



# *February 2023* **THE ECHOES** *Newsletter*

## COMING EVENTS

- Feb 4 – Pancake Breakfast -7:30 a.m.
- Feb 5, 19, 26 – Growing in Christ – 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 6, 13, 27 – Buffalo Nickels – 1:00 p.m.
- Feb 9 – Cornhole Tournament – 1:30 p.m.
- Feb 9 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Feb 10 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 10 – Cornhole Rain Date
- Feb 11 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.
- Feb 14 – Valentine’s Dance – 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Feb 15 – Blood Drive – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Feb 15 – Preparation of Fair – 8:00
- Feb 16 - Preparation of Fair – 8:00
- Feb 17 – Preparation of Fair – 8:00
- Feb 18 – Fair – 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Feb 20 – Poker Run – 12:00 p.m.
- Feb 21 – HOA Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Feb 25 – Private Party – 4:00–6:00 p.m.
- Feb 26 – Ohio Day - 2:00 p.m.
- Feb 28 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

## ECHOES COMMITTEE

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## COVERED BRIDGE INFORMATION SITES

- Website address:**  
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(all words are spelled out).
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- Face book Page:**  
Search for “Covered Bridge, Lake Placid, FL”



# POT LUCK



It was an ideal rainy, cold night for "soup night" at potluck. There were 23 pots of soup along with hot corn bread, crackers, and dump cakes for the 40 in attendance to choose from.

The Gold Plate winner for January was Dave Faucher. He and his guest took their muffin pans with cups to be first in line for their favorite soup.

Carol Shaw donated a beautiful handmade quilted wall hanging of several Florida birds. The lucky winner for this was Dave Faucher.

The Gold Plate winner for February is Pat Jones. Bring a "valentine" for the February potluck. See you at 5:30 with your dish to share and your own drink on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Linda Carl

## "KNOCK KNOCK" TIPS

Someone is knocking on doors during the night in CB for whatever reason. To scare "him" away keep your car fob near your bed and press the panic button which will trigger lights and alarms. Then, please, report the incident to "911". Hopefully, a police patrol will be executed.

PS. It goes without saying: Lock your doors and windows! Stay safe....

Submitted by Claire Leffler

## FAIR SCHEDULE

Wed Feb 15 – Meet up at the Compound at 8:00 a.m. to load up tent supplies and set up at the Clubhouse.

Thu Feb 16 – We will need lots of volunteers to meet up at the Compound at 8:00 a.m. to help load up the trucks and trailers with furniture and totes. And then those will be taken to the Clubhouse to be unloaded. Volunteers will also be needed at the Clubhouse at 8:00 a.m.

Fri Feb 17 – Volunteers report to the Clubhouse to finish setting up the displays at 8:00 a.m. Residents will be able to buy from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Fair.

Sat Feb 18 – Volunteers need to be at the Clubhouse by 7:15 a.m. Sales will start at 8:00.

Volunteers can sign up at the Clubhouse.

Lunch will be served inside the Clubhouse for the volunteers on Thu and Fri.

On Saturday the volunteers will be served lunch out by the pool, and **nametags will be required.**

Submitted by Donna Palmatier

Q. What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love? A. "I found the perfect match!"

Q. Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef? A. He'll dessert you.

**CORRECTIONS TO COVERED  
BRIDGE PHONE BOOK**

Gavin Wahls	502-889-6570
Gene MacDowell	860-329-5309
Dave Faucher	231-676-4996
Cathie Faucher	231-676-4969
Jim Ward	863-214-3720
Holly Ward	863-214-3239
Roger Fry	734-277-2899
Elaine Orr	863-465-5299
Thomas & Suzanne <i>Lilly</i>	

**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



**BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card and a OneBlood T-Shirt!

We appreciate your continued support to our community.

Submitted by Patty Hynes

**"HELPING HANDS"**

**Painting ...interior and exterior, also  
Power Washing**

Contact Woody Cook at 863-531-3410.

**Painting ...interior and exterior, also  
Power Washing**

Contact Lee Maule at 309-369-9799

**Need Help with Housework?**

Before – during – after your stay – or all year  
Reliable – dependable service, references.

Contact Marie Primus at 864-329-7277.

**Need a Haircut?**

Contact Diana Granson, at 16 Jasmine St.  
Haircuts are \$10, perms start at \$40, and  
coloring starts at \$40. You may come to my  
house, or I can come to you. Call 765-210-  
7687 for more information.

**For Airport Transportation**

Contact Carrie King, at 772-971-1837 (cell) 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 Terri Wacker (734-276-6649) and  
Sue Lilly (810-656-7802).

**Available for Hire**

Will cook, shop, elder sit, dog sit, dog walks,  
Doctor appointments, grocery store stops, pick  
up prescriptions and Airport rides. If interested  
call Sally Lemke at 863-434-5501.

**ROCKIN TO  
"GWEN AND GEORGE"**



**HC WATERWORKS  
PROPOSAL**

We had a meeting with HC Water and had a great turn out of residents.

We now want your opinion on if you want to make changes or not. If you use 3000 Gal. of water per month your bill will go up approximately \$16.00. We were told most of us don't use that much water.

At the February meeting we will be asking for your opinion, and we will have a vote to decide if you want this done or not. Then we will know if we should continue with this.

You will just have to answer two questions. Do you want the water smell fixed? Yes or no. Do you want the sewer smell fixed? Yes or no.

Each resident can vote, and if you're not here you can vote early at the office or you can call the office and just give your name and address with the information for your vote.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel,  
HOA President

**POKER RUN**

Are you feeling lucky? Our 3rd Poker Run is going to be Feb. 20, 2023, starting at 12:00.

For those that have not done this before, it's a fun afternoon. We meet at the Clubhouse at 12:00. You sign up and pay a \$5.00 entry fee. You will be told where the first bar is that you will drive to. There you will have a nice visit and a little drink and then receive a playing card. From here you will be told where the next bar is.

This is repeated at each stop until you have completed your poker hand and then you will return to the Clubhouse.

**DO NOT OPEN YOUR ENVELOPES, OR YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE.**

At the Clubhouse you'll turn your envelopes in to be opened and recorded. While you are waiting you are invited to have a bite to eat.

When all the envelopes have been counted the winners will be announced. There will be 3 winners.

Please sign up in the Clubhouse starting on Monday Jan 30th.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own favorite beverage, for after the Poker Run.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

**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.

Robert Draper      Winnie May

## ***“SPITTIN IMAGE”***



## **GROWING IN CHRIST**

David and Jeanette McClane (the ice cream folks) invite the Covered Bridge community to join them in a non-denominational bible study, prayer, and fellowship group on Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Covered Bridge Clubhouse. They hope you will join them in "Growing in Christ" and promise you will not be bored but may be challenged. Both David and Jeanette have extensive knowledge of the bible. This will start on February 5th, then due to Superbowl activities, skip Feb 12.

Submitted by Patty Hynes

## ***Covered Bridge License Plates***

CB license plates are available for \$5.00 each. Please contact Sue Schmidt.

## **COVERED BRIDGE COMPOUND**

The Compound is open Friday mornings from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for you to drop off your donations. For large items call and we can arrange a time for pick up.

Donna 607-624-8447  
Bobby 607-316-3397

Submitted by Donna Palmatier

## **MICHIGAN DAY**

Due to popular demand, there will be a MICHIGAN DAY this year! Come join the fun Saturday, **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage along with your own table service. Please sign-up on the sheet provided in the Clubhouse by Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (if possible). See you then!

Submitted by Phyllis Lung

## **“RED HATS” LADIES LUNCHEON**



## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The second annual Corn Hole Tournament is on Feb. 9th and starts at 1:30. The rain date is Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Come show your stuff. No pros here, just a fun time.

There's a \$3.00 entry fee, which will be given out to the winners. I was also told something about TROPHY'S.

For more information call Augie Reese.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel



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

Virginia Wiederhold      Sharon Huston

If you know 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. Joyce collects this information and provides it to the Echoes as well. If she doesn't know then we don't know.

## NAME TAGS

The sign-up sheet is in the Clubhouse. They are \$5.50 this year. If you have any questions, contact Roxie Phelps.

Submitted by Roxie Phelps

## VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Covered Bridge hasn't had a gool ole fashioned 60's dance in a long time. We will be having a Valentine's Day Dance on Feb 14 and will be a 60's theme. There will be a Best Costume prize for the ladies and the men. Ladies you have time to get a costume together (a poodle skirt is traditional) and simple Jeans and t-shirt for the guys. Guys if you still have hair, it could be combed in the John Travolta (grease) style. Come and join the fun and listen to some nostalgic music. Do you remember the Stroll? Just be careful not to throw your back out doing the twist. The last Twist contest was won by Fred Smith and Elaine Orr way back when. The dance will be from 6:30 to 9:30. Tickets are \$7.00. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Elaine Orr

## VALENTINES DAY HUMOR

Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's Day, he couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamp on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Channel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes.

By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so he asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asked Mike.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

## **COVERD BRIDGE HOMEOWNERS** **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Taylor, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday Jan.2, 2023 at Covered Bridge Clubhouse. All board members were in attendance including Cindy Hubbel who joined from home by phone, due to illness.

After observing the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Tom Taylor greeted 87 residents in attendance and welcomed **new residents** Roger and Sandra Fry and Jim Moore. Tom Taylor explained the purpose of the meeting then introduced the **Election Committee Chair**, Kathy Haase. Kathy named the newly elected board members: Cindy Hubbel, Sue Lilly, and Gavin Walls. She also explained that the opinion poll for support of a **dog park** in Covered Bridge resulted in a vote of 2 in favor and 75 opposed.

Secretary Rick Kennedy, read the minutes of last year's meeting and they were approved.

President Tom Taylor opened the floor to residents.

Wanda Dickson inquired about interest in a **quilting group**.

Tom Helminger **complimented Tom Taylor** on his knowledge and abilities while serving as President of Covered Bridge, and requested he consider serving another term.

Val Maule presented a detailed plan to save Covered Bridge thousands of dollars by **changing the current television service provider** and recommended a committee to undertake the study of that or other plans for television service.

Jim Moore talked about **improving our interest rates** on financial investments.

Cheryl Atchley addressed money savings by

changing directions on major needs such as **roads and TV sources**.

Herman Bott reminded the community that **garbage trucks cause more damage** to our roads than construction trucks, by their sudden and frequent braking and their weight.

Jan Reese asked about how **county building codes** can affect measurement requirements on our private roads.

Patricia Triggs talked about the continuing **drinking water** issues in the neighborhood.

Danny Babson followed with other comments about **getting water/sewer companies to respond**.

Ron Colbert reminded residents that we were promised a **tower to improve the issues** by the U.S. Water in the past and it was never installed.

Connie Charles said she had the necessary **contact information** and encouraged everyone to call.

Barb Brigante proposed getting in contact with **TV stations** here to cover the problems and that public news coverage would get results.

Jim Moore stated there were **government grants** to remove lead pipes, which might be the main problem.

Shirley Bott told us they have no problems with **water on Pinecrest**.

There was much more additional discussion about the water problems.

Ed Cunningham announced he would talk to the county commissioner about the **light at US27**, and that we lost our approach lane going south when they added the new intersection lanes.

Following several additional comments by residents President Taylor conducted the

**election of officers, of the new board** for the coming year.

Patty Hynes nominated Cindy Hubbel as **President**; it was seconded by Gavin Walls. Motion carried.

Cindy Hubbel nominated Patty Hynes as **Vice-President**; it was seconded by Gavin Walls. Motion carried.

Patty Hynes nominated Sue Lilly for **Secretary**; it was seconded by Tom Taylor. Motion carried.

Gavin Walls nominated Tom Taylor as **Treasurer**; it was seconded by Tom Wacker. Motion carried.

New Officers are:

President - Cindy Hubbel

Vice President - Patty Hynes

Secretary - Sue Lily

Treasurer - Tom Taylor

These will serve Covered Bridge starting today and throughout 2023.

After closing statements by Tom Taylor, Patty Hynes made a motion to close the meeting; it was seconded by Cindy Hubbel. Motion Passed, and meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!

**HIGHLIGHTS OF COVERED  
BRIDGE HOA MEETING  
JAN 17, 2023**

Officers present were Cindy Hubbel, Patty Hynes, Tom Wacker, Tom Taylor, Gavin Walls, and Sue Lilly. Absent was Cliff Hangley.

Secretary Sue Lilly read the minutes from December 22, 2022, meeting. Tom Taylor made a **correction of \$4,900.00** for the quote of the sprinklers.

President Cindy Hubbel said that we have a list of things to be fixed at Covered Bridge and that we are **working on prioritizing** the most important ones first.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tom Taylor gave a report of **road repairs** being conducted in the marked areas of the community. Work is scheduled for January 26, 2023. He has the help of three residents who are exploring the possibility of seeking some grants. Due to the homebuilder still having ten lots left to build on, the rest of the roads will be put on hold until the building is completed.

Cindy Hubbel and the board have sent letters to some residents who need to address **maintenance issues on the outside of their homes**.

Tom Taylor made comments and suggestions regarding **paying our HOA fees quarterly**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cindy said that **Cliff Hangley** is stepping down at this time. Tom Taylor made a motion to nominate **Connie Charles** to fill his spot.

Tom Taylor proposed to charge a fee for the **Estoppel letters**, of \$100.00, starting February 1, 2023. He also would like us to use and pay **our same accounting firm** \$350.00, to pay all the bills on time, collect HOA fees, make deposits, issue Estoppel letters, maintain department and events records of spending, and publish reports.

Also, open a separate checking account to issue small, one-time payments to re-imburse residents for money that they have spent on behalf of Covered Bridge (doughnuts, office supplies, etc.) starting in February 2023.

Cindy Hubbel reported on the new stoves and the **temporary propane tank**. She proposed to investigate the cost of having it moved and placed underground.



Cindy Hubbel has called 19 different **pool companies**, and only one gave her an estimate and suggestion. Their analysis was to refinish the pool and hot tub by sand blasting the walls, fixing the cracks, recoating the pool itself, and resurfacing the deck area around the pool. This company is licensed and insured to do the job. The shut down time would be approximately two weeks. The cost to do just the pool would be \$20,000.00. We would also need to move the fence and lay extra concrete to the east of the pool. The chairs must be 10 feet away from the pool to be compliant with pool safety laws. Cindy will contact Al Walker to get an estimate on the cement. They will also be getting estimates for mechanicals for the pool to make it more efficient.

Jim Moore brought up the subject of **outside lighting** for the pool and a **lift** to be handicap accessible.

Tom Wacker made a motion to spend \$30,000.00 for **pool and hot tub repairs/resurfacing**. Tom Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the February meeting we will know if we must **raise HOA fees**.

Look for these **upcoming events** in the Echoes; "George and Gwen", Spaghetti Dinner, "Spittin' Image" and the Blood Drive.

### **COMMITTEES**

**Architectural:** Elliot Miller has stepped down from the Architecture Committee and Randy Grohler has been appointed.

**Compound:** Gene Fischer gave updates on storage in the compound area and approximately 11 sites are still open. A discussion was held regarding people having 2 spots (12 people) as everyone else has only one. Gene said that are few repairs needed and will talk with board members on what needs to be accomplished.

**Building & Grounds:** Tom Wacker gave an

update on the progress of the **Cornhole and Horseshoe pits** and thanked everyone for coming out on Workday to complete the projects. Tom Wacker thanked Terri Wacker for **painting the signs** around the community. He then thanked everyone who helped put all the **tables, in the Clubhouse**, in their proper order. And added that there is a diagram under the glass of the desk, which shows where each table should be placed.

**Pool:** Frank Brown reported on problems with keeping the **temperature of the pool** up with the chilly days and nights. The pool cover needs to be replaced. It was decided to wait until the pool work is done.

### **RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Patty Hynes said to call the police if someone is knocking at your door in the middle of the night. She also read a flyer from the Florida Fish and Wildlife regarding wild **bears** reported in our community. Please take precautions about being safe. It was also a good reminder of keeping your **outside lights on** and in good working order with a **bright light!**

Claire Leffler reminded people to **sign up** for the donuts and **coffee hour**. Someone in the community is looking to borrow a baby stroller. Also, please return **last year's name tags** for the upcoming **Fair**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
Sue Lilly, Secretary

