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Rivendell Reflection — Summer Vacation

We'll be back in August with more news and information for all Rivendell residents. In the meantime, continue to support our advertisers who make Woodlands Word possible. See you in August!

RIVENDELL REFLECTIONS NATE AND FREDDY AND THEIR CHANCE ENCOUNTER

Story and photos by Nancy Dobias



Have you ever wished you could have something that you couldn't and then one day what you thought would never be possible came true?

It all started when Nate and his family came to visit Gammy and PawPaw in Florida.

That's when Nate's life would intersect with Freddy.... Freddy was a guy who lived in Crane Pond but Freddy wasn't a crane. Freddy was an alligator...a very bored, young, and energetic alligator...an alligator who wished and wished and wished...an alligator with dreams...an alligator who would give anything if only he had someone who would play catch with him.

Freddy just knew he had what it took to chase down anything. He just needed a chance....

Day after day Freddy waited. Day after day Freddy longed for that chance...



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...and just when it seemed it wouldn't happen, Nate arrived.



Freddy had never heard of Nate. Nate had never heard of Freddy, but Nate was in Florida to visit Gammy and PawPaw AND Nate was a guy who LOVED to fish AND Gammy and PawPaw lived in Rivendell...home to lakes and ponds galore!

Because earlier Gammy and PawPaw had mentioned to Nate that a lot of fish could be seen jumping in Crane Pond, it didn't take long before off to Crane Pond, armed with every lure known to man, biked Nate.

Quickly Nate strung his line, picked out the most irresistible lure for large-mouth bass, readied his reel for the right amount of action, and then scanned the lake for where might be the most lucrative place to which he might make his first cast....



No sooner had Nate made that cast...



...when a flash of water could be seen hurtling over to shore...



...and in less than a nanosecond, lo and behold there appeared Freddy!



"Finally, someone to play with! Finally I can prove how fast I am," said Freddy as he patiently awaited the game to begin.

Then as Nate drew back his arm, getting ready to make that snap that would send that lure a'flying, Freddy hunkered down as well, mentally preparing himself for the first play of the game....



Nate cast to the left...Freddy was off in a flash...

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Nate tried a trick cast....



...but Freddy already knew what to do. Out through the lily pads he raced and onward joyously to the lure he jettied. This was a game that he absolutely loved! Freddy was in his element!



Nate, however, was not in his. He came to fish. He did not come to play "Frisbee" with a bored alligator. Nate also did not appreciate losing all of his favorite lures to an excited Freddy who seemed compelled to chomp down and swallow every lure he caught and Freddy was quite adept at what he was doing.

"What should I do?" thought a perplexed Nate. "I know he means no harm but this is getting old. How can Freddy have fun and I not lose any more lures?" pondered a very considerate Nate.



Just then, Freddy swam over to where Nate was lost in thought...



and said, "Hey, Nate, Thanks so much for letting me have so much fun in making my dream come true. I never thought ANYONE would play with me, but YOU gave me a chance. You're a nice person but I have to leave now. I heard that there's a lot of fun that could be had playing around the fountain on Rivendell Lake and I can't wait to check it out. Take care!" and before Nate could say anything, off swam a happier, more satisfied and contented Freddy.

AND since Nate had a few more lures left, off he went to Rivendell Lake, hoping to make HIS dreams come true...



...any by nightfall, that is exactly what happened!

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Catching Up With the Cottages

Story and photos by Marilyn May

The Cottages closed out a busy social season with the May running of the Kentucky Derby in their clubhouse. This always busy group of residents preceded that festive occasion with their annual Gong show.

Stay tuned in the fall to see what will be happened on Meadow Sweet Circle.

Cottages Derby Day — Win, Place and Show!

The Kentucky Derby is always a festive affair with fancy hats and mint juleps. However, the merrymakers at Churchill Downs don't celebrate like the revelers who attended the Meadow Sweet Circle Derby Party this year. Held to coincide with the actual race, there were light appetizers, beverages and desserts to put everyone in the mood. Special Cottages Derby races were held before the big event which was viewed on the Clubhouse's new big-screen TV. Bill and Kris Ordman did an outstanding job hosting and everyone had a great time. This event closed out an eventful season for the Cottages Social Committee. We're all looking forward to getting together again for the fall and winter social season.

Talented Cottages Performers Deliver Lots of Laughs!

On Saturday, April 9th, the Cottages held its third annual "Gong Show." A mixture of talent, humor and more humor, The Gong Show consists of acts, gags and performances reminiscent of the old sixties show, "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In". There were dancers, a performing dog, and even The Dirty Old Man skit. Organized by Hugh Barth and Pat Brown, residents gathered poolside to enjoy the show and share food, fun and much laughter. We can't wait until next year's show!





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