



May 2022 **THE ECHOES** *Newsletter*

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COMING EVENTS

- May 2/9/16/23 – Paint Class–11:00 a.m.
- May 5 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- May 8 – Mother’s Day
- May 12 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- May 13 –Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- May 14– Workday - 8:00 a.m.
- May 17 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- May 19 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- May 20 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
- May 21 – Pool Party – 11:30
- May 24 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- May 30 – Memorial Day Celebration 12:00 p.m.



POT LUCK



Our Potluck attendance was down due to our winter residents returning home. There were thirty-seven, which is a sizable number.

Ron Colwell was the gold plate winner for April. He and his guest enjoyed all the delicious dishes others had made.

May winner is Blinky St. Jean. He and his guest will enjoy the honor of sitting at the gold table. There were several door prizes and 50/50 money to share.

For the May potluck, bring your favorite dish to share and your drink. See you May 13th at 5:30 p.m.



SPREAD SOME SUNSHINE

If you know one of our residents who might be ill or just not feeling well, please contact Joyce Ryan (our Sunshine Lady) so she can send them a special card. Joyce collects this information and provides it to the Echoes as well. If she does not know then we do not know.

Cinco De Mayo



Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to each resident who is not feeling well.

Dave Clark
Valerie Maule
Jan Wirsing
Lori Taylor

Valerie MacDowell
Liz Noeske
Arlene Jordan
Beverly MacCarthy



CONDOLENCES



The sympathy of the entire Covered Bridge community is extended to the family and loved ones on the death of the following resident since our last Echoes preparation, as submitted by Joyce Ryan.

Richard Livingston

A Sympathy card was also sent to Polly Bolack on the passing of her son.

LINE DANCING



Line dancing is held on Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Covered Bridge Clubhouse.

Beginner's line dancing is on Monday and Thursday, at 9:00 a.m. Beginners are welcome any time of the year.

Submitted by Theresa Ziegelbauer



Thank You

And another one bites the dust...

Herman Bott keeping an eye out for Covered Bridge, organized a work team to put a fiber roof coating on the two sheds in the compound, helping to keep our treasures dry for the next sale. Herman's work crew included Gene Fischer, Jerry Atchley, Fred Smith, Randy Grohler, Larry Angell, Rick Hill, and Lee Maule.

Thanks to Herman for organizing this crew and accomplishing an excellent job.

Submitted by Lee Maule



CORNHOLE

We had a great time this year with our first tournament, and we hope to improve the tournament for next year.

When players put 4 bags in a row, they are privileged to sign that Corn Hole Board. This year we had quite a few new players that accomplished this and those were:

Sam Imbrunone 1 time
Wes Simer 3 times
Jim Palmatier 1 time
Dave Bieganski 1 time
Bruce Mackowink 1 time

Also, some of our return players got 4 in a row, and those were:

Bob Lung 12 times
Dave Horner 11 times
Jack Gasior 4 times

The fancy trophies were hand made by Frank Alcorn.

Corn hole season has come to a sad end this year because Dave Horner will not be returning next year, and we will miss him.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

We are planning our ladies Christmas luncheon. It will be at the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park on November 29th, at 12:00 p.m. The price will be \$17.50, and will include tip, coffee, or soft drink.

We will again be playing our "Favorite Thing", but we will only be bringing one of our favorite things instead of three.

We will also be taking up a collection for the Lake Placid Elementary School students. Money will be used for kids that can't afford to go on a field trip and/or need shoes and school supplies.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

"HELPING HANDS"

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

Contact: Lee Maule (309-369-9799).

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

Contact: Woody Cook (863-531-3410).

Need Help with Housework?

Before – during – after your stay – or all year
Reliable – dependable service, references
Call Marie Primus, 864-329-7277

Need a Haircut?

Contact: Diana Granson, at 16 Jasmine St.
Cuts \$10, Perms start at \$40, Coloring starts at \$40. You can come to my house, or I can come to you. Call for more info at 765-210-7687.

For Airport Transportation

Carrie King, cell 772-971-1837 or 863-531-3562.

Care Assistance

I have 20+ years of long-term care experience. I am available to sit/assist you or a loved one. Contact Ann Miller-Pedersen at 863-273-1019.

Need a Little Time Away

I can sit with your loved one while you are gone. Contact Susan Bates, 68 Venetian Pkwy, 863-840-1910.

Need Help Cleaning

Call the Tidy & Spiffy Gals. Mid Oct – Mid May. Call Terry Wacker (734-276-6649) and Sue Lilly (810-656-7802).

MOTHER'S DAY JOKES

Q: Why is a computer so smart?

A: It listens to its motherboard.

Q: Why is Mother's Day before Father's Day?

A: So, the kids can spend all their Christmas money on Mom.

Q: What do you call a small mother?

A: A Minimum

Q: Why did the cookie cry?

A: Because his mother was a wafer so long!

Q: Why did the mommy cat want to go bowling on Mother's Day?

A: She was an alley cat.

Q: Why did the baby strawberry cry?

A: Because his mom was in a jam!

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Come to the flagpole in front of the Covered Bridge Clubhouse at noon, on Memorial Day. We will be celebrating Memorial Day by listening to patriotic music. Afterwards we will have lunch and play card games, or you can take a dip in the pool. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



FAREWELLS

A picture from the bench on Venetian with neighbors saying farewell until next fall.



Submitted by Joyce Skiba

The Story of the Poppy

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The poppy flower only grows in the absence of other flowers and only in ground that has been churned. In perhaps the best known poem of World War I, when Dr. John McCrae observed poppies growing between the crosses on the soldiers' graves, it inspired him to write the poem *In Flanders Fields*. The poppy has since become known as "The Flower of Remembrance" and is worn in memory of our veterans.

I'm sharing this poppy in remembrance of the veterans as well as the active service members and wishing you a beautiful Memorial Day weekend.

Sincerely,
Your Covered Bridge Echoes Staff

HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 12, 2022 HOA BOARD MEETING

There were **48 people** in attendance.

Tom Taylor reviewed for residents and newer members of how business is typically handled at Covered Bridge. Explaining that action is seldom taken on a resolution until at least two months have passed, giving folks a chance to share their feelings with the HOA Board. Also, residents are **not to leave items on the curb** until the Monday before trash day. Residents should ask for assistance when needed. **Venetian Boulevard parking** should be very limited. And don't let contractor vehicles completely block the road.

A petition had been presented to President Tom Taylor, requesting immediate contact be made with an appropriate engineering firm to study the needs of a **new swimming pool**.

Rick Kennedy reported on the **shuffleboard** improvement project. that had passed at a previous meeting. It was recommended that the Board accept the quote from Lee Aluminum for \$15,600.

Tom Wacker talked about the **new water fountain** and the success in **eliminating an odor problem** from the Clubhouse.

Cliff Hangley spoke of a current **petition to U.S. Water** from our residents, to reduce the smell and noise of the water plant.

Cindy Hubbel announced that the Tuesday after the board meeting would be the new regular date for the **social committee** to meet.

Tom Wacker talked about the **painting of the Clubhouse** which is a great improvement. Tom, his wife Teri, and Lee Maule deserve a strong thank you for that work. Herman Bott reported that the **sealing of the compound roofs** had begun. The **hedges** out in front of the Clubhouse have been removed and 140 bags of **mulch** were spread by volunteers.

Bill Burse talked about needing folks to **weed eat and clean** their area when they remove a trailer, boat, or RV from the **compound area**.

Frank Brown discussed the pool and its issues. He stated that the lack of proper chlorination has been the main problem of late in the **clearness of the pool**.

Bob Evans was not present, but has four new professional signs to erect, notifying drivers of the **Neighborhood Watch Program**.

Jan Reese asked about "snowbirds" being able to send **complaints to U.S. Water**.

Ron Cobert asked about a report of someone **under 55** living in the community.

Jack Gasior requested **speed tables** to slow drivers down on Venetian.

Ed Cunningham warned the community about the presence of "**Luber Grasshoppers**".

Bobbi Snow wondered what should be done about **moldy houses and tall grass** in her neighborhood.

Joyce Skiba explained her success in calling the **Fed Ex company** and getting their trucks to slow down.

Submitted by Rick Kennedy
Covered Bridge HOA Secretary

POTLUCK DOOR PRIZES

Potluck is asking for donations for the door prizes to be given away at their dinners. Please contact Linda Carl.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



TRIMMING PALM TREES

Palm trees are not actually trees. They are monocots and are related to grasses more than trees. Other types of monocots include sedges, orchids, and bamboo. Palms have a single growing point at the top of each stem or trunk known as the apical meristem but commonly called the heart or bud. From this one point, all new leaves or fronds will form. Palms that branch are rare and often this is caused by damage to the bud that results in the bud dividing. Only a few palm species will laterally branch.

Palms require special fertilizers. The University of Florida recommends a slow release 8-2-12 fertilizer with 4% magnesium. The first three numbers are percentages of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium, in that order. Common deficiencies of palms that show up on older fronds are magnesium and potassium. The older or lower fronds may have yellowing spots or major yellowing along the tips of the fronds. Palms should be fertilized regularly to stay healthy.

The health of a palm is tied very closely to fertilization but also to how it is trimmed. Palms rely heavily on making their own food in the form of carbohydrates through the process of photosynthesis. This process requires healthy fronds to remain on the trees. Over-trimming is very detrimental to palms. All fronds that remain partially green should be left on the palm flowers and flower pods can be trimmed off. Taking off too many fronds interferes with the palm being able to produce enough food to sustain itself.

Some palms will trim themselves and do not need to be trimmed. These self-cleaning palms have a green crown shaft on the stem below the fronds. They include royal palms, foxtail palms, and Christmas palms, to name a few. Most of these species are not cold hardy and are more commonly found in South Florida.

Read more about palm tree fertilization and about trimming palms at the University of Florida website <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>

Submitted by Wanda Nichols

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Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

SUMMERTIME POOL PARTIES

We will continue to have pool parties in the summer. We will be asking everyone to bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. You are welcome to join in to play games in the clubhouse.

The hot dogs have been donated by Cindy Hubbel as her dish to pass. So, if she is there, she will most likely bring them again and hopefully Tim will roast them. Hope to see all of you there.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

TOM AND LORI TAYLOR'S CENTURY PLANT IS READY TO BLOOM, SO KEEP YOUR EYE ON IT!! THE ADDRESS IS 44 JASMINE.



COVERED BRIDGE COMPOUND

The Compound is open for Covered Bridge residents on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and you can also call Donna Palmatier (607-624-8447) or Bobby Snow (607-316-3397) and we will be happy to help you anytime.

Submitted by Donna Palmatier

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you have a need for any medical equipment, Covered Bridge has a variety available to borrow in the Shuffleboard/Medical Shed or Claire Leffler's home.

Residents have donated wheelchairs, transport chairs, crutches, walkers, walkers with wheels, 4 wheeled walkers with a seat, shower benches, raised toilet seats, commodes, canes, adjustable ramp, wheelchair lift, etc. for your use. Please sign out what you borrow. If you have personal medical equipment that you are willing to lend in an emergency, please contact me. Be careful! Be safe! Any questions, call Claire.

P.S. We also have a children's bouncy seat, a stroller, and a highchair to lend.

Submitted by Claire Leffler



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card and a T-Shirt!

Submitted by Patty Hynes

FAMOUS ONE-LINERS

Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.

My mind's made up, don't confuse me with facts.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity

Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

The problem with trouble shooting is that trouble shoots back.

Treat each day as your last; one day you will be right.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

