



October 2022 THE ECHOES Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 6 – Music Jam – 2:30 p.m.
- Oct 7 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 8 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.
- Oct 11 – Bingo – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 13 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Oct 15 – Pool Party - 11:30 a.m.
- Oct 18 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Oct 19 – Blood Drive – 9:00-1:00 p.m.
- Oct 21 – Coffee Hour - 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- Oct 25 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Oct 31 – Halloween Dance – 6:30-9:30 p.m.

COVERED BRIDGE INFORMATION SITES

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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

POT LUCK



Potluck for September had 35 people attend with a large variety of dishes to enjoy. Patti May was the gold plate winner for September. She and her guests shared great food and laughter.

The October gold plate winner is Bob Short. October Potluck is beginning with an Italian night. The bread will be furnished. Bring your favorite Italian dish to share along with your drink to the Potluck on October 14 at 5:30p.m.

There will be a few changes and hopefully more fun and laughter. See you there.

Submitted by Linda Carl



BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We appreciate your support.

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.



CAR PORT VARIANCE LIST

We (Lou & Connie Charles) are hoping to find new residents that may be interested in starting a new list for a "Variance" with Highlands County, which would allow a car port to be added to our property.

The more people we have, the less expensive this variance will cost each homeowner.

If you are interested and would like more information regarding the required steps for the process, please contact Connie at (315) 416-5895. (This is a lengthy process so I would like to get started ASAP) Once the variance is approved, it will stay with that home forever, even if the home is sold later. The car port does not have to be added right away; in case it is something you are looking to do in the future.

Submitted by Connie Charles

CB JAMMERS

Jammers will continue to meet only on the first Thursday of each month.

Submitted by Polly Bolack

GET WELL WISHES

Marge Pugh of High Grove Ave. fell in her home several weeks ago and broke her ankle. She will still be in her cast for a few more weeks. If anyone is walking by her home, please stop in and tell her hi.

Submitted by Connie Charles

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.

Malcolm McDivitt
Barbara Farris

Susan Preuss
James Coleman

HOLY COW CAKE

Submitted by Shirley Bott

1 Chocolate cake mix
1 Can condensed milk
1 Container Marzetti caramel apple dip
1 Container Cool Whip
Candy of your choice – Butterfinger or Heath Bits

Make 13 x 9 cake per mix. While hot poke and tear slits all over. Pour milk over. Spread Marzetti's and let soak in. Refrigerate then spread with Cool Whip. Sprinkle with candy. Refrigerate. Will freeze well and thaws fast.

Hints - When baking any cake, instead of flouring pan, use sugar. Tastes much better.

Apple dip is in produce section.

Given to me by my mother.

POOL PARTY

We will be having our Fun Fall Pool Party on Saturday Oct. 15th, 2022. Set up will begin at 11:30. The meal will start at 12:00. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. Cindy Hubbel will provide the Hot Dogs and Buns as her dish to pass. As always, we will be playing Senior Volleyball. At the September game we set a new world record of 743 consecutive passes. Stop by and cheer us on. We will also be playing Hand & Foot in the Clubhouse. Should anyone want to start a new game, please let us know what you would like to do. The more the merrier! I look forward to seeing everyone there! If you have any questions, please call Sharon Dougan at 863-243-3173.



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

Nancy Leaver
Elaine Orr
John Ellison
Cindy Hubbel

Anne Allis
Marjorie Pugh
Margaret Schultz

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.



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

Ghoul Jokes

Q: Where do toddler ghosts stay when their parents are at work?

A: Day scare!

Q: What time is it when the clock strikes 13?

A: Time to get a new clock.

Q: How can you tell if a ghost is scared?

A: He's white as a sheet.

Q: What is a zombie's favorite appetizer?

A: Finger food!

Q: How did the jack-o'-lantern become a murderer?

A: He squashed someone.

Q: How do you know a skeleton is sick?

A: He's coffin.

Q: What do ghosts use to do their makeup?

A: Vanishing cream.

Q: What's a ghoulish favorite drink?

A: Anything with boos.



HALLOWEEN DANCE



The Halloween Dance will be held on Oct 31st, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Our guest will be Ray Sullins.

Tickets will be sold at the door and will be open to the public. Everyone is asked to bring a finger food and their own drinks.

Submitted by Bobbi Snow

THANK YOU

Val and Lee Maule wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their help and support after our surgeries. The number of cards, notes of encouragement, balloons and books was a true testimonial of the great community we are blessed to live in. A special thanks to Bill Fowler for setting up the "Meal Train" and to those who participated in providing the delicious and nutritious meals for us. Also, a special to Karen Block for her help facilitating this great program. The meals were such a blessing when we were in no position to shop or prepare meals ourselves. We are most grateful for your prayers during this difficult time. Lee has received a release from his neurologist and is doing great. Val is also doing great; is halfway through the chemo treatments, having the normal ups and downs. Because of Val's weakened immune system we are both self-isolating as much as possible.

I'm so glad friends don't come with price tags. I could never afford the wonderful friends I've got.

THANK YOU, MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS

Submitted by Val and Lee

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

UPCOMING DANCES

October 31 – Halloween Dance
6:30 – 9:30, with Ray Sullins

December 31 – New Year's Eve Dance
7:00 – 10:00, with Pete Ruano

February 14, Valentine's Day Dance
6:30 – 9:30, with Ray Sullins

March 17 – St Patrick's Day Dance
6:30 – 9:30, with Jay Boree

Tickets will be sold at the door, for \$5.00 each. Dances will be open to the public. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods and their own drinks.

Submitted by Bobbi Snow

COVERED BRIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOA RULES UPDATE

As many residents know, the BOD is challenged with Covenants that are dated and have had selective enforcement for several years. The authors of the Covenants understood that changes and exceptions would be needed. So, they included language to select parts of the Covenants that allowed the board of directors to give written approval for exceptions to the covenants. We give that written approval sparingly through our rule's documents.

The goal of the current board has been to update rules with the best interest of the community while respecting the covenants and homeowners' rights. We do not take rule changes lightly; we get community input along the way and always do so under legal counsel to ensure we are not acting beyond our authority or creating rules we cannot legally enforce.

A simple drive around our community provides clear evidence of our lack of enforcement over the past decade or more. Legally, we have set a precedence and cannot change it back, despite what some of our local sea lawyers would like us to believe. We can enter costly court battle with our residents and waste thousands of dollars with the result being a court ordered approval of the violation and conflict/division within the community.

In May of this year, the board approved and implemented a legal change to our Architectural Committee Rules document to resolve an issue with a resident who worked with Cottage Company to design and build a home with an above ground propane tank, with our approval. It is clearly noted on the original plans for the home on file in our office. Not knowing that an above ground propane tank was not allowed they lived in the home for over 7 years. In October of 2021 a member of the architectural committee noticed the tank and took exception to the tank and started a campaign to get it removed.

After investigation and consultation with our legal counsel we determined that the rule was

due to aesthetics, and we could resolve the issue by allowing smaller tanks that are not visible from the road. This will also resolve the issue with several other small propane tanks on BBQ Grills or water system tanks as the rule only states "tanks" not "propane tanks" it will bring the brine and resin tanks used for water treatment systems into compliance.

This recent change has angered a few residents who do not support the change and are protesting the change. While the board welcomes differing opinions, we do not support the spreading of misinformation or scare tactics to sway community opinion.

Propane tanks installations are designed and installed by licensed professionals who following NFPA 58 LP Gas Codes, like the National Electric Code for electric services but for gas. They are on millions of homes across the country, are not prone to explosions and are anchored by the strong copper or rubber service line that prevent them from becoming a projectile during a storm. One of our board members is a past President of the American Gas Association's Safety and Occupational Health Committee and has been called upon to testify in congress and the judicial system in response to Gas Safety issues. He also assures us that this is not a safety issue but misinformation.

The purpose of this article is to present the boards position, the dissatisfaction of those opposed to the rule change and solicit input from the community. Our final decision needs to be legal as we cannot break the law or infringe on someone rights, but we are always anxious to hear differing opinions.

If you have an opinion, in support of either point of view, please let us know. As noted above, we believe our options are limited. The rule has been implemented so the request to "delay" implementation is not an option at this point. So, if you have any great ideas, we would love to hear them either in person, in writing or at our residents meeting in January. Stay safe, stay happy!

Covered Bridge Board of Directors.

**FREE ORAL
CANCER SCREENING**

Hey there, a resident here has a granddaughter at the dental clinic at SFSC in Avon Park. They are having a free oral cancer screening on Thursday October 13 from 3:30 to 5:30. The cancer screenings are provided by Dental Education students and faculty of the college. The exam is painless and only takes a few minutes. You must make an appointment to participate.

Contact:
Dental clinic
South Florida State College
600 West college Drive
Avon Park, Florida
863-784-7020

Great chance to evaluate!!!!



More Ghoul Jokes.....

Q: The maker of this product does not want it, the buyer does not use it and the user does not see it. What is it?

A: A coffin.

Q: When is it bad luck to be followed by a black cat?

A: When you're a mouse.

Q: What is a pause in work at a mortuary called?

A: A coffin break!

Q: What kind of monster loves to disco?

A: The boogiemán.

Q: Why didn't the scarecrow eat dinner?

A: He was already stuffed.

Q: Why was the jack-o-lantern afraid to cross the road?

A: He had no guts.

Q: What do you call a fat pumpkin?

A: A plumpkin.

Q: Are any Halloween monsters good at math?

A: No—unless you Count Dracula!

Q: Why didn't the zombie go to school?

A: He felt rotten.

Q: How do you fix a broken jack-o'-lantern?

A: With a pumpkin patch!

Q: Where do ghosts like to travel on vacation?

A: The Dead Sea.

**THANK YOU CARDS SENT TO
COVERED BRIDGE RESIDENTS**

Dear Covered Bridge Community,

I am extremely thankful to be a recipient of your scholarship. With you granting me this generous scholarship, I will be furthering my education at Valdosta State University, where I will be pursuing a degree, a major in Biology or Social Work. Two big passions I will be having to decide on. However, this scholarship will be giving me the opportunity to break the cycle by being a 1st generation college student. I am truly thankful for the opportunity you have provided for me. I will be visiting your great community before heading off to college. Thank You.

Sincerely, Jenifer Geronimo

Thank you so much for the very generous scholarship. Your kindness will truly help me to attend the college of my dreams and reach my goals

Sincerely, Caidence Lingenfelter

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RECYCLING IS BACK!!

Dropoff recycling in Lake Placid should be open in June. It is located at a corner lot across Hickory from the railroad track, west of South Maine Ave. and South of Interlake Blvd. They will be open Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday's from 7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Please recycle plastic (including bottles, jugs and jars), steel and aluminum cans, clean flattened cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, office paper (not shredded), and other non-coated paper. There will be a separate bin for glass. There will be an attendant on duty. No plastic bags are allowed to be left inside the bins.

Submitted by Shirley Bott

**COVERED BRIDGE
COMPOUND**

The Compound is open Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. or you can call for a time to meet.

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

Submitted by Donna Palmatier