



January 2023 **THE ECHOES** Newsletter

COMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan 2 – Election 9 -12:00 p.m.
- Jan 2 – HOA Meeting – 2:00 p.m.
- Jan 5 – Bunko – 1:00 p.m.
- Jan 7 – Pancake Breakfast -7:30 a.m.
- Jan 8 – Michigan Day - 1:00 p.m.
- Jan 12 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
- Jan 13 – Potluck - 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 14 – Workday – 8:00 a.m.
- Jan 16 – Fair Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Jan 17 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Jan 20 – Coffee Hour -8:00 a.m.
- Jan 22 – Gwen & George – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Jan 24 – Social Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Jan 25 – Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 p.m.
- Jan 28 – Pool Party - 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 29 – Dog Show – 1:00 p.m.
- Jan 29 – Ice Cream Social – 2:00 p.m.
- Jan 30 – Indiana Day – 1:00 p.m.

MAHJONG

Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC JAMMERS

Jan 19, at 2:00 p.m.

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Search for “Covered Bridge, Lake Placid, FL”

POT LUCK



Sharon Dougan was the December gold plate winner. There were 49 people in attendance. The dishes brought to share were all delicious. Everyone enjoyed them. January gold plate winner is Dave Faucher.

Thanks to all the volunteers throughout the year. We could not do it without you. If you want to volunteer, contact Linda Carl.

January is the annual "soup potluck" night. Bring your favorite pot of soup to share. The crackers and dessert will be furnished.

A suggestion: If you have a small muffin pan, bring it to set your cups of soup in. This makes for an easy way to carry the soup samples.

Remember your drink and pot of soup to share. See you January 13 at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by Linda Carl

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone in Covered Bridge who brought gifts, food, cards, prayers, and giving of their time to visit me and my husband during our long recovery. It was phenomenal how many people took the time to provide support and help for us.

Submitted by Nancy Winter

CHRISTMAS PARADE



CHRISTMAS CAROLING



AN ALL NEW
“SPITTIN IMAGE”

“Spittin Image” will be here Jan 28, 2023, for their 5th appearance at Covered Bridge. The show will start at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 a person. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse after the first of the year. Bobbi Snow will be coming to homes to collect money from those on the sign-up sheet. This will be open to the public so get your tickets early, it’s expected to be a sellout.

Brian and Blain Swabb are identical twin brothers and two of the most versatile, enthusiastic, fun-loving entertainers you’ll find today. They love to sing and play their instruments as much as they love to entertain an audience. They have opened shows and shared the stage with Neil McCoy, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Trace Adkins, Bill Anderson and more.

Submitted by Bobbi Snow

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

“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 Terry Wacker (734-276-6649) and Sue Lilly (810-656-7802).



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Raymond and Susan Spurlock
122 Jasmine St

Every and Theresa LeBlanc
123 Woodside Dr

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

POOL PARTY

The Pool Party is scheduled for Saturday, Jan 28th. Set up will be at 11:30 a.m. and the meal will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. The hot dogs and buns will be provided by Cindy Hubbel, as her dish to pass. Condiments will also be provided.

I am looking for a Bocce Game. Would like to know if anyone would enjoy having a competition! If we have a cold day, and cannot have Water Volleyball, perhaps we can enjoy a game of Bocce.

The Senior Volleyball team is anxious to restore their numbers back to their previous glory!! Hand and Foot will also be enjoyed by many, in the Clubhouse, after lunch. So come and join us for an afternoon of fun and enjoyment! Call Sharon Dougan if you have any questions, at 863-243-3174.

DOG SHOW

This year's Dog Show will be on Sunday, Jan 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse parking lot. All the dogs will parade around the parking lot, one at a time, and past the judge's table.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories such as "Owner and Pet look alike", "Best 6 legs", "etc. Please arrive before 1:00 p.m. to register your dog.

We will be collecting donations for the Highlands County Humane Society. They always need dog and puppy food, cat and kitten food, litter, towels, blankets, and cleaning supplies.

If you want to donate money, please make check payable to "Highlands County Humane Society".

Submitted by Patti May

LIBRARY

Our library is looking refreshed since our librarian, Jean Vogt, has boxed up some outdated books, to make room on our crowded shelves and get them ready to sell at our annual fair. We certainly appreciate all the books that our residents donate throughout the year. You can put books that you wish to donate in the return books container, inside the door. Also, a big thank you to our daily volunteer helpers who shelve the returned books and help keep the library neat. We hope the new residents are enjoying our library and the many books, movies, CD's and puzzles available.

Submitted by Wanda Nichols

THANK YOU

I wanted to convey our thanks to all the people who helped with food preparation after Hurricane Ian. This was not a one-person job. It took many hours of chopping, preparation, cooking and clean up.

Isn't it amazing to see what older people can do when we are challenged. I want to recognize everyone who helped. The list is as follows:

Dotty Wissinger, Claire Leffler, Sharon Dougan, Maria Evans, Arlene Harman, Pat Harman, Joyce Skiba, Gene Fischer, Kathy & Bob Vanderheyden and Terry & Anita Myers. I want to thank Linda Rentz for the beautiful cupcakes she donated several different days. She also did egg salad more than once. Lee & Val Maule donated Donuts and Claire Ostlund donated and scooped ice cream. Gene Fischer manned the grill.

We served upwards of 50 people a day, 3 meals a day for four days. The fifth day we served about 15.

I am so proud to be associated with such a fine group of people. I hope I didn't miss anyone. If I missed you, I truly apologize. Thanks to you all.

We received donations of just over \$200.00. That money will be donated to the recovery effort on Florida's West Coast.

Sincerely with many thanks,
Judy Heroux

ART ANYONE??

Inviting anyone interested in Art to come paint with us every Monday, 11:00 to 1:00, at the Clubhouse. Bring your art supplies, tablecloth, paper towels, and enjoy. If you have any questions, please call Connie Shriver at 770-598-5145. Thank you!

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

My New Year's resolution is to see my cup half-full ... preferably with rum, gin, vodka, or moonshine.



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

Carol Cobert Dave Faucher
Sandy Drake Linda Rentz

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.

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.

John Ellison Valerie Mac Dowell
Katherine Niver Jonathan Winters

Also, a sympathy card was sent to Butch and Linda Hall on the passing of his son.

CAR PORT VARIANCE LIST

We (Lou & Connie Charles) are hoping to find people interested in starting a new list for a Variance with Highland County which would allow Car Ports to be added to our properties. The more people we have, the less expensive this variance will cost each homeowner.

If 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 we would like to get started A.S.A.P.) Once the variance is approved, it stays forever with the home, even if the home is sold. The car port does not have to be started right away, in case it is something you are looking to do in the future, or wish to add as a selling point with the home.

Submitted by Connie Charles

MEETING FOR THE COVERED BRIDGE FAIR

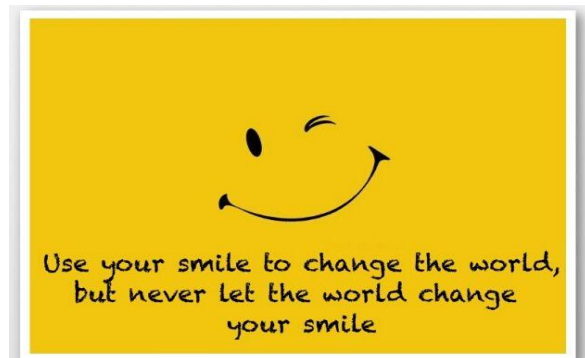
We will be having a meeting at the Clubhouse for volunteers who would like to help at this year's Fair. The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., on **Jan 16th**. So mark your calendar and let's get ready for a great Fair this year. The Fair will be on Feb 18, 2023.

Submitted by Donna Palmetier

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Covered Bridge hasn't had a good 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



**DECORATIONS FOR
COVERED BRIDGE**

It has been my pleasure to mainly do the decorations for Covered Bridge for some time now. I want to thank Joyce Skiba for faithfully helping me. I wanted to share the experience, so I had asked for volunteers to decorate for Halloween. I want to thank those who were involved. It is apparent we have several talented people that might like to take a month in the coming year to decorate the Clubhouse. If you have a desire to take a month, I will bring what decorations we have to the Clubhouse. And you can add a few of your own if you'd like. Let me know if you are interested. My number is in the phone directory.

Submitted by Elaine Orr

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is a great way to see old acquaintances, meet new people, and a friendly intimate way to find out what is going on in our community. Coffee Hour is normally the 3rd Friday, still at 8:00 a.m. The price of donuts has gone up from .99 cents to \$1.29. So far, thanks to our generous residents we have collected more than enough to cover the expense. We ask that you sign up ahead of the event on the Clubhouse bulletin board. This will help us know how many donuts we should order. If you forget to sign up, we always order a few extra, so that everyone that comes, will hopefully still get a donut. We need volunteers to host the Coffee Hour. If you want to host and you have not done it before, someone who is already trained, will gladly show you how.

Submitted by Elaine Orr and Connie Short

**COVERED BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
HOA BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2022**

The December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Covered Bridge Association, Lake placid, Florida, met in the Clubhouse, Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary Rick Kennedy publicly thanked Claire Leffler for serving so well as the interim Secretary for the past seven months and Joanne Novelli for typing up the Secretary's minutes and inserting them in the monthly Echoes newsletter. The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Leigh Russ presented the Treasurer's Report, which showed a balance of \$76,284.66 in the operating account. The

Tom Taylor thanked all of those involved in the last workday and then read and commented on numerous items submitted through our suggestion box. Tom commented on and complimented Treasurer Leigh Russ for the extensive and high-quality work in her area.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion about hiring a company to make road repairs and staying within our \$20,000 budget. Cindy Hubbel motioned to approve, and Leigh Russ seconded the motion, to patch the roads staying under the \$20,000 budget. Motion carried.

Tom addressed concerns about liens on numerous properties that were behind in their fees or in need of serious upgrading. The board will continue to attempt recoup the funds and push for improvements in those properties designated.

The Clubhouse lawn repair/sprinkler proposal of \$4,000, earmarked for improving the lawn and its appearance on the west side, was

discussed. Cindy Hubbel motioned to approve, and Patty Hynes seconded the motion to move forward with the plan. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cliff Hanglely made a motion to provide \$2,700 to \$3,000, to build concrete pads beside the pickle ball courts for bases of a cornhole court. Tom Wacker seconded the motion. However, it would require a change in the budget. The motion carried and the development of permanent cornhole court will progress.

Several board members discussed Tom Taylor's proposal to change our HOA billing from monthly to quarterly. No action was taken. It will appear under old business at the next meeting.

Tom Taylor and Cindy Hubbel explained the need for and the purchase/installation of two new kitchen stoves that are now in the building and ready for use.

With the yearly board election coming up at the end of the year, President Taylor asked each of the three candidates to introduce themselves. The candidates are Cindy Hubbel, Gavin Walls, and Sue Lily. It was announced that the annual homeowners meeting would be January 2, at 2:00 p.m., following the new board member elections.

Tom Taylor stated the board would be taking more aggressive action against unsightly properties and those with carports containing junk.

Patty Hynes announced the new phone books would be out soon.

Patty Hynes has also been in frequent contact with Duke Energy about the streetlight at US-27 and Lake Francis Road, as well as streetlights in Covered Bridge that are not working.

COMMITTEES

Tom Wacker reported on improvements and repairs recently completed and announced new street signs for Juniper Street.

Cliff Hanglely reported plenty of spaces in the compound.

Frank Brown gave a good report on the pool.

Jim Moore explained several pool improvements he has been investigating, including night lighting and use, as well as estimated costs for a new enlarged pool and/or hot tub.

Bob Evans reported on new signs and sign replacements in the community.

Cindy Hubbel listed the many activities coming up in the next few months, and their dates.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

Henry Preuss encouraged the board to look for many available grants to help with funding of particularly large projects.

Jim Stanton suggested that any new sprinkler system heads be installed with flexible connections.

Jim Moore listed many items he had observed that needed repair in the community and encouraged the board to tackle those before the repair bill is huge.

Elaine Orr talked about the details for some of the upcoming dances.

With no other business to come before the board and the time approaching 12:00 p.m., Cliff Hanglely made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Patty Hynes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kennedy, Secretary

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR
WITH A FEW LAUGHS

Q. Where do you go to do math homework on New Year's?

A. Times Square.

Q. What should a farmer give his wife at 12 a.m. on New Year's?

A. Hogs and kisses.

Q. Why did the woman start cracking up on New Year's?

A. She saw her husband's resolutions!

Q. Why didn't the snowman go to the party on New Year's Eve?

A. He wanted to chill out.

Q. What was the caterpillar's New Year's resolution?

A. It wanted to turn over a new leaf.

Q. Why do you need a jeweler on New Year's Eve?

A. To ring in the New Year.

Q. Why is partying in Times Square overrated?

A. The organizers drop the ball every year!



GEORGE AND GWEN

The singing group "George and Gwen" are coming to Covered Bridge for an entertaining show, Jan 22 from 6 – 9:00 P.M. Many of you may know them from the American Legion. There is no charge if you come with a smile.

They are being sponsored by Tom and Lori Taylor, Mark Wolf, and Cindy Hubbel. This is their way of giving back to the residents this year, and for new residents to get a chance to know everyone. All they ask is for you to bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Everyone is invited to enjoy a great night of entertainment.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel