



November 2021 **THE ECHOES** *Newsletter*

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COMING EVENTS

Nov 2 – Social Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
Nov 11 – Welcome New Residents - 2:00 p.m.
Nov 12 – Pot Luck - 5:30 p.m.
Nov 13 – Workday - 8:00 a.m.
Nov 16 – Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Nov 18/19 – Sale Set Up – 8:00 a.m.
Nov 19 – Coffee Hour - 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Nov 20 – Christmas Sale – 8:00 a.m.
Nov 21 – Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
Nov 24 – Start Dinner -
Nov 25– Thanksgiving Dinner - 3:00 p.m.
Nov 27 – Pool Party – 12:00 p.m.



POT LUCK



Joan Capuano and her guest celebrated being the gold plate winner for October. Joan enjoyed meeting residents of the park and all the good food. She thought everything was delicious. Tom Walker is the November gold plate winner. Since the days are getting shorter and cool weather is on its way, your November pot luck dish should be something that reminds you of fall.

Remember to bring your drink along with your fall dish to share. See you November 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Carl

POOL PARTY

The November pool party will be a week later, Sat Nov 27th, because of the Christmas sale.

Submitted by Cindy Hubbel

THANK YOU !!

Joan Terrell and the family of John Howarth would like to thank all of you for the many cards and offers of condolence received on his passing.

Submitted by Joan Terrell

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Tickets are available at Cindy Hubbel's house, at 110 Oak Grove St. Tickets are \$13.00 each. Please bring the exact amount or a check made out to Covered Bridge. Appetizers will be wine, cheese and crackers. Dinner menu will be turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coffee and dessert.

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

If you want God to open or close doors for you, let go of the door handle.



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.

This Thanksgiving, may your hearts be full and your plates even fuller.



“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.



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

Father Charles Kinsella
Jack Westerterp
Ann Downard

Bob Orr
Bill Fowler

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

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!!

James & Louann Smith
29 Pinecrest St.

Don & Linda Galyan
43 Venetian Pkwy.

Arthur & Linda Horne
81 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 Patti May

BIBLE TEACHING

Come join our most intelligent,
nondenominational, teaching of the Bible.
We meet at 10:00 a.m. every Wed in the
Covered Bridge Clubhouse.

Submitted by Barb Helminger

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

I will be having a meeting on November 4, at 10:00 a.m., at the Covered Bridge Club house. ANYONE that is interested in the neighborhood program is encouraged to attend. All residents are invited. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Submitted by Bob Evans



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.

Donald Haak
John Blovsky

Jerry Mason

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



MOVIE NIGHT

This month's feature movie is "WAR HORSE".

"Set in Europe during WWI, when his beloved horse Joey is sold to the British cavalry, young Albert enlists (despite being underage) and heads to France to save his friend".

Review: Spielberg comes close to the clinical perfection of Private Ryan, but more importantly, from an emotional perspective, War Horse far **exceeds Private Ryan**.

Movie will be on Nov 21, and will start at 7:00, in the Covered Bridge Clubhouse. Look forward to seeing all of you there.



CHRISTMAS SALE



Saturday Nov 20th, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come join the fun Nov 18 and 19, at 8:00 a.m. We need a few trucks to bring down the totes from the compound and help set up. We also need baked goods for the sale – bring to clubhouse on Friday morning.

Submitted by Donna Palmetier



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



Cookies – fudge – brownies, etc. No refrigerated baked goods. Please bring your tasty goodies to the Clubhouse on Fri, Nov 19th after 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions please call Carol Cobert or Anne Allis.

Submitted by Anne Allis

HOA BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 19, 2021

The HOA Director's **tables** were **relocated** to the area near the kitchen and the sound has been much improved in the clubhouse.

Leigh Russ asked that if anyone has any **budget changes** for 2022 to please let her know.

Some residents are **leaving trash out** for weeks at a time, please do not put bulk or weeds out until the day before scheduled pick up. **Boats** are being kept in carports of villas, and it is not allowed. Plastic **tool sheds** must be anchored to the house.

The **closet at the clubhouse** was completed well under budget. Cindy Hubbel thanked everyone for their help and requested that nothing be added to the closets without talking to Cindy, because there are plans for specific things to be stored in them.

Herman Bott has been contacting **lawn companies** to get bids for lawn mowing services.

The **election committee** for the 2022 election was approved as Joyce Skibba, Shirley Bott, Bill Fowler and Kathy Haase.

If you have a **phone number change**, please let the office know as soon as possible so the new number can be printed in the 2022 phone books.

Please stop removing **hand sanitizer** from the tables at the clubhouse. They serve a purpose and need to remain available for use.

There was a poor turnout for **work day**. Donna Palmetier and Herman Bott both mentioned they would really appreciate any help.

Cindy Hubbel listed the **upcoming activities**. Please keep your Echoes calendar handy so you won't miss any activities that you may want to participate in.

Cindy Hubbel said she may have to **increase the cost of Christmas Dinner** due to the high cost of prime rib. Maybe

we will do a ham for Christmas. Let her know your thoughts.

It was suggested to train more folks in setting up the **zoom for meetings**, so when Tom Taylor is not available, we can still use it.

Submitted by Krabby Patty, Secretary



BLOOD DRIVE

The next drive will be Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. All donors will receive an OneBlood fleece blanket and a \$10 eGift Card.

Submitted by Patty Hynes

CARE ASSISTANCE

Hello, my name is Ann Miller-Pedersen. I live at 106 Edgewater Drive. I am a retired nurse and I am available to sit/assist with your loved ones if you need me. Call 863-273-1019.

Submitted by Ann Miller-Pedersen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on the second Saturday of the month for work day. Please come to the Clubhouse at 8:00 a.m. We will find a job for you and lunch is provided.

Submitted by Wanda Nichols

LIBRARY NEWS

We will be selling books at the November sale. Special thanks to Shirley Bott, Jewell Kadlec, Joyce Swartz and Ann Ludgate for keeping the library looking good during the summer months. Submitted by Wanda Nichols

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BOB ORR

Bob and Elaine Orr are currently in Indiana for Bob's treatment. I'm sure they would appreciate any cards or letters from their Covered Bridge Family during this time. I've provided their current address for anyone who wishes to show how much they care.

Bob and Elaine Orr
3055 East 500 North
Hamlet, IN 46532

WHAT IS FLORIDA HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

By Arlene J. Jordan

The Florida Homestead Exemption reduces the taxable value of the real property up to \$25,000. It is an ad valorem tax exemption provided by Florida law for qualified residents who own and **reside on the property as their primary residence.** Under Florida law, the homestead exemption is only available to U.S. citizens. Homestead Exemptions are only available on an individual's primary home. This exemption does not apply to businesses, rental property, second homes, homeowners claiming permanent residency-based exemptions or tax credits in other states, or homes with owners that do not claim Florida as their primary residence. A tax exemption is an important benefit that offers Florida resident considerable savings on their property tax bill. You may be eligible for additional savings if you qualify for certain personal exemptions, such as those

offered to widows, widowers and disabled persons.

The Florida homestead exemption is not automatic. A homeowner must obtain a homestead exemption by filing for homestead exemption with the Property Appraiser in the county in which the property is located (Highlands County).

Your deed or document establishing your ownership as of January 1 must be recorded in the Public Records of Highlands County before your exemption can be approved. As of January 1 of the year for which you are filing, you must be a resident of Florida; you must own and occupy the property as your permanent residence and you must hold title to the property. **You must file an application for homestead exemption no later than March 1 of the year for which the exemption applies.** For more information please call Highlands County Property Appraiser's office at 863-402-6659 or visit the office located at 560 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Personal exemptions that reduce the taxable value of property by \$500 per exemption are available to qualified Florida residents. In addition to proof of property ownership and Florida residency (driver's license) you will be asked to provide other information specific to the exemption you are requesting. The March 1 filing deadline applies to all exemption applications. Some of personal exemptions are Married at time of spouse's death; not remarried; able to present date of spouse's death and/or death certificate; civilian disability (total and permanent disability); blind persons (legally blind) and disabled veterans (10% or more service-connected disability).



Thanksgiving Puns

"Stop, drop, and pass the rolls!"

"My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I said I couldn't quit cold turkey."

"Gobble 'til you wobble."

"Oh my gourd, I ate too much."



COVERED BRIDGE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Greetings friends and neighbors, I hope you are all doing well and loving life! The theme for this month's article is Rules, Rules and More Rules! As you know, we all signed a document and committed to follow the Covered Bridge HOA rules established to ensure our property values are maintained and our community looks good. Sounds simple, right? Well, have you ever heard nothing in life is simple? Our issue with following and enforcing our rules is anything but simple. With many residents/homes in violation of our rules, combined with rules that are dated or no longer appropriate for our community, the BOD has a real challenge. I plan to address part of that challenge by asking our board to revise some of the rules in question. I'm also asking everyone in our community to

meet their commitment to follow the existing rules and if there is a rule you believe needs to be changed, please let us know so we can look into it. We are all in this together so let's make the best of it. If you'd like to be a more active part of change, please consider running for one of our BOD seats in the upcoming election. We need all the help we can get. Until next time, have fun and be safe!

Sincerely,

Tom Taylor

President Covered Bridge HOA

PAINT CLASS

Art class is continued on Mondays from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Covered Bridge Clubhouse. People interested in helping are welcome to come too. Any questions please call me, Connie Shriver, at 770-598-5145.

Submitted by Connie Shriver

