



# ***October 2025 THE ECHOES Newsletter***

Editor: Joanne Novelli

## **COMING EVENTS**

Oct 2 – Genealogy Club – 2:00 p.m.  
Oct 6 – New Residents Mtg – 9:00 a.m.  
Oct 7 – Voice of Covered Bridge – 9:00 a.m.  
Oct 8 – Veteran’s Meeting – 11:00 a.m.  
Oct 10 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.  
Oct 11 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.  
Oct 14 – Social Planning Mtg - 10:00 a.m.  
Oct 14 – Bingo Begins – 7:00 p.m.  
Oct 15 – Christmas Sale Mtg – 9:00 a.m.  
Oct 17 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.  
Oct 18 – Picnic by the Pool - 12:00 p.m.  
Oct 20 – Euchre Tournament – 6:00 p.m.  
Oct 21 – Board of Dir Mtg – 10:00 a.m.  
Oct 23 – Pumpkin Decorating – 10:00 a.m.  
Oct 31 – Monster Mash Party/Dance – 7:00 p.m.

## **C B VETERANS GROUP**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, **Oct 8, 2025**, at 11:00 am.

## **COVERED BRIDGE INFORMATION SITES**

Website address:

[www.coveredbridgelakeplacidflorida.net](http://www.coveredbridgelakeplacidflorida.net) (all words are spelled out).

CB Board Email Address:

[coveredbridge101@gmail.com](mailto:coveredbridge101@gmail.com)

Echoes Address:

[cbechoes@gmail.com](mailto:cbechoes@gmail.com)

Face book Page: Search for “Covered Bridge, Lake Placid, FL”

Email address to receive the Echoes:

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# Potluck



We had 46 residents in attendance our Sep 12, 2025, Potluck. Our “Gold Plate” winner was Sue Schmidt. Her guests and all who attended enjoyed many tasty dishes. There was a 50/50 drawing, and the lucky winner took home \$57.00. We also had 7 donated Door prizes.

Our next months “Gold Plate” winner is Lynn Nelson. She and her guests will sit at the Gold Table and enjoy being first in line to eat.

The **Oct 10, 2025**, theme is “Tailgate”. Bring your favorite tailgate food and wear your favorite team shirt.

A special “thank you” to my hard-working volunteers: Patty Hynes, Patty Schaeller, Dale Sturtevant, Wanda Dickson, Ron Colwell and Terri Wheeler.

Submitted by Linda Taylor

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



## **CHRISTMAS SALE MEETING**



There will be a Christmas Sale meeting at the Clubhouse, on **Oct 15, 2025**, at 9:00 a.m. We will need volunteers and donations. It is a fun event for all at Covered Bridge. The sale will be held on **Nov 15, 2025**. Please attend this meeting, we need your input. A Bake Sale will be included at the Sale. We need your wonderful baked goods. Thank you in advance for your support.

Submitted by Phyllis Saunders

## **PICNIC BY THE POOL**

The “Picnic by the Pool” Party will be held on **Oct 18, 2025**, at 12:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we may be able to have it outside. If we do remember no breakable serving dishes are allowed outside. Hot dogs will be provided.

Please use the sign-up sheet located in the Clubhouse, so we will know how much to prepare for.

Please bring your own drink and a dish to share, that will serve at least 8 people.

Submitted by Anita and Terry Myers

**Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?**  
He had no body to go with.

**What did the ghost ask the other?**  
“Do you believe in people?”

**YOU'RE INVITED! COVERED BRIDGE  
GENEALOGY CLUB**

Do you enjoy learning about family history? Curious about discovering your roots? Then come join us for the very first meeting of the Covered Bridge Genealogy Club!

Date: Thursday, **Oct 2, 2025**

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Covered Bridge Clubhouse

This will be a friendly, informal gathering where we'll introduce the club, share ideas, and talk about the kinds of activities and resources we'd like to explore together. Whether you're just getting started or have years of research experience, everyone is welcome!

Let's celebrate our heritage and discover the histories that connect us. We hope to see you there!

Submitted by Terri Wheeler

**Welcome  
New Residents**

Please welcome Scott & Sue Deschenes, 21 Pinecrest St to our neighborhood! We encourage all new residents to attend one of our meetings as we provide a lot of information and opportunities for involvement in our community. While you might be too busy unpacking, I am providing dates for the next few meetings and hope you will be able to attend.

All meetings are conducted in the Clubhouse and last approximately one hour.

Monday, **October 6, 2025**, at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

We hope you will join us!

Peggy Storey

**MAINTENANCE FEES  
REMINDER**

Maintenance Fees are due on the following dates:

Jan 1, 2026 – 1st quarter

Apr 1, 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

Jul 1, 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

Oct 1, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

Maintenance Fee amounts are the following:

1 home \$306.00

1 vacant lot or additional lot with a home  
\$12.75

Submitted by Leigh Russ

**PUMPKIN DECORATING**



**FUN EVENT**



Hi friends! For those who are interested in making their pumpkin creations with fellow competitors, please join us on Oct 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Bring your own supplies (plastic, ceramic or clay pumpkins, paint, decorations). Please make fresh pumpkins creations at home and bring them on day of "Monster Mash Party", Friday **Oct 31, 2025**. There will be designated areas for your display. "If you're out of your gourd and ready for some competition, come join in the fun!"

Submitted by Rose Jolman

## **WASTE DISPOSAL**

Residential customers only starting  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
6000 Skipper Road  
Sebring, FL 33870  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 – 4:30

Paint (less than 10 gal)  
Oil (less than 5 gal)  
Gas (less than 20 gal)  
Diesel (less than 30 gal)  
Antifreeze (less than 5 gal)  
Batteries  
Electronic Waste (monitors, computers,  
laptops, etc.)  
Chemicals (herbicide, pesticide, fertilizer,  
pool chemicals)

Starting September 1, 2025, Landfill will no longer accept any HHW waste. Those items must be brought to the listed above address.

**Commercial Paint can only be  
disposed of at the Landfill for a fee.**

## **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.

Joanne Royer

## **BINGO IS BACK!!!**

Bingo starts back up at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, **Oct 14, 2025**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Come early so you can pick up your bingo sheets and be ready when Bingo starts, ON TIME. Bingo will be every Tuesday night afterwards unless otherwise announced.

Submitted by Donna Palmatier

## **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

## **CLUBHOUSE SUPPORT**

To keep our clubhouse running smoothly, we're seeking your support in replenishing essential supplies. Your contributions help ensure the space stays clean, stocked, and ready for everyone to enjoy during Covered Bridge sanctioned events. We understand that not everyone may be able to contribute, and that's completely okay. For those who are able and willing, your support, whether through donated items, monetary contributions, or physical assistance—is truly appreciated.

### **How You Can Help**

We're currently seeking donations of either specific supplies or funds to help us purchase them. Every item or dollar will go directly toward maintaining the supplies that will benefit all residents.

### **October Wish List:**

- Dessert plates – 7-inch heavy duty disposable dessert plates
- Angel Soft brand toilet paper
- Vanity Fair everyday paper napkins, disposable

### **Ways to Donate**

- Drop off supplies at 12 Venetian Parkway (Rick and Lynn Nelson's home).
- Monetary donations, referencing Clubhouse supplies, can be dropped off at the office during open hours (Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00–11:00 a.m.) or mailed to:  
*101 Parkview Circle, Lake Placid, FL 33852*
- Need help or have questions? Contact Rick Nelson at 952.334.5256.
- Join us during our monthly Workday events to lend a hand in person.

Together, we can keep our clubhouse clean, stocked, and ready for all to enjoy. Thank you

for being part of what makes our community great!



### **REMINDER:** **BOARD ELECTIONS**

It is that time of year when we need to begin preparing for the January 2026 Board of Director Elections. This year there will be four positions open for residents interested in the well being and future of our community. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Joan Terrell or Elaine Orr for an application. We will accept applications up to **November 14, 2025**. We look forward to hearing you!

Submitted by Joan Terrell



### **GET WELL WISHES**

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

Susan Spurlock  
Dave Bieganski  
Connie Temple

Rick Nelson  
Beverly Modloff

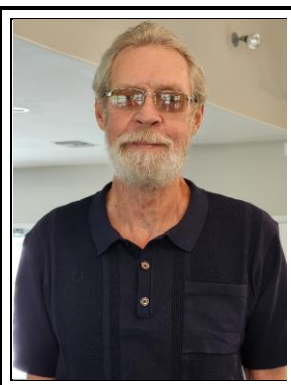
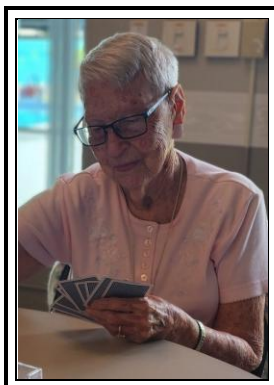
If you know of one of our residents who might be ill or just not feeling well, please contact Joyce Ryan (our Sunshine Lady) at 863-273-0461 so she can send them a special card.

**NOTE:** Our own “**Sunshine Lady**”, **Joyce Ryan** is having surgery on Oct 9, 2025. So, let's flood her with Get Well wishes, to show her how much we appreciate her always being there when we need a pick me up. Thanks Joyce and best wishes for a speedy recovery.





## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



On September 7, while playing Hand & Foot at the Clubhouse, two of our Covered Bridge neighbors celebrated birthdays! Evelyn Rittenhouse is an amazing 98 years young and Doug Jolman celebrated the 38th anniversary of his 39th birthday. Happy Birthday to Evelyn and Doug.

Submitted by Terri Wheeler



## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The next blood drive is **Nov 19, 2025**, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. We appreciate your continued support to our community.

Submitted by Patty Hynes



## **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, 2025. All donations may be dropped off in the donation boxes in the Clubhouse by the front doors.

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

If you know someone that needs a "Caring Box", please put their name and address in a sealed envelope. Put the sealed envelope in the office mailbox with "Linda Carl" written on the front. All envelopes will be kept private.

The donations will be distributed first to those within Covered Bridge. The remaining donations will go to Manna Ministries or another Lake Placid charity. Thank you for your help!

**CHALLENGE:** for Covered Bridge residents, surpass last year (2024) 600 lbs.

Submitted by Linda Carl

## **MONSTER MASH PARTY/DANCE**



Come join us for the Covered Bridge "Monster Mash Party" on **October 31, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m. until? There will be music, movies, and contests for the best costume, best pumpkin decorating and best Halloween snack, with prizes for each.

A \$5.00 (or more) donation is requested. Please bring your best Halloween snack to share and your own drink. There will also be a 50/25/25 drawing. Please invite your friends and family. Come out and have some fun. Let's welcome back our snowbirds. See Dean Bowers or Connie Charles for more information.

Submitted by Dean Bowers



## **CHRISTMAS SALE**

Christmas is coming! Boy, do I hate to hear those words before Halloween! But there is a reason! Covered Bridge has an annual Christmas Sale. The Christmas Sale is coming up fast, on **November 15, 2025**, and we need to get organized. The Christmas sale is part of the big COVERED BRIDGE FAIR, which is just around the corner, on **February 21, 2026**.

You could help by going through your Christmas stuff and donating items to our sale that you can part with.

We also need volunteers to set up and work on the day of the sale. We need goodies for the bake sale also.

This volunteering is helping Covered Bridge. Bottom line...we need YOU!!!! Thanks!

Submitted by Sue Schmidt



## **VETERAN'S CORNER**

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour of 2025, the CB Veterans will hold a special flag raising ceremony celebrating Veterans Day. This celebration will be held at the main flagpole in front of the Clubhouse. All residents of Covered Bridge are welcome to attend this ceremony. All Veterans are encouraged to participate.

The November CB Veterans Meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of November (the 5<sup>th</sup>) to allow us to finalize our Veterans Day plans. Any Veteran planning to join us for the Ceremony on **Nov 11, 2025**, should attend this meeting!

Submitted by John Welte

## **BUDDY PARTY**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Buddy party. I love to keep him alive in my memories, makes me smile. And having all of you folks join me in celebrating him makes me smile even more.

Love, Krabby Patty

## **REMINDER FOR SNOWBIRDS**

Please bring your art and craft items when you return to Covered Bridge for the season. The Bi-Annual "Arts and Crafts Show" will be **Jan 25, 2026**, in the Clubhouse. It has always been amazing to see how much talent CB residents are blessed with. It will be a fun day with the "Dog Show" and "Ice Cream Social" also going on. Please contact Elaine Orr or Annie Hall, if you have any questions.

Another reminder, if you have jewelry, you no longer use, please consider donating it for the Christmas Sale in Nov or the Covered Bridge Fair in Feb. Contact Elaine Orr or Phyllis Saunders if you have any questions concerning these two other sales.

Submitted by Elaine Orr



**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

The next Social Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday **Oct 14, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. All committee heads are asked to attend. CB residents with ideas for future events/entertainment are also asked to come and join us.

Submitted by Connie Charles

**RED HATS**



The ladies "Red Hat" luncheon will be held in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse, on Thursday, **Nov 20, 2025**, at 12:00 p.m. (For Members Only). See all of you there!



**SAVE THE DATE...December 2, 2025** (Tuesday), "Ladies Christmas Luncheon", 11:30 a.m., at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Sebring. More details to follow...

Submitted by Connie Charles



**ALASKAN CRUISE -**  
**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
**Jul 24, 2026 – Aug ,4 2026**

There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, **Nov 1, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse.

Guest speakers:

Leon and Deborah Pollard – Travel Agents  
Linda Drumm – Alaskan Homeowner and Florida snowbird

If you have any questions call Connie Charles 315-416-5895 or see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

Submitted by Connie Charles

**COLUMBUS HUMOR**

Q: How did Christopher Columbus pay for his trip to the new land?

A: He used his Discover card.

Guy at work: They don't celebrate Thanksgiving in India, do they?

Me: They would if Columbus had stopped to ask for directions...

Q: How did the crew of Santa Maria wash their clothes?

A: They used Tide

Q: How was Columbus's ship like Black Friday?

A: They're both driven by sails.



# OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Genealogy Club 2:00 p.m.	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> New Residents Meeting 9:00 a.m.	<u>7</u> Voice of Covered Bridge 9:00 a.m.	<u>8</u> Veteran's Meeting 11:00 a.m.	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Potluck 5:30 p.m.	<u>11</u> Workday 8:00 a.m.
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>  Columbus Day	<u>14</u> Social Planning Meeting 10:00 a.m.  Bingo Begins 7:00 p.m.	<u>15</u> Christmas Sale Meeting 9:00 a.m.	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Coffee Hour 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	<u>18</u> Picnic by the Pool 12:00 p.m.
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Euchre Tournament 6:00 p.m.	<u>21</u> BOD Meeting 10:00 a.m.	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Pumpkin Decorating 10:00 a.m.	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>  Monster Mash Party/Dance 7:00 p.m. Halloween	
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Covered Bridge Association, Inc.

101 Parkview Circle

Lake Placid, FL 33852

Welcome to Covered Bridge!

We're so glad you're considering joining our wonderful community. Covered Bridge is a truly special place—one where neighbors look out for one another, friendships are built, and everyone has the chance to contribute in meaningful ways.

Our Homeowner's Association is 100% volunteer-run. From serving on the Board of Directors, to maintaining our beautiful grounds, to sending a heartfelt card when a neighbor is ill or has lost a loved one, everything we do is powered by the generosity and talents of our residents.

This spirit of volunteerism keeps our HOA fees low, ensures decisions are made by those who live here, and most importantly, makes Covered Bridge a close-knit community instead of just another neighborhood.

There are so many ways to get involved, whether big or small. Here are just a few opportunities:

Board of Directors

Grounds & Building Maintenance

Pool Upkeep

Office Support

Social Events & Activities (Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Dinner, Holiday Celebrations, Coffee Hour, Potluck, Library, and more!)

Annual Fair (a large community garage sale)

Workday Projects – Once a month, volunteers gather at the clubhouse for cleaning, repairs, and various tasks in each of our amenities, as well as out in the grounds and storage compounds. Afterward, we enjoy a community lunch, a great way to meet neighbors and make friends!

And so much more!

By choosing Covered Bridge, you're not just buying a home, you're becoming part of something bigger: a community built on kindness, teamwork, and pride of ownership.

We look forward to welcoming you, sharing your talents, and building even more great memories together.

Warm regards,

The Covered Bridge Board of Directors