

Plant City

Each spring guests come from near and far to enjoy exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, crafts, social events, contests, youth developmental programs, top-name entertainment, and parades with glorious floats and high-stepping marching bands.

[flstrawberryfestival.com](http://flstrawberryfestival.com)

## Food & Wine Festival

March-May

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay

Guests can indulge in delicious bites and tempting treats while discovering their next favorite brew or cocktail.

[buschgardens.com](http://buschgardens.com)

## Florida Craft Brewers Fest

March 1, 2025

River Tower Park

Enjoy beers from over 70 of your favorite Florida craft breweries, local vendors, food trucks and a local DJ.

[floridabrewers.org](http://floridabrewers.org)

## Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

*Saturday, March 1 – Sunday, March 2, 2025*

*Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park*

Recognized as one of the top-rated outdoor fine art festivals in the country, this annual event welcomes more than 30,000 attendees. Beyond the art, the event offers something for everyone, from live music and culinary delights to family-friendly areas and activities for children.

[gasparillaarts.com](http://gasparillaarts.com)

## Reggae Rise Up Florida Festival

March 13-16, 2025

Vinoy Park

Enjoy performances across multiple stages, interactive activities, large-scale art installations and craft vendors.

[reggaeriseup.com](http://reggaeriseup.com)

## River O'Green Fest

March 15, 2025

River O' Green Fest is a free annual event celebrating St. Patrick's Day by turning the Hillsborough River a vibrant shade of green. Enjoy live Irish entertainment, food and drink vendors, beer, and fun activities for the whole family.

[riverogreen.com](http://riverogreen.com)

## Paddy Fest St. Pete

March 15, 2025

Williams Park

Spend the day savoring Irish food, music, drinks, and lively festivities! Admission is \$10, with free entry for children 13 and under. Leashed dogs are welcome to join the fun. A portion of ticket sales will benefit Ocean Aid 360.

[paddyfeststpete.com](http://paddyfeststpete.com)

## Uncorked: Tampa Wine Fest

March 22, 2025

Water Works Park

Sip and savor 100+ premium wines, bubbly, spirits and canned cocktails from around the world. Enjoy your favorite local food trucks, groove to a DJ-curated playlist, challenge your friends to lawn games and so much more.

[uncorkedwinefestivals.com](http://uncorkedwinefestivals.com)

## Rays Opening Day

March 27, 2025

Tropicana Field

[mlb.com/rays](http://mlb.com/rays)

## Taste At The Straz

March 29, 2025

*Straz Center for the Performing Arts*

The Straz Center's annual food and drink extravaganza brings Tampa Bay's best cuisine, craft brews and cocktails to downtown Tampa.

[strazcenter.org/taste](http://strazcenter.org/taste)



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2 bed / 1 bath For Sale or Rent \$1,279- 11630 Harmony Ranch Lane

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3 bed / 2 bath For Sale - 11605 Harmony Ranch Lane

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# Au Gratin Potatoes



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Prep Time: 20 min

Bake Time: 1-1/2 hours

Yield: 1 servings

## Nutrition Facts

3/4 cup: 225 calories, 10g fat (6g saturated fat), 30mg cholesterol, 602mg sodium, 26g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 2g fiber), 8g protein.

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## Ingredients:

- Potatoes: When it comes to the types of potatoes to use for au gratin potatoes, russet potatoes (also referred to as Idaho potatoes), are ideal for this recipe. They're high in starch and soak up the sauce as they cook, yet retain their shape. Yukon gold potatoes can also be used in this recipe. Avoid red potatoes, which are lower in starch and are likely to fall apart while cooking.
- Flour and butter: The base of this recipe's rich cheese sauce is a roux made from butter, flour, salt and pepper. When combined with the milk and cheese, the roux thickens the sauce.
- Cheese: For best results, freshly grate the cheddar from a block of cheese. Prepackaged cheese can be used in a pinch (these are our Test Kitchen's picks for the best shredded cheddar cheese), but it won't melt as smoothly. Gruyère, Swiss or provolone are tasty alternatives.
- Milk: This recipe calls for 2% milk. However, if you're feeling extra decadent, half-and-half or even heavy cream are great alternatives.
- Onion: A white or yellow onion will do. If even the thought of chopping onions brings tears to your eyes, our Test Kitchen's suggestions on how to cut an onion without crying, including wearing goggles (but a very sharp knife will do).

## Directions:

### Step 1: Make the cheese sauce

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large saucepan, melt the butter over low heat. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add the milk, stirring to ensure there are no lumps. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat. Stir in the cheese until melted.

Editor's Tip: Cooking the roux just long enough eliminates the taste of raw flour, but you don't want to take it too far. After you add the flour and seasonings to the butter, stir until the mixture looks bubbly and foamy, and then it should look like a thick paste. Using a whisk is fine, but consider using a rubber spatula to make sure the mixture doesn't collect in the corners and burn.

### Step 2: Add the potatoes and bake

Add the potatoes and onion to the sauce; transfer to a greased 2-quart baking dish. Cover and bake for one hour.

### Step 3: Uncover and continue baking

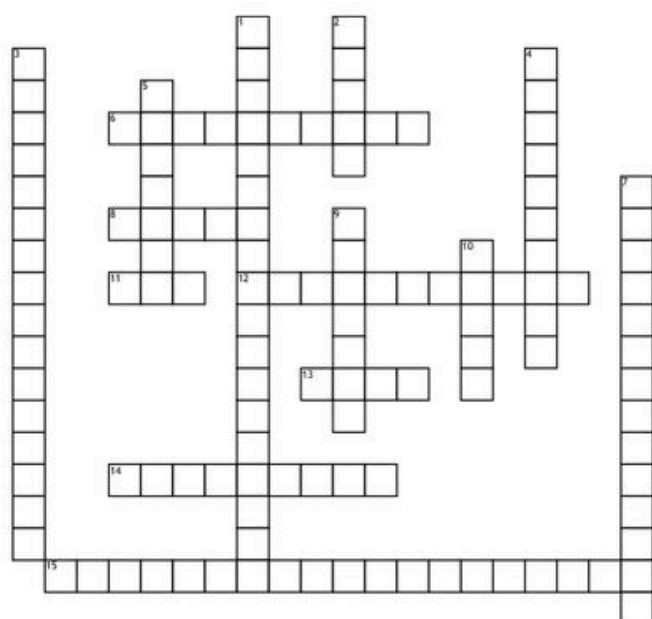
Uncover and bake the potatoes for another 30 to 40 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. If desired, top with additional pepper.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/simple-au-gratin-potatoes/>



# Fun & Games

## March Crossword



**Across**

6. What sport is March madness?  
8. What you feel when you don't wear green.  
11. Common Irish hair color.  
12. One week break from school  
13. Whats in the pot at the end of the rainbow.

14. Also known as a Shamrock  
15. Begins on March 13th

**Down**

1. What is March declared as?  
2. Day with a lot of math jokes on the 14th  
3. Holiday on the 17th  
4. Has a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.  
5. Some Irish people play these.  
7. This plant could bring you good luck  
9. Where you find a pot of gold.  
10. The color you wear on St. Patrick's day



## St. Patrick's Day word scramble

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| IIRHS_____     | LDOG_____       |
| OABIRWN_____   | KAPCIRT_____    |
| ADIELRN_____   | NEEPHEARCU_____ |
| MHSOKCRA_____  | HRCMA_____      |
| YKLCU_____     | ENRAGE_____     |
| BACBAEG_____   | ORLECV_____     |
| NETESENEV_____ |                 |
| TISNA_____     |                 |
| ARDEAP_____    |                 |
| ACDNE_____     |                 |



## MARCH Word Search

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.

R N O I L K C I R T A P T S R C  
K W N S G N I V A S X S L E M R  
Y B U T T E R F L Y E A W R F O  
Q D T K G N R X T N M O T H G C  
N J N G R E E N E B L H N N D U  
N O N I N X R L K F N G I A X S  
B Y S E W R X P S L P R F H T L  
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D J K H S C T H G I L Y A D T Q  
V Z D F I H U C M Q P Z H V H E  
P D G W M C H L E N I H S N U S  
X T U L I P K B H A T C H I N G

- BASKET  
BLOOM  
BUTTERFLY  
CHICK  
CROCUS  
DAFFODIL  
DAYLIGHT  
EASTER  
EQUINOX  
FLOWER  
GREEN  
HATCHING  
IRISH  
KITE  
LAMB  
LION  
LUCKY  
MARCH  
NEST  
RAIN  
REBIRTH  
RENEWAL



- ST. PATRICK  
SUNSHINE  
TULIP  
WINDY



- SAVINGS  
SEASON  
SHAMROCK  
SPRING

