



October 2026

THE ECHOES

Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Oct 6 – Voice of Covered Bridge – 10:00 a.m.
Oct 9 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
Oct 10 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.
Oct 13– Social Planning Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
Oct 13 – Welcome New Residents – 10:00 a.m.
Oct 14 – Veteran’s Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
Oct 15 – Christmas Sales Mtg – 10:00 a.m.
Oct 15 – CB Get Together – 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Oct 16 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
Oct 17 – Oktoberfest – 4:00 p.m.
Oct 19 – Euchre Tournament – 6:00 p.m.
Oct 20 – BOD Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Oct 20 – Bingo Starts – 7:00 p.m.
Oct 22 – Cart Ride – 5:30 p.m.
Oct 24 – Fairy Hair – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Oct 31 – Trunk or Treat – 5:00 p.m.
Oct 31 – Dance – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

COVERED BRIDGE INFORMATION SITES

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(all words are spelled out).

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**“Have a fang-tastic
Halloween!”**

“Bone to be wild”

Potluck



We had a great turnout of 47 people at the Sep 11th Potluck. Our September Gold Plate winner was Bev Smith. She, her guests, and all in attendance, enjoyed a variety of tasty dishes. Joe Closson spoke of 9/11 but also how we were on 9/12. We had a solemn moment; tears were shed in remembrance. We held hands and sang Lee Greenwoods "God Bless the USA". Next month, Dale Sturtevant will be at the Gold Plate table. She was lucky winning this as well as the 50/50. Next month's theme is "Tailgate Food", so wear your favorite teams' shirt. See y'all on Friday **Oct 9, 2026**.

Thank you to my wonderful volunteers; Wanda Dickson, Jan Verdenjak, Barb Helminger, Leesha Miller, Patty Sheller, Joe Closson, John Taylor and Patty Hynes.

Submitted by Linda Taylor



GET WELL WISHES



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

Shirley Bott	Barbara Brigante
Ernie Fedewa	Philip Schmidt
Tim Granson	Sue Schmidt
Joan Towe	Donna Palmatier

If you know of one of our residents who might be ill or just not feeling well, please contact Joyce Ryan (our Sunshine Lady) at 863-273-0461 so she can send them a special card.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Please join us in the clubhouse on **Oct 13, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m., in the Clubhouse. We have a lot of information to share with you regarding our community. Come and meet some of your new neighbors.

Submitted by Peggy Storey

NEW MAINTENANCE FEES

Maintenance fee amounts beginning January 1, 2026:

1 home \$336
1 lot \$14

Next maintenance fees due **Oct 1, 2026**.

Submitted by Leigh Russ

COUNTY PERMITS

There seems to be some confusion about Highlands County new rules and who needs a permit for changes you want to make to your residence. You can sign up through Highlands County to be exempt from needing a permit. There are very specific rules. Even if you get an exemption from the county, you must submit your plans to the architectural committee for approval along with the exemption. The exemption fee is \$25.00.

Submitted by Patty Hynes

BINGO STARTS



Come join the fun!! Bingo starts back up on Tuesday **Oct 20, 2026**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbe

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Applications for Board of Directors Election will be accepted until **Nov 10, 2026**. You may obtain an application from the office during regular hours or contact Joan Terrell at 412-999-7197 or Elaine Orr at 863-465-5299.

Submitted by Joan Terrell,
Chairperson, Election Committee



CHRISTMAS SALE MEETING

The time is here for our Annual Christmas Sale. We will be having a meeting on Thursday **Oct 15, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m.

This will be an organizational meeting which is open to everyone, and we request that all Chairpersons attend.

Submitted by Phyllis Saunders

DONATION VS TAXABLE FUNDRAISING

There has been ongoing confusion about this topic in the community. Hopefully, this explanation can clear up the confusion.

Donations are gifts made without receiving anything in return, while taxable fundraising involves raising money where contributors receive goods or services making it subject to tax implications for the HOA (federal income and state sales taxes).

Example; An event is advertised with a price of \$10.00 "donation" for a dinner. This is taxable income for the HOA because of the \$10.00 advertised price. A true donation is one not asking a price for goods or services, not even a suggested donation price. To make it clear that the dinner is for donations, we cannot put a price on it, not even suggested price. The donation is to be freely given. We have to accept that some contributors will give generously while others may give minimal or even nothing.

If you have any questions about this topic, please let me know.

Submitted by Leigh Russ



VETERAN'S CORNER

At our **October 14, 2026**, meeting we will finalize our Veterans Day Service plans. Also, we will complete our Teams for the installation of yard flags at CB Veterans Homes for Veterans Day. We will discuss other activities and the upcoming Officers Election. Please attend!

Submitted by John Welte

FAIRY HAIR **Reminder**

The date will be **Nov 12, 2026**. There is a \$20 service fee and a \$5 donation. Convenient appointment times will be prearranged for you. Any questions, please contact Elaine Orr at 863-465-5299 or Patti May at 863-464-1172. There is a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse.

Submitted by Elaine Orr

CONDOLENCES



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

Theresa LaBlanc

OKTOBERFEST **(In place of Picnic by the Pool)**



Come and join the fun at the Covered Bridge Clubhouse on **Oct 17, 2026** for wine and cheese at 4:00 p.m. The meal will be at 5:30 p.m. Price is \$12.00 per person. It will be a Full German Meal which will include:

Bratwurst
Pulled Pork w/Sauerkraut
Pork Fritters w/brown gravy
Green Beans w/onions and bacon
German Potato Salad
Red Cabbage and apples
Bread and butter
Cider and Pink Lemonade
Dessert

There will be music and dancing. Beer and Wine will be available by donation. Sign up at the Clubhouse. Tickets are available from Terry and Anita Myers at 134 Parkview Circle.

Submitted by Terry and Anita Myers



GOLF CART RIDE

We will meet at the Clubhouse on **Oct 22, 2026**, at 5:30 p.m. We will follow each other to A HOT DOG ROAST and visit before finishing our ride with a Halloween display, before returning to the park.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

SENIOR FOOT CARE
PEDICURE

I have 30 years of experience doing pedicures. For \$15.00 you get a foot soak, push back cuticles, cut toenails and file toenails.

Additional \$5.00 Callus removal

Additional \$5.00 Toenail polish

Call or text Donna Steinhauer to set up an appointment at 607-738-4034.

Submitted by Donna Steinhauer

TRUNK OR TREAT

On **Oct 31, 2026**, at 5:00 p.m., some Covered Bridge Residents are handing out candy to children outside the gate on Peachtree Street. Everyone is welcome. You can come on your golf cart, in your car or even on your bike. Please bring along some candy to hand out. We are calling this TRUNK or TREAT.

Submitted by Cincy Hubbel



COVERED BRIDGE
HALLOWEEN DANCE

Our Halloween Dance will be in the Clubhouse on Saturday, **Oct 31, 2026**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission will be a \$10.00 donation. Bring your drink of choice and a snack to share. There will be prizes for :

Best Decorated Pumpkin

Best Halloween Snack

Best Costume –

{individual, couple and group}

All proceeds go to Covered Bridge". We hope to see you all at the dance whether you dance or not. Come & enjoy an evening of music. A 50/25/25 drawing will be offered.

Submitted by Connie Charles

CARING CONNECTIONS

The Caring Connections Committee of Covered Bridge is going to do a "nonperishable" and "personal hygiene" items drive from **Nov 1 through Nov 30, 2026**. All donations may be dropped off at the Clubhouse by the front doors.

We are asking when you participate in an activity at the Clubhouse, during the month of Nov, that you bring an item to donate at EACH activity you attend. Let's top last year's donations!

The donations will go to Manna Ministries and other charities that serve the Lake Placid residents. Thank you for your help!!

CHALLENGE: For CB residents – surpass last years (2025) 900 lbs.

Submitted by Linda Carl

HELPING HANDS

Medical Equipment – Claire Leffler 863-465-5875 (Please call this number instead of the other number listed in the phone directory) or Kim Justice at 502-370-8958.

Compound – Phyllis Saunders - 607-725-1382 and Terry Myers – 260-609-6479

Power Washing/Painting – Woody Cook 863-531-3410

Power Washing/Painting and small repairs – Lee Maule 309-369-9799

Haircuts – Diana Granson 765-210-7687

Elder Care Services – Kathy Gray 978-758-6868

Automotive Help – Gary Noe 941-241-6600

Pet Sitter and Walker – Bonded and Insured – Judy Segal 954-770-4795

Home Maintenance – Ken Vedernjak, 561-440-0737

Home Care Assistance – Linda Lee Boucher 860-558-3055

Irrigation and Screen Repair/Replacement - Jim Lanigan 978-273-9557

Computer and Home Network Support – Tom Boylan 863-273-8702

Senior Foot Care Pedicure – Donna Steinhauer 607-738-4034



When we were young, we were afraid of the dark. Now, the electricity bill makes us afraid of the light.

Why don't ghosts like rain?
Because it dampens their spirits.

I tried to tell a ghost a secret, but it went straight through him.

Why do demons and ghouls hang out together?
Because demons are a ghouls' best friend!

Ghosts make terrible liars — you can see right through them.

What's a monster's favorite show?
Romeo and Ghouliet.

How do you fix a broken jack-o'-lantern?
With a pumpkin patch.

Ghosts make terrible liars — you can see right through them.

Halloween candy is yummy and all, but don't forget to save room for "I scream".

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
VOICE OF COVERED BRIDGE

Frank Brown and the Board of Directors,
I am writing on behalf of the Voice of Covered Bridge, at our meetings on August 18th and Sept 1st there was much discussion on several repeated concepts.

1. Inheritance line deletion, we would like to have it placed on the ballot to return to the original language. The community believes this deletion to be done in error. We understand sometimes mistakes happen.
2. Background checks for new owners to have the same or similar language as in the rental language.
3. Transfer fee to be placed on the ballot again, it was suggested that it be changed to a set fee, not a fee that goes up each year. Some in the community feel this would have a better chance of passing. The room suggested \$1200. We are one of the very few communities that do not have such a fee. Many feel this entrance fee, impact fee, transfer fee, would greatly help the community and not hurt any of our current residents. Possibly the board could offer more education on the topic.
4. Much conversation was had concerning the voting percentages, we see the Board has placed this on the agenda, there seems to be some confusion. Over the course of several months, the room has wanted to see a majority vote take precedence. It has been stated that this is the way it always used to be. It has been suggested that 66% apply only to amendment changes in the covenants. Please clarify.
5. Voice of covered Bridge will now be meeting at 10am giving residents time for coffee, in hopes of increasing attendance. We know the community is watching FB. As of today, the August 18th meeting has 840 views, and the September 1st meeting has had 929 views. We hope to encourage you to come to the room more and let your voice be heard. Hurry back snowbirds we can use your input. The voice is a valuable tool to the Board. The Voice is here for the betterment of the community, it's an open invite, let's work side by side.
6. Many in the community would like to see the negativity stop. Let's move forward as community.
7. Many would like more info regarding the pool. Has any progress been made? A suggestion was

made that if the board were to put \$100,000 toward the fund, that would encourage more people that can afford it to donate. The belief is "I'll donate when I see the first shovel in the ground" maybe this could be placed on the ballot. It would reduce the anxiety of those that are living on limited incomes.

8. Many months ago, the Board approved a defibrillator/AED at the clubhouse. Has any progress been made?

9. Welcome Home events. When someone is sick and has an extended stay in the hospital. Let's welcome them home. We did this recently for one of our residents. No cost to CB. We bought whistles, clappers, noise makers, welcome home signs and balloons. The resident was overjoyed. Please reach out to Dottie to help organize and welcome our neighbor's home.

10. Remember CB is a volunteer community, many volunteer behind closed doors without recognition. Some are not physically able. Those are the ones that donate in other ways. Gift cards, baskets, \$\$\$. Our Board is the ultimate of volunteerism; they keep the place running. Try hosting an activity, the funds will go either to the pool or the General fund, your choice.

11. Lynn Nelson, Ed Steinhauer and Jeff Stinson will be running for the Board. If anyone else is interested, please reach out to the Board. Once again, we will have our "Meet and Greet the candidates" December 1st, 2026. The plan was to use the same host as in the past. Well dale is on the Board, Jeff is running for the Board and Pam, Ken and Nancy will be away. We have 3 volunteers, Phyliss, Peggy and Glenda, to fill 3 of the 5 spots. Julie, Gale and I are still available. So please two more volunteers. Please send any questions you may have for the candidates to woodsidelake@aol.com maybe the hosts will pick your question. I will create a sheet of questions not chosen for each table.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration

Submitted by Dottie Rudert



OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 VCB 9:00 a.m.	7	8	9 Potluck 5:30 p.m.	10 Workday 8:00 a.m.
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