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THE ECHOES

Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

- Feb 2 – Pennsylvania Day
- Feb 3 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- Feb 5 – Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
- Feb 10 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Feb 11 – Pot Luck - 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 12 – Workday - 8:00 a.m.
- Feb 15 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Feb 17 – Set Up for Fair
- Feb 18 – Set Up for Fair
- Feb 20 – Movie Night - 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 23 – Oscar Fishing Tournament
- Feb 25 – Fish Fry
- Feb 25 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
- Feb 26 – Comedy Show – 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 27 – Ohio Day

Note:



The Music Jam regularly scheduled for Feb 17th has been postponed because the Clubhouse will be needed to set up for the Covered Bridge Fair.

MISSING PICTURE

During the construction in the Clubhouse, a favorite wall picture has come up missing. It was a picture of Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and a few other Rat Pack celebrities of the past. It was a great novelty item and was used in the month of February as a decoration along with the valentine display. It was probably a mistake, and those who took it were not even aware it was part of the covered Bridge decoration collection. It may be returned by placing it behind the piano in the Clubhouse for safe keeping, with no questions asked. Thanks for any help.

Submitted by Elaine Orr
Decorations Chairperson

COVERED BRIDGE HOBBY SHOW



On January 23rd 2022, the Bi Annual Covered Bridge Hobby Show was held in the Clubhouse, following the popular Annual Dog Show. Sixteen hobbyists exhibited their talents in various ways. In spite of the cold weather a crowd of viewers enjoyed the awesome talents of our Covered Bridge exhibitors.

Mark and Roxie Phelps had a display set up of the special items that are going to be given away at the upcoming Covered Bridge Fair, on February 19, 2022. And some lucky persons will win. Mark and Roxie took in several dollars to benefit the fair. Residents enjoyed a dish of ice cream offered by the Covered Bridge Association, while milling around, visiting and looking at the displays. It was an enjoyable afternoon for those coming out.

Submitted by Elaine Orr
Hobby Show Chairperson

POT LUCK



Nat Hurford was the gold plate winner at the January Pot Luck. She was delighted to have over 20 crock pots of soup to choose from. Along with Nat's soup choices, there was bread, crackers, corn bread and dessert. Other people won 50/50 money and several door prizes. The February gold plate winner is Wayne Harvey. Come join Wayne and Deannie at the February 11th Pot Luck. See you there at 5:30 with your drink and dish to share.

Submitted by Linda Carl



NEW YORK DAY

If you are from NY please join us at the clubhouse on March 6th at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to pass and come and meet your fellow NYers.

Submitted by Patti May

THE DOG SHOW



The Dog Show was January 23, 2022 in the clubhouse parking lot. 15 dogs braved the cold damp weather to participate. The dogs paraded around the parking lot past the judges Carrie King and Maryann Schrembeck. The crowd was entertained by tricks some of the dogs did. Rocky Too danced and counted to 4.

Our youngest dog was Little Dude 1 year old and oldest was Brett 15 years old. The dog that makes your heart melt was Daisy. It was a cold but great time.

We also collected donations for Highlands County Humane Society, if you still want to donate just drop or leave it on my porch. They can use dog food, cat food, litter, towels and cleaning supplies.

Hope to see you next year.

Submitted by Patti May



Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to each and every resident who's not feeling well.

Tom Helminger Shirley Slotten
Marie Murray Tammy Yallelus
Ron Colwell Tom Mc Candless
Diana Granson Evelyn Rittenhouse
Nancy Leaver Tom and Lori Taylor
Rich Williams

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 doesn't know then we don't know.

LAWN WATERING

A lot of us are not watering our lawns on the schedule provided by Southwest Florida Water Management District. (SFWMD). SFWMD stipulates for Highlands Co. even numbered homes can water on Sun. and Thurs. before 10am and after 4pm. Odd numbered homes can water on Wed. and Sat. before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. Summer time watering may not be needed due to the amount of rain that usually falls then. Snowbirds should have a summer resident to check irrigation while they are away. Power outages, even short ones add up, and may change time and day of watering. Corrections should be made as needed to keep time and date of watering correct. See page in Covered Bridge Phone Book for this info.

Submitted by Shirley Bott

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.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!!

Derrick & Beverley Brown
3 Hillcrest St.

Henry & Rhonda Hatton
66 Venetian Pkwy

Robert Hackbarth
17 Venetian Pkwy

Eric & Mary Jensen
36 Jasmine St.

All new residents are invited to the welcoming event, held every 2nd Thursday of the month, at 2:00 p.m., in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse.

Submitted by
Barb Brigante and Patti May



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Coming to Covered Bridge Feb 26th is Alan Schubowsky. Alan has appeared on the Improv, Showtime, Comedy Club Network, Comic Strip Live, The Winds of Whoopee and "Comedy is Not Pretty" both with Steve Martin and many other places. The show will start at 7:00 p.m., and the admission is \$10.00 each and you pay at the door. Please sign-up in the Clubhouse.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Monday, February 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
All donors will receive a OneBlood Long Sleeve T-Shirt.

Submitted by Patty Hynes



DOG WALK

Calling all dog owners! Join us for a "pet walk" on Friday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at the front entrance of the Clubhouse. Be sure to bring your doggie bags. The route has not yet been set...but we will stay in the Covered Bridge area. If you have any questions please call Sharon Dougan at 863-243-3174.

Submitted by Wanda Nichols



CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

A Corn Hole tournament will be held March 12th (rain date March 13th). Cost is \$5.00 per team of 2. There will be cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, depending on how many we have playing in the tournament. There will also be trophies given to the winners.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



MOVIE NIGHT

This month's feature movie is "Secondhand Lions," one of the year's happiest movies. It stars Michael Caine, Robert Duvall and Haley Joel Osment.

Movie will be on Feb 20, and will start at 6:00, in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse. Look forward to seeing all of you there.

Submitted by Joanne Novelli

FAIR TICKETS

Tickets are now being sold for the special items that have been donated for the drawing at the Fair in February. Pictures of the items will be posted in the Clubhouse and the Library. If you have something you have made and want to donate, it's not too late. See Roxie Phelps to donate items, see the items or to buy tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Submitted by Roxie Phelps



COVERED BRIDGE BASKET DRAWING

It's that time of year for accepting new or nearly new items for the Covered Bridge Basket Raffle that will be held during this year's Fair in February. Please donate any items you may have for filling the baskets, to Lisa Hughes or Elaine Orr. You may drop the items off or call us and we'll gladly pick them up.

Submitted by Elaine Orr

"HELPING HANDS"

Painting ...interior and exterior, also Power Washing

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

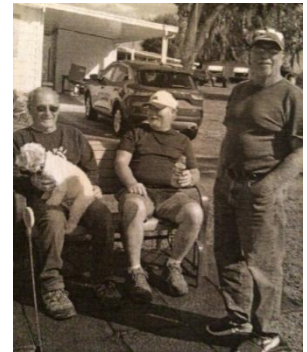
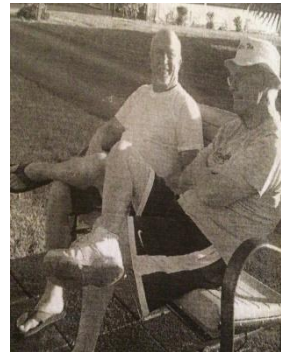
Care Assistance

I have 20+ yrs 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.

"Meeting of the minds" at the bench in front of 8 Venetian Parkway.



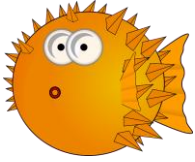
Submitted by Joyce Skiba

COVERED BRIDGE OSCAR TOURNAMENT FEB 23, 2022

Join the fishing tournament on Feb 23rd (rain date Feb 24). The fish will be donated to the community Fish Fry on Feb 25. One or two person teams (must have 1 resident/team). Watch for flyers detailing more information in the Clubhouse, Library and on Covered Bridge Facebook page. No entry fee... individual and team prizes. Direct any questions to Dave at 618-237-5834.

Submitted by Tom Taylor

Valentine's day
14 February



FISH FRY

Fish Fry will be on Feb 25th, at the CB Clubhouse, compliments of the tournament participants.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday for the fish cleaning party.

Submitted by Tom Taylor

HOA BOARD MEETING **JANUARY 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Taylor, at the CB Clubhouse, at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, January 3, 2022.

After pledging allegiance to the American Flag, some 95 residents in attendance, observed a moment of silence together. President Tom Taylor greeted and welcomed 6 new or first time residents or couples that were in attendance, and they were warmly applauded.

Kathy Haase, chair of the election committee, announced the official results of the election of the 2022 Board of Directors for Covered Bridge. Those receiving positions as a result of the homeowners vote were: Tom Taylor, Patty Hynes, Bill Burse and Cliff Hangle. They were all elected to serve two year terms. Other current board members with a one year term remaining include: Leigh Russ, Cindy Hubbel and Rick Kennedy. A hearty thank you was extended by the President for the work done by the entire election committee.

Election of officers was then conducted by the new board for positions to be served as a one year term. The 2022 officers include: President Tom Taylor, Vice President Patty Hynes, Treasurer Leigh Russ and Secretary Rick Kennedy.

Tom Taylor relayed much appreciation on behalf of the board to all Covered Bridge volunteers for their faithful and dedicated service over the past year. Covered Bridge would not be the beautiful place that it is, with a very reasonable maintenance/HOA fee, without its teams of valuable volunteers!

Other comments and discussion led by the President included:

1. Effective date of the HOA fee rate increase from \$85.00 to \$93.00 per month will be March 1, 2022, rather than January 1, 2022, per restrictions by our covenants. Refund arrangements for prepaid accounts can be made with the Treasurer. A postcard will be mailed to announce the correction.
2. Enforcement of various rules due to abuses in the community is ongoing.
3. The 2022 Budget is posted on the bulletin board and the CB web site.
4. Various parking violations are being addressed.
5. Architectural rules continue to be updated.
6. The need and effort to improve "Zoom" arrangements for future meetings.
7. The Compound is not totally full due to efforts of Bill Burse and Gene Fischer reorganizing it.
8. Light posts in yards need to be working properly.
9. Every dog walker needs to do his/her due diligence.
10. Developer is rapidly selling his remaining lots.

Various residents expressed concerns, ideas and reports from different interest including:

Elaine Orr shared requests for doors to be put on the new storage area at the east end of the Clubhouse.

Claire Leffler explained ticket sales for Fair.

Donna Palmatier gave an update on the compound and the Fair, and announced a meeting for Jan 11th.

Don Gill suggested Covered Bridge purchase the available vacant lot near the main entrance.

Mike Kratt shared concerns about Covered Bridge needing to purchase the available lot next to the storage compound for future expansion.

Jack Gasior explained the need on Venetian Parkway for modified speed bumps.

Bobbi Snow suggested speed “tables” rather than speed “bumps”.

Frank Brown discussed the mosquito problem and wondered if we can ask the County for assistance or use available control equipment.

Ed Cunningham shared about his compilation of interesting “Day Trips” that residents can get copies of in the Library.

Several other residents provided key items and/or discussion to contribute to the mass of information and ideas shared during the meeting.

With no business to conduct, due to the type of meeting held, (HOA Annual), and no further participation requested by residents, there was a motion to adjourn by Cindy Hubbel and seconded by Leigh Russ. And after a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Submitted by Rick Kennedy
Covered Bridge HOA Secretary



Red Hat luncheon at the Runway Café
Jan 28, 2022



FAIR SCHEDULE
February 19 – Sale Day

2-16-22 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - ?

Come and help – remove chairs from Clubhouse. Tents, tables, tarps and some totes brought over from the compound for sorting.

Tents set up Wed morning at 8:30.
Lunch served for workers.

2-17-22 Thursday 8:00 a.m. - ?

Tables delivered from Taylor Rental.
Rest of totes brought over from compound for sorting – clothing totes and some furniture.

Lunch served for workers.

2-18-22 Friday 8:00 a.m. - ?

Furniture and clothing delivered for set-up.
Bring baked goods in the morning.

Lunch served for workers.

Residence sale 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

2-19-22 Saturday 7:00 a.m. or earlier

Remove tarps, adjust clothing tables and be ready for a long day of fun.

Lunch served for workers.

Don't Forget To Bake For The Sale

Submitted by Bobbi Snow
and Donna Palmatier

CB REMEMBERS...THE FAIR

We're approaching our 35th annual CB Fair so it's a perfect time to salute it's evolution since 1986.

Always to encourage "community spirit" (profit as a side effect).

It was traditionally held in March, changed to February for snowbirds and rental workers who deserved needed down time before leaving.

1986 residents rented tables, sold craft and personal items.

Graduated to "rummage sale" with clothes and shoes.

- **Advertising** – scarce, just friends.
Flyers in businesses and other local communities.
Newspaper ad, radio and internet one year, Coffee News.
- **Chairperson** – "Social Director's" job (no volunteer).
- **Tickets** – volunteer sellers to each home.
- **Prizes** – donations from residents and town businesses.
Florida law outlawed "raffle" (gambling), now drawing.
Quilts handmade by residents.
100+ prizes listed on charts "cheer" and "theme" baskets.
Winners drawn after closing of fair (took hours).
- **Profits** – keep maintenance fees low.
Monies counted in home by respected volunteers, no paper trail.
Early \$4,000.00, grew to over \$15,000.00 some years.
- **Leftovers** – picked up by "Roy" (we helped load truck)
Tip jar and homemade pies for Roy.
Then paid from Fair budget.
- **Music** – live in pool area.
- **Food** – sold from kitchen.

- **Parking** – helter-skelter (now using vests, shuttles and walkie-talkies).
- **Name tags** – indicate workers for free food.
- **Tables** – saw horses with plywood tops outside.
- **Emergencies** –
Friday run for permit
Friday night guard detail to discourage "visitors".
Saturday a.m. sprinklers doused outside tables
- **Workers Attire** – various hats, bow-ties, silly clothes and famous traditional clown.

Of course, you have other memories that we forgot. Please share them with us.

Submitted by Claire Leffler
and Sue Schmidt

