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Your source of current news and information from The Neal Center,
100 T.R. Harris Drive, Shelby, NC 28150



DID YOU KNOW?....
The FDA once banned
pre-sliced bread...



The first loaf of machine-sliced bread was sold in 1928. Americans were still getting used to this amazing modern convenience when suddenly, 1943, the FDA banned sliced bread. The reason was because pre-sliced bread used up too much plastic packaging, which could be used in the war effort. People were furious and the ban only lasted three months.

Something to think about

“Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yard stick to your success is how you treat other people.” — Barbara Bush“



WHAT'S INSIDE?

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• **Background of a TV witch**

OCTOBER 2024 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 Monday Morning Bridge 9:00 One-Day Oil Painting (Oct. 21) 9:30 Chair Yoga 12:00 Beginning Canasta 12:30 Monday Afternoon Bridge 2:00 Chair Yoga 5:00 Monday Night Bingo 5:30 Zumba	9:45 Carolina Line Dancers 10:00 Acrylic Painting 10:00 Fraud Detection & Prevention 10:00 Ladies Support (Oct. 29) 10:00 Veteran's Coffee & Chat (Oct. 29) 11:00 Tai-Chi 12:00 Canasta For Beginners 1:00 Chair Volleyball	9:00 The Sewing Circle 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:00 Carolina Singers (Oct. 16) 11:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 Beginner Spanish 11:30 Piedmont Rook 12:30 Knit Pickers 1:00 Packing Out 2:00 Chair Yoga 2:00 Euchre	9:00 Canasta For Beginners 9:00-11:30 1:30-3:30 Wreath Making (Oct. 10) 9:30 Chair Volleyball 10:00 Daytime Friends (Oct. 10 & 24) 1:00 Thursday Afternoon Bridge 1:00 Mexican Train Dominoes 4:00 Dine-Around (Oct. 24) 6:00 October Dance (Oct. 17)	9:30 Fun Friday Bingo (October 4 & 18) 11:00 Zumba Gold (Center closes at 12:00 noon)

Laff-A-Little!

"Pickles" by Brian Crane



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"Around the House"

Fireplace Safety



As our calendars take us into fall and the upcoming winter season, a fire in the fireplace is most welcoming and comforting. Nice as they are, they do require maintenance to be used safely. The "National Fire Protection Association estimates that fireplaces and chimneys cause **15,000 house fires** annually in the United States. Though no one intends to have their fireplace cause a house fire or thinks it will happen to them, it does happen every day! Fire hazards include poorly maintained fireplaces, being too full, having blocked chimneys, or being surrounded by loose trash. When these conditions appear, the chances increase that a house fire can start, compared to a well-maintained and managed fireplace. That's why it is important to know some essential Fireplace Safety Tips to protect your home from fire hazards.

1. Clean your Fire Box after Every Fire

Ideally, you'll have a firebox and grate above your fireplace hearth, upon which the fire burns. This setup will protect your place and catch the ashes to minimize the risk of a runaway fire. You can use your fireplace tools, a broom, or a scoop to clean out the ashes and leftover coals from inside the fireplace. Or, consider getting an ash vacuum that will suck up the fine particles and leave your fireplace spotless. Let the coals cool first, and wear a pair of heat-resistant fireplace gloves, such as gloves with a leather exterior and Kevlar stitching, as they resist heat the best.

The most significant risk in this instance is that there will be a build-up of coals over time in the firebox. These coals are highly susceptible to catching alight again if they're still hot from the last fire. A relight can also happen if a new agent such as a lit ember, a spark, or even a light breeze comes in contact with the mix.

2. Keep your Chimney Maintained

Carbon particles cause build-up on the walls of chimneys over time – much like our arteries get clogged as we age. If too much gunk build-up in the chimney, it can become a fire hazard for two reasons. First, it's fuel. This gunk can catch alight and cause a fire *in* the chimney. Second, it can block your chimney. When the duct is blocked, smoke starts building up in your home, which can potentially cause poisoning in your lungs. Finally, don't forget that you need a carbon monoxide alarm in your home! If you can't personally maintain your chimney, you can pay a professional chimney sweeper. It's best to contact them yearly to ensure the chimney is clean and in good shape to prevent fires.

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FIREPLACE SAFETY (Continued from previous page)

3. Ensure no Fuels are within 3 feet (0.91 m) of the fireplace

The NFPA suggests keeping the area around your fire clear of anything that might cause a fire to spread. Typical culprits include loose paper, newspaper, tissues, kindling, and fire-lighting matches. The best thing you can do to keep the area around your fireplace clean is to get a fireplace tool kit and log rack. A fireplace tool kit usually includes a broom, shovel, tongs, and poker. You can use the broom and shovel to clean the area around the fire and remove old loose charcoals from previous fires. In addition, you can use the poker and tongs to ensure your fire is contained within the fireplace while it burns. A combination fireplace tool set and firewood rack can keep logs, newspapers, and kindling out of the way and neatly secured. Ensure your log rack is not in a direct line of sight from the fireplace. Instead, it should sit where embers cannot 'spit' out and land on your stored kindling or newspapers.

4. Use a Fireplace Screen

Fireplace screens serve two purposes: they protect your children and pets from accidentally stumbling into a fire and can help to minimize the chances of embers spitting out into the living room. Spitting embers is a considerable fireplace hazard.

5. Only Burn Approved Fuels

Being in an enclosed room with fire is never ideal for your health, even though we all love excellent natural fire. However, with good ventilation, you can minimize most risks. Also, you don't want to add toxic, flammable items, so only burn natural fireplace wood or other fuels designed for indoor fireplaces. Throwing plastics and other trash into the fireplace can harm your health. Buy firewood from a trusted seller. Some pine woods, for example, can cause an uncomfortable amount of smoke to build up in your house. Similarly, burning paper inks can let off toxic fumes. Burning driftwood can let off chemicals absorbed in the ocean and burning household trash can release fumes from glues, plastics, etc., embedded in the product.

6. Never Leave a Fire Unattended

This one goes without saying. And yet, it's probably the rule that most people widely break! Even the most well-maintained fireplace fires can spit out embers with no notice. In addition, a fire can ignite rapidly if the embers land on a flammable item – even a couch!

7. Position Logs near the Back of the Fireplace

The further the logs are in the fireplace, the less likely embers will spit into your living room and cause a secondary fire. Embers smoking on couches can cause them to catch alight while no one is looking. Consider getting a fireplace grate that helps push the logs toward the back of the fireplace.

8. Keep a Carbon Monoxide Detector in your home

Carbon monoxide gas is an odorless but deadly gas that is a byproduct of combustion. Usually, an operating chimney is enough to keep carbon monoxide gas levels safely low. But there is always the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning around fires, mainly if the chimney is not operating correctly. The solution: ensure you have a carbon monoxide detector active in your home. There are combination carbon monoxide-smoke detectors now that will detect both. These are excellent options and can save a bit of money by doing it this way.

9. Keep a Fire Extinguisher Nearby

If you have a fire going on *inside your house*, you'll need a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket. A home fire extinguisher should be an ABC-rated extinguisher. These extinguishers put out regular, electrical, and gas/liquid fires. The 5-pound extinguisher for the kitchen and a 10-pound extinguisher for the garage are recommended. A fire blanket is an excellent option for suppressing small fires. They cause far less mess and are highly effective if used correctly. Remember that your safety is most important. Therefore, unless you have the training to use a fire extinguisher, sometimes it's best to evacuate and call 911 immediately.

**It may be chilly in October,
but a dance brings warmth...**



**Join the Neal Senior Center for our October Dance
On Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6 PM.
Located at 100 T.R. Harris Drive, Shelby**

**Advanced tickets are for sale at \$6.00 through
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 3 PM. Tickets
will be available at the door for \$8.00.
Music will be provided by Union Express.**

**A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold
to have the dance.**

Laff-A-Little!

"Stone Soup" by Jane Eliot



Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income North Carolinians save energy, reduce their utility bills, and stay safe in their homes. Its mission is to keep North Carolina citizens warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and safe all year long while educating the public about energy efficiency and household safety. The program can help you by tuning, repairing or replacing heating and air systems and providing safety and energy efficiency advice. You may qualify for the program if your family is a homeowner or renter, has a gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Priority of service is provided to the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

For more information or to apply, please contact Community Action Opportunities at 828-252-2495 or toll free at 1-877-989-2495.



YOUR HINT PARADE

- When someone gives a business card, take a photo of it with your phone, in case the card gets lost.
- To check whether batteries are any good or not, drop them from six inches above a table. If they give one small bounce and fall right over, they're good. If they bounce around any more than that, they're dead or on their way out.
- A hanging shoe rack is a great place to place bathroom cleaning supplies.
- Place a rubber band around an open paint can to wipe your brush on and to keep paint from dripping outside the can.

Let's Eat!

- 6 Large Eggs
- 2 Tbs. Chives
- 1/4 Tsp. Salt
- 1/4 Tsp. Pepper
- Non-stick Cookware Spray **OR** 2 Tsp. Oil
- 1 C. Chopped Ham
- 1/2 C. Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Whipping Cream Biscuits:

- 2 C. Packaged Biscuit Mix
- 1 C. Whipping Cream
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"Ham & Cheese Omelet" With "Whipping Cream Biscuits"

Whisk together the first four ingredients. Spray a non-stick skillet with cookware spray or place vegetable oil in the skillet. Heat over medium heat. Pour in half of the egg mixture, tilting the skillet while cooking to allow uncooked portion to cook, about 3 minutes. Flip the omelet over and on one half of the omelet, place half of the ham and cheese. Fold it over to make half. Repeat with the remaining ingredients. Makes 2 large servings or 4 average servings. Serve immediately with "Whipping Cream Biscuits".

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and have ready a greased baking sheet. Place biscuit mix in a medium-sized bowl and add the whipping cream. Stir until a dough forms. Dust work surface with additional biscuit mix and turn dough out onto it. Knead just a few turns, turning dough with each turn. Pat out to about 1/2 inch thickness and cut with biscuit cutter. Place on prepared baking sheet and bake for about 10-12 minutes or until browned. Makes about 6-8 biscuits

Christmas is Coming Soon...

Dear Senior Center guest,
Do you have lightly used Christmas décor that you no longer need? We would LOVE to have your items for our gift shop!!! Christmas items will be accepted during October & sold through December 31, 2024.

We offer 2 options:

- ❖ Donation (tax deductible)
- ❖ Consignment (you get 90% of sale price)



Thank you for supporting the Neal Senior Center.



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Show your Wheels for our Meals!

**CAR SHOW & VENDOR FAIR
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SENIOR CENTER & SERVICES

OCTOBER 26, 2024

8:00am - 2:00pm

FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC, & MORE!



Cars must be registered by 10:00 am to be judged

Car Registration & Vendor Table **\$15 each**

Rain -or- Shine

Certificates will be given to category winners

Call to Reserve a Spot! 704-482-3488

Neal Senior Center, 100 TR Harris Drive, Shelby, NC 28150

Get a jump-start on your Christmas decorating!

*Learn how to make a wreath
easily and inexpensively!*



The Neal Senior Center will offer a class in “Holiday Wreath Making” and how to decorate it with items you may already have on hand.

It will be held on Thursday, October 10th at the Neal Senior Center. **You will have a choice of coming to a morning session from 9:00 am to 11:30 am OR an afternoon session from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm.** A complimentary lunch will be provided for both groups from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Taught by Carol Sepaugh, it's free of charge, and a list of suggested supplies to bring to the activity will be available at the Reception Desk.

Make your reservation by calling the Neal Senior Center at 704/482-3488 by Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 4 PM.

What went on in....

1959

What are some “firsts” in 1959?

- The first Little Caesars pizza restaurant opens in Garden City, Michigan.
- NASA announced its selection of the “Mercury Seven”—who would become the first U.S. astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard, and Deke Slayton.
- Delta Airlines became the first major airline to offer complimentary meals on discounted coach flights.
- The first “Barbie Doll” was marketed.

What were the major headlines in 1959?

- In January, singer Buddy Holly releases his last record "It Doesn't Matter"; he is killed in a plane crash 29 days later.
- In January, Alaska becomes the 49th state.
- In February, Fidel Castro becomes Prime Minister of Cuba.
- In April, Oklahoma ends prohibition after 51 years
- In July, Ed Wood's cult classic films, "Plan 9 From Outer Space", named as one of the worst films ever, premieres.
- In August, Hawaii becomes the 50th state.
- In August, an major earthquake occurred in the state of Montana. Measuring 7.2 on the Moment Magnitude Scale, it caused a huge landslide, over 28 fatalities and \$11 million in damage.
- In September, Hurricane Gracie, a category 4 storm, slammed into the East Coast of the US, resulting in 22 fatalities and \$14 million in damage.
- In November, the Ford Motor Company produced the last Edsel automobile.

What were the Top 10 songs in 1959?

1. “The Battle of New Orleans” Johnny Horton
2. “Mack the Knife” - Bobby Darin
3. “Personality” - Lloyd Price
4. “Venus” - Frankie Avalon
5. “Lonely Boy” - Paul Anka
6. “Dream Lover” - Bobby Darin
7. “The Three Bells” - The Browns
8. “Come Softly to Me” - The Fleetwoods
9. “Stagger Lee” - Lloyd Price
10. “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes” - The Platters

What were the Top 10 TV Shows of 1959?

Rank	Program	Network	Rating
1.	“Gunsmoke”	CBS	40.3
2.	“Wagon Train”	NBC	38.4
3.	“Have Gun – Will Travel”	CBS	34.7
4.	“The Danny Thomas Show”	CBS	31.1
5.	“The Red Skelton Show	CBS	30.8
6.	“Father Knows Best”	CBS	29.7
7.	“77 Sunset Strip”	ABC	29.7
8.	“The Price Is Right”	NBC	29.2
9.	“Wanted: Dead or Alive”	CBS	28.7
10.	“Perry Mason	CBS	28.3

What did things cost in 1959?

- The “New York Times” newspaper: **.05/copy**
- McDonald’s Hamburger: **.15/each**
- General Electric All-Transistor Radio: **\$22.87**
- Sippy Peanut Butter: **.33/12 oz. jar**
- Instant Sanka Coffee: **.89/4 oz. jar**
- Marvel Fresh Peach Ice Cream: **.59/half gal.**
- Ivory Soap: **.45/4 medium cakes**
- Frozen French Fries: **\$1.00/4 (16 oz.) pkgs.**
- Carnation Evaporated Milk: **\$1.00/7 tall cans**
- Royal Crown Cola: **.39/6-bottle carton**
- 9-inch Paper Plates: **.53/pack of 100**



LEONA NEAL CENTER AND THE
CLEVELAND COUNTY LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENT A PROGRAM
FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF
INSURANCE

10 A.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Fraud Detection and Prevention

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*Council on Aging
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Calling All Volunteers!



We are in need of volunteers for Monday night
Bingo!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Check Runners (deliver prize money to winners)
- Floor Runners (sell Bingo Cards on the floor)
- Kitchen Assistance (preparing and serving concessions)

Hours are typically from 4:30—8:30 pm.

Contact Dolores Ashworth, Volunteer Coordinator
for more information at 704-481-7386.

*Bingo is an ongoing fundraiser for the Neal Center.
We are located at 100 T. R. Harris Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.*

OUR VETERANS ALWAYS HAVE A STORY TO TELL...

JOIN US FOR “VETERAN’S COFFEE & CHAT”!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 AT 10 AM

If you are a veteran aged 50+, regardless of which military branch, you’re welcome to attend this interesting group! Female veterans are especially encouraged to join! It’s a great time to share your stories of serving our country and the issues veterans deal with later in life. Snacks will be provided. No reservations necessary.



WARMING UP THE VINTAGE TV



The show: "Bewitched"

The network: ABC, black & white/color, 30 minutes, 256 episodes

Broadcast History: September 17, 1964-March 25, 1972

Where to Watch: DVD sets, Vintage TV Channels

With October being the month for "Halloween", let's look at a popular sitcom that involved a witch that was beautiful, practical, and sometimes unpredictable. "Bewitched", which starred Elizabeth Montgomery, aired on ABC Television for eight seasons, from 1964 to 1972. 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the show's debut, which was in September 1964.

The premise of the show was about a beautiful witch named "Samantha" that meets and marries a mortal named "Darrin Stephens" (Dick York, later Dick Sargent). While Samantha complies with Darrin's wishes to become a normal suburban housewife, her magical family disapproves of the mixed marriage and frequently interferes in the couple's lives. Episodes often begin with Darrin becoming the victim of a spell, the effects of which wreak havoc with his boss, clients, parents, and neighbors. By the end of the show, however, the devious elements that caused the trouble are resolved, with Darren and Samantha declaring their love for each other. The witches and warlocks in the show are very long-lived....while Samantha appears to be a young woman, many episodes suggest she is actually hundreds of years old. To keep their society secret, witches avoid showing their powers in front of mortals other than Darrin. Nevertheless, the effects of their spells—and Samantha's attempts to hide their supernatural origin from mortals—drive the plot of most episodes. Witches and warlocks usually use physical gestures in casting a spell. Most of Samantha's magical work was often done by twitching her nose to create a spell, which was highlighted by special effects and music.

The main setting for most episodes is the Stephens's' home at 1164 Morning Glory Circle, in an upper-middle-class suburban neighborhood. Darren worked at the fictional Madison Avenue advertising agency, "McMann and Tate". The show's pilot began rehearsals in late 1963, around the time of former president John F. Kennedy's assassination. (William Asher, who was the show's director, as well as Elizabeth Montgomery's real-life husband, produced the 1962 televised birthday party where Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday, Mr. President"). There were two main themes of the series: the conflict between a powerful woman and a husband who cannot deal with that power, and the anger of a bride's mother seeing her daughter marry beneath her. Airing on Thursday, September 17, 1964 at 9:00 PM, the show was a hit right from the beginning, finishing its first year as the number two show in the country. William Asher, the show's director, won a Prime-time Emmy Award for "Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series" in 1966.

Different methods of special effects were used throughout the show's run when it came to Samantha's witchcraft. For instance, if a book were disappear from out of Samantha's hands, the shot would be paused while a special effects technician would carefully remove the book from her hands. The shot would continue so that it would appear that the book disappeared when aired. If the script called for Samantha to clean her kitchen, Elizabeth Montgomery would raise her arms up, the director called "Cut," and she'd freeze in position (with her arms aching) while stagehands quickly swept, dusted and put things back in their places. Then the director called "action" and she could finally move again. And when characters changed clothes in the blink of an eye, they actually secured their shoes to the floor exactly where they'd been standing, run backstage, change, and step back into their shoes.

While the show was a major hit for ABC and audiences adored the show, there was some behind-the-scenes real-life drama. Alice Pearce, who portrayed "Gladys Kravitz" for the 1-1/2 seasons, died towards the end of the second season. Though she was diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer before being cast on the show, Pearce kept her medical condition a secret. However, at the start of the second season, Pearce's co-workers noticed she was rapidly losing weight. At this point, Pearce let the cast and crew know about her illness but she wanted to keep working as long as she was able. She filmed her last episode, "Baby's First Paragraph," on January 21, 1966, and died less than two months later on March 3, 1966, at age 48. The episode entitled "Prodigy" was filmed June 24, 1965, but it had never aired before Pearce's death. It was chosen to air as the season finale of season two. At the 1966 Emmy Awards, Alice posthumously won the "Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series" for her portrayal of Gladys Kravitz. The award was accepted by her husband, Paul Davis.

Until producers could decide what to do about recasting "Gladys Kravitz", Mary Grace Canfield was hired to play Gladys's sister-in-law, "Harriet Kravitz", for four episodes. Comedienne Alice Ghostley was approached to take over the role of Gladys, but because she and Alice were good friends in real life, out of respect for Alice, she declined the role (she later accepted the role of "Esmeralda", a kind but shy and inept witch who served as a nanny and nursemaid to Darrin and Samantha's children). In the fall of 1966, Sandra Gould was hired as "Gladys Kravitz", remaining with the show until the spring of 1971. Marion Lorne, who played a bumbling witch "Aunt Clara", died from a heart attack in the spring of 1968.

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Unlike Pearce, she was not replaced, and the character of Aunt Clara was not seen after the fourth season. For her role as Aunt Clara, Marion won the "Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series" posthumously at the 1968 Emmy Awards. The award was accepted by the show's star, Elizabeth Montgomery.

Yet, the most notable cast change took place in early 1969 when the "Darren" character called for a change of actors. Back in 1959, while Dick York was doing the film "They Came To Cordura", Dick was involved in a serious an accident on the set. The accident tore all the muscles in the right side of his back and damaged his spine. At that time, his only treatment options were drugs, which he eventually became addicted to. The injury and drug reliance constantly bothered Dick and affected his work to where his character was written out of a several episodes in the fifth season. York knew he couldn't continue with the series, due to his worsening health and reliance on pain medication. The show's producers recast the role to Dick Sargent in the role for the sixth, seventh and eighth seasons, ahead of the series end in 1972.

By the end of the 1970–1971 season, the ratings for "Bewitched" had noticeably dropped and the show did not even rank in the list of the top thirty programs. ABC moved "Bewitched's" airtime from Thursdays at 8:30 pm to Wednesdays at 8:00 pm at the beginning of the eighth season. The schedule change did not help ratings as the show was now pitted against CBS's popular "Carol Burnett Show". In January 1972, the show was finally moved to Saturday night at 8:00 pm, opposite television's number one show, "All in the Family", where it fared even worse, finishing in 72nd place for the year. Despite the low ratings, "Bewitched" still had a contract for two more seasons on ABC. Though ABC was willing to honor that contract by renewing the show for a ninth season, Montgomery had grown tired of the series and wanted to do other roles.

Repeats of the show aired on ABC Daytime from January 1968 until July 1973.

Whatever became of the cast of "Bewitched"?

Elizabeth Montgomery (Samantha): Montgomery spent much of her later career pursuing dramatic roles that took her as far away from the good-natured "Samantha" as possible. Among them were a rape victim in "A Case of Rape" (1974), and the accused (but acquitted) murderer "Lizzie Borden" in William Bast's "The Legend of Lizzie Borden" (1975). She divorced William Asher in 1974. In 1993, she married actor Robert Foxworth, after living with him for nearly twenty years. During the last year of her life, Montgomery volunteered at the Los Angeles unit of "Learning Ally", a non-profit organization which records educational audio books for disabled people. During the filming of "Deadline for Murder: From the Files of Edna Buchanan", Elizabeth became ill with flu-like symptoms, which she ignored. She had just finished filming in late March 1995, when she was diagnosed with colon cancer. Due to the late diagnosis, the cancer had spread with no hope of recovery. Unwilling to die in a hospital, Montgomery chose to return to her Beverly Hills home that she shared¹ with Foxworth. She died on May 18, 1995, at the age of 62.

Dick York (Darren #1): Though he overcame his addiction to prescription medications, Dick's health problems continued and his career in Hollywood was pretty much over. He and his wife, Joan, purchased an apartment building and planned to live off the rent for income, but because they rented to people who were on welfare and couldn't pay the rent, the York's refused to evict them and lost the building. He staged a brief acting comeback, with guest appearances on "Fantasy Island" and "Simon and Simon". Dick dedicated his last years to teaching acting and working with the homeless. His poor health was not helped by his three-pack-a-day smoking habit, causing him to develop emphysema, which eventually claimed his life on Feb. 20, 1992 at the age of 63.

Dick Sargent (Darren #2): After "Bewitched" ended, Sargent made many guest appearances in many television shows, such as "Ellery Queen", "The Tony Randall Show", "The Devlin Connection", "Baretta", "Switch", "The Six Million Dollar Man", "Marcus Welby, M.D.", "Trapper John, M.D.", "Matt Houston", "Alice", "Taxi" and "Benson". Sargent was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1989, and his doctors were initially optimistic that it could be treated. However, the disease continued to spread and by early 1994, he had become seriously ill. Sargent died from the disease on July 8, 1994, aged 64.

Agnes Moorehead (Endora): After "Bewitched", she was the lead role in the low-budget ax murderer film "Dear Dead Delilah" in her last starring role. She also reprised her role in "Don Juan in Hell" on Broadway and on tour with an all-star cast. In 1973, she appeared in the Broadway adaptation of "Gigi". When she became ill during the production, it was discovered that Moorehead was one of 220 cast and crew members of the film "The Conqueror" (1956) to have developed cancer. The movie was filmed in Iron City, Utah which was where atmospheric atomic bomb testing took place, exposing the cast and crew to the fallout. Moorehead died at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, on April 30, 1974, due to uterine cancer at the age of 73.

Sandra Gould (Gladys Kravitz #2): After "Bewitched" ended, Gould reprised the role of "Gladys" five years later in a spin-off of the series, "Tabitha". Gould also made appearances on "Columbo", "The Brady Bunch", "Adam-12", "Punky Brewster", "Friends", and "Veronica's Closet." Gould was the widow of broadcasting executive Larry Berns (with whom she had one son) and later married television & film director Hollingsworth Morse. Gould died on July 20, 1999, in Burbank, California of a stroke following heart surgery at the age of 82.

George Tobias (Abner Kravitz): In 1972-1973, Tobias appeared in three episodes of "The Waltons" as junkman "Vernon Rutley". A life-long bachelor, he retired from acting in 1977 after he reprised his role as "Abner Kravitz" in a guest appearance on the "Bewitched" sequel, "Tabitha". Tobias died at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles of bladder cancer on February 27, 1980 at age 78.

Sources: Wikipedia, Bewitched Website, Nostalgia TV

JUST AS AIR, FOOD, AND WATER ARE
NECESSITIES,
SO IS SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING!



Come take part in our "Ladies Support" group,
open to ladies, age 50+

To be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024
10 AM at the Neal Senior Center

To pre-register, please call 704-482-3488 by Friday, October 17th.

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FALL IS FUN



...AND GAMES!



Join us for ***"Fun Friday Bingo"***

Friday, October 4, 2024 & Friday, October 18, 2024

Beginning at 9:30 AM - \$1.00 to play- Walk-ins are welcome

The October 4th game is sponsored by:



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