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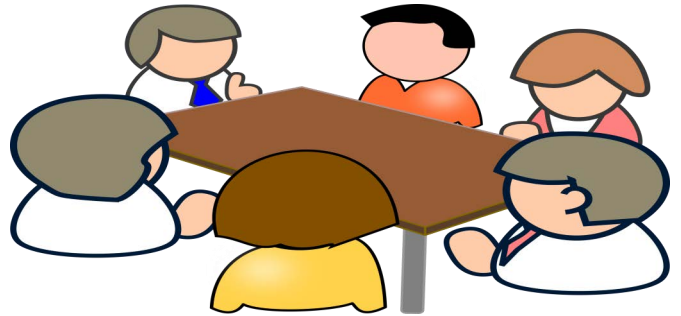


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Five Reasons We Need Friends

(Alice Gray)

1.

FRIENDS PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE

No matter how capable you are, there will be days you feel lost, when you need some clear direction, some fresh ideas, or just a different perspective. That's what friends are for.

2.

FRIENDS PROVIDE COMPANY

Good friends provide a distraction from the pressures of your day, comfort from the hurts of life, and escape from loneliness. Sometimes friends laugh with you and sometimes they cry with you, but most important, friends are always willing to be with you when you need them.

3.

FRIENDS PROVIDE A PLACE TO VENT

Some days you can handle the difficulties that press you down; other days you just have to let it all out. A friend is willing to listen when you feel like complaining about the injustices and annoyances that fill this world.

4.

FRIENDS PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY

To be accountable is to consent to being watched and questioned. Allowing yourself to be transparent and vulnerable is a wonderful protection against temptation and naivete. You let them catch you when you fall and lift you back to the place where you know you should be.

5.

FRIENDS PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT

Sometimes it's easy to lose hope. The frustrations of the past haunt you, the stress of the present overwhelms you, and the prospect of the future discourages you. When you are overwhelmed, you need at least one cheerleader.

It's when we try to live life alone that life becomes the enemy. Humans were not created to be alone. Sometimes allowing someone to walk alongside us to be a sounding board or listening ear can do wonders for our soul. Allow your friend to share in your journey, whether good or bad. That's why they are your friends. **Remember, first you should be a good friend.**

NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder, any information for Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the 20th of each month, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. There is a blue/gray box outside my door in the RV port, you can drop your stuff, or you can send it to the email LHVGatorTales@outlook.com. Please submit emails in **WORD DOCUMENT**. If you need assistance with your submissions or have any questions about Gator Tales, please contact Millie Currey at 315-854-6248 or send an email. We are always looking for new ideas and ways to improve our community paper.

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Maureen Hatfield (617) 874-7755

Ladies' Lunches:

Maria Combs (863) 438-6643

BINGO HOURS

Doors Open: 4:00 pm

Food service: 4:30 pm

Selling paper: 5:15-5:45 pm

Start playing: 6:00 pm

Hotdogs, Home cooked meals, and Homemade desserts.

Don't cook on Monday night, let us do the cooking for you.

LIBRARY

We want to thank everyone for the books for our library. We would like to ask that when you bring a book back, please leave it in the materials basket. We would like to reshelve them ourselves.

Thank You,
The Librarians

FOOD BANK

"Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – [Anne Frank](#)

Donations will be delivered on the first and third Tuesday or Wednesday of each month. St. Vincent De Paul Charities sends its gratitude and love to our community.

Non-perishable items and toiletries can be dropped off in the back room of the clubhouse. If you would like us to pick up items at your home please call and we would be happy do that.

Dave and Sharyl Graham

603-915-1757

Grandma's Attic

All donated and returned medical devices are to be left with Chuck Presby, 38 Sargent St. (386-402-2409). Please return all borrowed items CLEAN. Thank you for all your donations over the years.

C & D Bus Tours for 2024

See new flyer in following pages.



Wilma Soto—Surgery—Home
Art Stanley—Surgery—Home
Yolanda Lopez—Surgery
Al Andieux—Surgery
Bob Cappell—Hospital

Please call if you know of a resident that has been ill or hospitalized so that Carol can send cards. This is the only way she knows who to send them to. Carol Gould 863-422-5902



Stephen Morris Family—wife: Glenna
Michael DeStefano—mother: Vita passed away



Our Beloved Pets: Over the Rainbow Bridge

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Richard & Carol Scott—112 Reineke Road
Alicia Parks & Stephen Jeffrey---54 Glen Este Blvd.



Matt & Margaret Rice---moved back home to be near family.



July Birthdays

- 1st Bob McDonald
Art Stanley
- 4th Bonnie Fisher
Deb Seikera
- 5th Toni Fish
- 9th Dan Deuel
Rex Lingruen
Beth Thompson
- 12th Dale Fierge
Jerry Gonzalez
Helen Hurr
- 13th Dona Rawson
- 16th Gloria Bitner
Tim Stump
- 20th Jimmy Rodriquez
Frank McCormack
- 21st Debbie Bialecki
- 23rd Terry Hofer
- 24th Kimberly Ammon
- 30th Glenda Grasso
- 31^{sr} Norm Brake



July Anniversaries

- 1st Calvin & Dawn Maluchnick
- 10th Jim & Millie Currey
- 15th Norm & Jan Baczkiewicz
- 23rd Mark & Stacy Anthis
- 25th Greg & Beth Hintsala

Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate **July and August** birthdays and anniversaries on **Sunday, August 4th at 6:00pm** at the clubhouse. **Gift cards** will be awarded to birthday and anniversary game winners. **All residents are welcome** to attend for games, cake and ice cream.

A NEW IDEA has been presented--- Volunteers are welcome to take on this event to add extra months to the regular 6 Celebrations Dona, Sharyl and Audrey G. are taking on in 2024.

Maria Combs has reserved December 2024. She celebrates her birthday in December and wants to sponsor the event.

Please contact Dona Rawson for more information and clarification. (Home 863-547-9326) Come and join the fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS and NOTICES

Bingo Food

Always looking for volunteers to help with Bingo food and to bake desserts. If interested, call Art Stanley 863-353-2690.

Book Club

Our book for August's meeting is Daddy's Little Girl, by Mary Higgins Clark. We will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 in the clubhouse. All are welcome. A complete list of books was provided at our April meeting. If anyone needs one, contact Millie Currey.

Diabetes Group

DIABETES Brainstorming group is on a break until -

WED. SEPT. 4TH 7PM !! CLUBHOUSE

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

FOR INFO.MAUREEN HATFIELD

617-874-7755

THE TOPIC SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE IN THE AUGUST GATOR TALES.

Paint Class

Paint class cancelled till September.

Mae Robertson

32 Silver Crest Drive

Resident since February 2024

Mae relocated from Bloomington, IN. She had four children, two girls and two boys, of which two children have passed. Mae has eight grandchildren, four girls and four boys. She also has three great grandchildren. She does miss her grandchildren but they “facetime” often.

Mae worked for “Farmers Insurance” taking care mostly of Medicare claims/issues. After she retired, any time she returns to Bloomington the insurance office tries to put her to work!

Living in Florida was on her Bucket list. She can now mark another item off her list. Mae knew she wanted to go to the center of Florida. After visiting many communities, she found Lake Hammock Village. Mae drove into Lake Hammock Village; she was impressed at how well kept the park was and how friendly residents appeared. As with other northerners Mae wanted to get away from the snow and ice.

Once she had located her home she completed the move in two weeks. She told her children and decided to move before they could talk her out of the move. Mae is happy with her decision moving to Lake Hammock Village.

Mae said she spent her life raising her children, helped with her grandchildren and now is her time. Instead of being in her sixties she is living like a teenager, ready to have fun and enjoy the community and Florida.



Mae doesn't really have any sports teams she follows. She wishes the Colts had a better record; she possibly would be a fan. She is interested to see how Tampa Bay Football does.

Mae enjoys travelling, gardening and especially flowers. Her hobbies include playing bingo, working on her computer, and going to casinos. She would like to learn how to crochet. Mae really enjoys going to the pool and water aerobics.

Mae has gotten familiar with our “grasshoppers” not her favorite. She would like to see more dances at the clubhouse and karaoke. Mae is sorry that everything stops when the snowbirds go home.

GINNY & HENRY

By: Linda Casinover



Ginny and Henry are Shih Tzu's siblings that were born in 2017 in North Dakota.

When they were 5 years old, their owner couldn't take care of them any longer. Sad to let them go but loving them enough to insist they be adopted together.

When shown a picture of them, their new human fell in love instantly, which was easy since she was already partial to that breed. The next day she was on a 3 ½ hour drive to get them from Minnesota.

They took to their new home as if they lived there all their lives. They had each other and a new loving human.

Both will greet you upon your arrival with their plumed tails wagging swiftly. They are not big on barking but can be seen courageously barking at squirrels and birds from their window bench in the kitchen.

They each have a favorite toy; Ginny likes a small pumpkin from her former home, while Henry loves to chew on Lamb Chop.

You can see Ginny lying on the back of the couch, which is one of her favorite spots. Henry prefers to lay on the floor where it's cooler. When their human comes home, she sees they had been lying together waiting for her return.

Bathtime is always fun. Ginny is first to go while Henry gets comfortable with the idea, he's next. He will run and try to hide under the covers. He's easy to spot with his little black body on the white comforter.

Henry weighs 18 lbs. and only likes to eat dog food, with beef being his favorite meal. Ginny is only 10 lbs. but could easily outweigh Henry if her human let her eat whatever she wants. She does like popcorn! Exact opposite eating preferences that way, but like the Greenies which they would eat all day if they were allowed.

Their human is good most days with treats, although not able to eliminate the morning ritual of whip cream for breakfast.

When they go to their babysitters, Millie and Jim, they get spoiled. You can see them both riding blissfully in the front seat of their cart. Millie and Jim are smiling as well.

Ginny and Henry live with their human, Moreen Martell of 24 Silver Crest Dr.

Come celebrate the:



4th of July

Where: Lake Hammock Village Clubhouse

When: Thursday, July 4, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

HOSTED BY: LAKE HAMMOCK VILLAGE MANAGEMENT

Featuring: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cake and Ice Cream. Sodas, Water, Beer and Wine will be provided.



MUSIC PROVIDED BY: FLORIDA RICK

. COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND BE PART OF THE BAND

A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON JUNE 7TH UNTIL THE 24TH OF JUNE. PLEASE BE SURE AND SIGN UP DURING THIS TIME SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF THOSE ATTENDING.



**Another moving
ceremony by
Joice and Clark Smith
THANK YOU**

**MEMORIAL DAY
Lake Hammock
2024**

**Thank you to our
readers!**



Clark Smith



Joice Smith



Elle Quinter



Larry Quinter



Joan Butler

The day from HAIL!



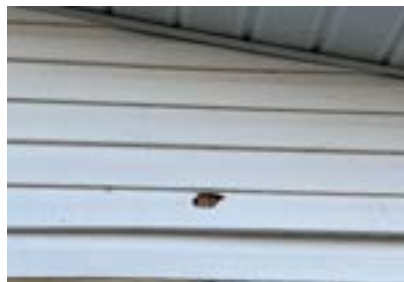
**New roofs...
Keep roofing
companies
busy**



**Screening
needing
replaced!**



**Dings and holes in
carports and sheds**



**Siding needing
replaced**



**Lots of globes
to be replaced**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Ann Conference
1001 S. Tenth St.
Haines City, FL 33844-0007

May 23, 2024

Lake Hammock Village
36106 US Hwy 27
Haines City, FL 33844

Attn: Dave & Sharyl Graham

Dear Lake Hammock Village Residents:

Thank you for your recent donation of food to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Ann Conference. Your support of our conference goes a long way towards helping families in our community who are struggling with food insecurity.

At our pantry, we continue to serve so many families each week. For the first seven months of our fiscal year, (Oct. 1, 2023-April 30, 2024), we served 26,115 people from 6134 families, many of whom come regularly. In addition, we continue to help many other families who request assistance to pay rent, utility bills, or temporary housing for the homeless.

We could not do all the work we do without the support from donors such as your community. This food donation will allow us to use funds that may have been allocated for food purchases to be used to help our neighbors with other assistance requests.

We feel very blessed to receive your donation so that we may continue our mission to help our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

Alida G. Carpenter
Secretary



On Friday May 10, 2024, Dave Graham and I had an opportunity to attend the 2024 NOAA/NWS Hurricane Awareness Tour held at Orlando's Sanford airport. Two of the Hurricane Hunters Aircraft, an Air Force Reserve WC-130J (based out of Biloxi, Mississippi), and one of NOAA's own WP-3D (from Lakeland/Linder) aircraft were on site.

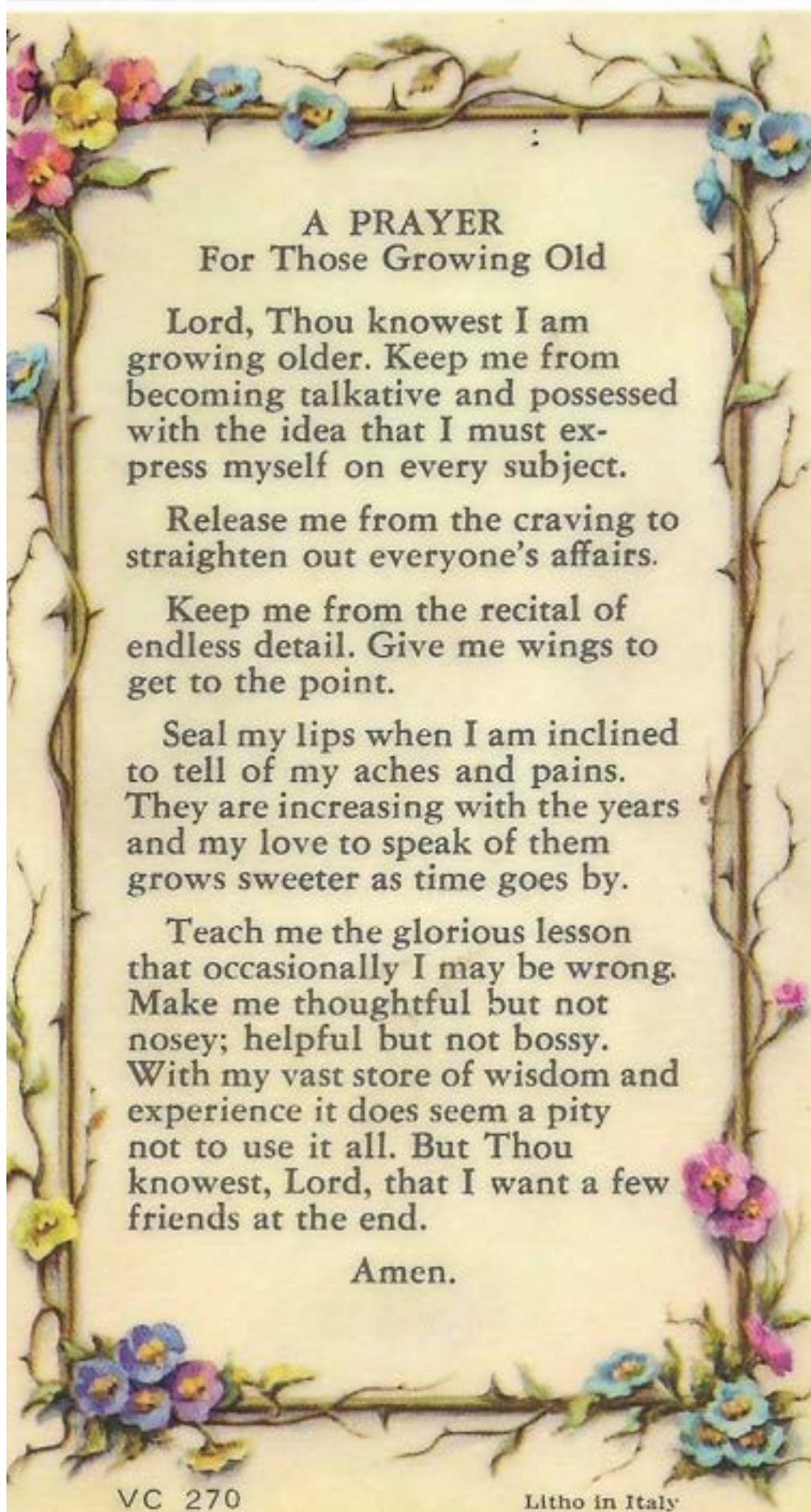
We toured both aircraft, and crewmembers were onboard to answer any questions. The WC-130 is essentially in its military cargo form with the addition of two computer console and launch tube to deploy Dropsonde instruments into the Hurricane. The data is then recorded on the plane and then forwarded directly to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. The NOAA P-3 Orion (named Kermit after Jim Hensons muppet) has much more sophisticated equipment on board and up to 15 scientists and meteorologists to monitor a rotating forward and tail mounted Doppler weather radars. They also deploy dropsondes as well, and send all the data just like the WC-130. When asked what is it like to fly into the Eye Wall of the hurricane with 100-200 mph winds the pilots said is like riding a very fast roller coaster through a car wash. It is very dark and with torrential rains nothing can be seen out the windshield. All of the console operators also have a supply of "barf" bags at their reach. The National Weather service uses all this information to help produce watches and warning and develop future track models.

We also listened to a discussion from Will Ulrich, Warning Coordination Meteorologist (who works out of the NWS Melbourne office), and produces the local watches and warning for us here in Polk county. The Weather Channel's Dr. Rick Knabb was also on site and provided live reports during the day. In the hanger, several information booths were staffed and provided hand out information. One very interesting display inside was an unmanned Solar/Wind powered Sairdrone vehicle that NOAA can steer into an approaching hurricane measuring weather and wave heights. They are stationed and deployed from ports in St Thomas, VI, St Petersburg, FL, and Charleston, SC.

Jerry Smith



A dear friend brought this poem to me and asked if we could put it in the Gator Tales.



A PRAYER
For Those Growing Old

Lord, Thou knowest I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosey; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience it does seem a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Amen.

A Childhood Memory
By Linda Casinover

With just a turn of my head, I can see the still dark sky from the window of my bedroom. I easily confirm my suspicion of the early hour with a quick sideways glance. In the matching twin bed, my maternal Polish grandmother Babcia is still sleeping. We have been sharing a room for about a year now, ever since daddy declared that he would provide a home for his aging mother-in-law.

She looks so peaceful, still asleep with her fingers just slightly hidden under the soft blanket, loosely clutching her clear glass rosary beads. Her hair is beyond waist length with only a hint of grey. There are just a few strands escaping the ever-present tight bun on the top of her head. Babcia has never cut her hair, and although she is unsure of her age, I imagine it to be a very long time.

Other than catnapping in her rocking chair, I have never seen her so still. She and mom are constantly working around the house, busy with endless chores for our family of eight. I am tempted to wake her at this early hour, but instead content myself with continuing my inspection. It's hard to visualize the vibrant eighteen-year-old version of her that left Poland on her own; the one I see in the hand painted wedding picture that hangs on the wall in our room. They say I look like her. Loving her as I do, I always apologetically deny any resemblance, fearing a future reflection of similar countless wrinkles and sagging flesh.

As if Babcia could hear my thoughts, she wakes, looks at me with her aqua blue eyes and warmly conveys her greeting. We frequently communicate silently, as I am limited in her language, and she is stubborn to learn mine. Now more alert she puts on her pink flannel robe and matching pink slippers and makes her way downstairs. In a few minutes the delicious aroma of coffee will make its way through the house, officially announcing the start of the day.

Before jumping out of bed I shout, "Thank God it's Saturday!" I usually sleep later on Saturdays when there is no school, but not today. Being sure to slip on my furry blue slippers so my feet won't be cold from the tan linoleum floor of my room, I quickly make my way to the kitchen for breakfast. I'm anxious to finish my chores so we can go ice skating. I've waited a year for this day.

I know mom was already awake with the fresh scent of lily-of-the-valley easily revealing her whereabouts. She was already dressed in blue slacks and a white blouse and ready for the day. Slipping on her flowered apron, the one that matches the one Babcia made me, she asks, "What's all the noise about? I don't want you to wake your brothers." "But mom, I want to go skating today." "We'll see about that later. Now look, the boys are up. There goes peace and quiet."

Mealtime quickly becomes chaotic the moment my brothers join me. They are just as excited as I am to go skating. Rather than a quick bowl of cereal to speed our departure, Babcia insists on preparing a feast.

As we wait for our breakfast meal, we remind mom that the pond should be ready for skating. Each day since the deep freeze began we have been recording the temperature on the family calendar. It takes about three solid weeks of freezing cold weather to create the thick, black ice required to skate on Round Pond. Now, twenty days later, it seems evident the ice should be sufficiently thick.

Harold, my oldest brother restlessly peers at Round Pond from the kitchen window vowing to be the first to arrive so he can be the captain of the hockey team. All of us are anxious to get there before the other kids.

Personally, I a true tomboy from necessity with no love of ice hockey, want to be the first to etch figure eight patterns on the new ice.

My baby brother Paul dressed in his blue foot pajamas, now stationed in his highchair, cries aloud that he wants to go too. We know he can't truly understand our plan having only recently mastered the art of walking, but mom tells him that after lunch she will take him too. This statement only leads to more outcries by him until Babcia delivers his plastic cup of warm milk.

Keith and Tommy begin to plead with us to finish our pancakes and sausage so we can start our morning tasks. Tommy also plans to play hockey. He likes to be the goalie and uses our big brother's shin guards. Most of the time there is no competition for his position, as Tommy's size and skill enables him to be one of the best players in the neighborhood.

Keith, my closest brother and more like me than the others, has no love for hockey either. He and I spend hours holding hands while practicing different figure skating routines on the ice. Last year we both were able to master turning abruptly and skating backwards more quickly and gracefully than ever before.

Breakfast is soon over. After mom confirms that we have completed our chores, we quickly make our descent to the basement to search through the wooden Bohack's breadbox that holds our gear. All the old boots, an easy dozen by rough count, varying in size and color, quickly fly about the floor. At the bottom of the trunk, we find all the skates. Soon we will be on our way, bundled up in our hats and mittens, taking that short walk through the woods.

I'm hoping last year's skates still fit; otherwise, I might need to wear an old pair of my brothers'. If that happens, I can change their boyish looks by adding my favorite red and black pompoms, the ones with the two little bells I sewed on them and change the black laces to white ones. Changing the skate color from black to white is not something I will try again. Last time it took hours, and it didn't work. I don't care if the other kids laugh and tease me. Not skating at all is worse than wearing boy's skates.

Harold isn't very happy. No matter how determined he is, his skates won't fit. There are no other skates for him to try. Without skates, he might not go. We need him to do an ice safety check since mom will not let us skate without one.

Keith too is disappointed that his skates won't fit. Even though he is the second eldest, his feet are the largest and so wide that mom always has trouble shopping for shoes for him. There are no hand-me-down pairs for him to wear.

Looking at my skates, I see they need to be polished. That task can wait. Removing the white plastic blade guard thankfully reveals a still sharp blade. I loosen the laces to expand the opening so I can get my foot in. They are very tight. I will have to go without the extra pair of socks I usually wear.

Looking over at Tommy, I see him almost totally outfitted and restless to go. The only thing missing from his ensemble is his hockey stick and facemask.

Mom, wondering about our delay, asks what is taking us so long to get ready. Simultaneously we tell her only two of us have skates that fit; that Harold, the family cavalier, will still perform the required safety check while

Tommy tries to attain borrowed pairs for them from nearby relatives. There are many relations nearby; three families of which are just down the road, with others just a block away. Tommy, less than amiable, proceeds to the telephone to start the call process. Such a game plan takes time.

As if the four of us were attached by our hips, mom says, "If all of you can't skate, nobody is going to. You can all stay home and play a game or something."

On cue, we cry in unison how unfair it is; that we have been waiting since Thanksgiving for the pond to freeze; and that EVERYBODY is going to be there.

Moving aside, mom motions us into the kitchen. On the table were gift boxes, tied with ribbons and bows. Mom, motioning for silence, abruptly tells how Santa came over last week when we were in school and asked if he could leave these gifts because his sled was getting heavy. All knowing the truth about Santa except little Paul, and too timid to speak, we listen as mom tells us how it would be best to forget about skating; that it's too cold outside anyway and how we might as well open one gift each to keep us busy.

We know best not to argue or say anything more. When our house gets unruly, we usually get grounded to our rooms. Visions of no skating and no gifts suddenly created invisible halos above our heads. Excited now, we begin our attack on the boxes, each screaming with delight at our new skates. "You tricked us. Thanks mom." "Don't thank me, thank Santa." Looking at our little brother we just say, "Okay mom."



Preparing for Hurricane Season 2024

Month Two: July
Hurricane Season Planning

What to Do Next & Resources to Help

by

Dave Graham, HOA Emergency Preparedness Team / July 2024 Gator Tales

As all of you know, while we were talking about hurricanes, our area was hit with an unexpected hailstorm that caused tremendous damage. The 'Hurricane Clock' is ticking. We are already heading into **Month Two of Hurricane Season**. Historically, peak season comes later, usually between August and October. However, dealing with Mother Nature, anything is possible, as we learned in 2022 when we had a November storm. As we begin Month 2, we ask everyone: **Are you prepared if a storm came our way tomorrow?** The answer for most of us is **NO**. Now is the time to take a few minutes and think about things in general. Where do you start? What can you do? We cannot control the weather, but there are things we can do to prepare for hurricane season.

The HOA Emergency Preparedness Team is here to help. Just ask any Team Member. The goals of the Team are **to help each other, to help keep our residents safe, and to try to assist everyone to be better prepared in times of hurricane or other emergencies**. Remember, Team members are all residents and volunteers, and we all work together to keep each other safe!

By the time of this article, residents should have received a comprehensive '**Hurricane Information Packet**'. This year the information was in a 'Polk County Emergency' plastic bag, donated to the Team along with other materials.

Our recommendation for a place to start – look at these materials. There is a tremendous amount of information in there. There are checklists to help you. The Spectrum booklet is excellent. The Publix flyer is also very good. The Team has put together the best packet we have had – more information than ever. Please don't put it away without looking at it. Everyone will find something helpful.

Also, in this issue you will find a Hurricane Zone Map of LHV. This shows the eight zones for the purposes of hurricane planning, and Zone Leaders are listed. If you need information, have questions, or need help, the Zone Leader is a good place to start.

As we mentioned last month, during Hurricane Season a **Hurricane Watch triggers a Special Team Meeting**. Residents will be invited to attend for information and questions. **YOU WILL NEED TO WATCH FOR THIS AS IT OFTEN COMES UP QUICKLY – BE AWARE. Watch for Facebook posts. Note that a Hurricane Watch is issued 48 hours before the onset of tropical storm force winds.**

Be sure to shop for nonperishable food, batteries, and other items now. Don't put it off. **Keep your gas tanks filled and check your propane tanks so you are not caught by surprise. Think ahead - Be prepared!**

HOA Emergency Preparedness Team Mission:

To keep our residents safe, to help each other, and to help all of us be better prepared in case of hurricane or other emergency

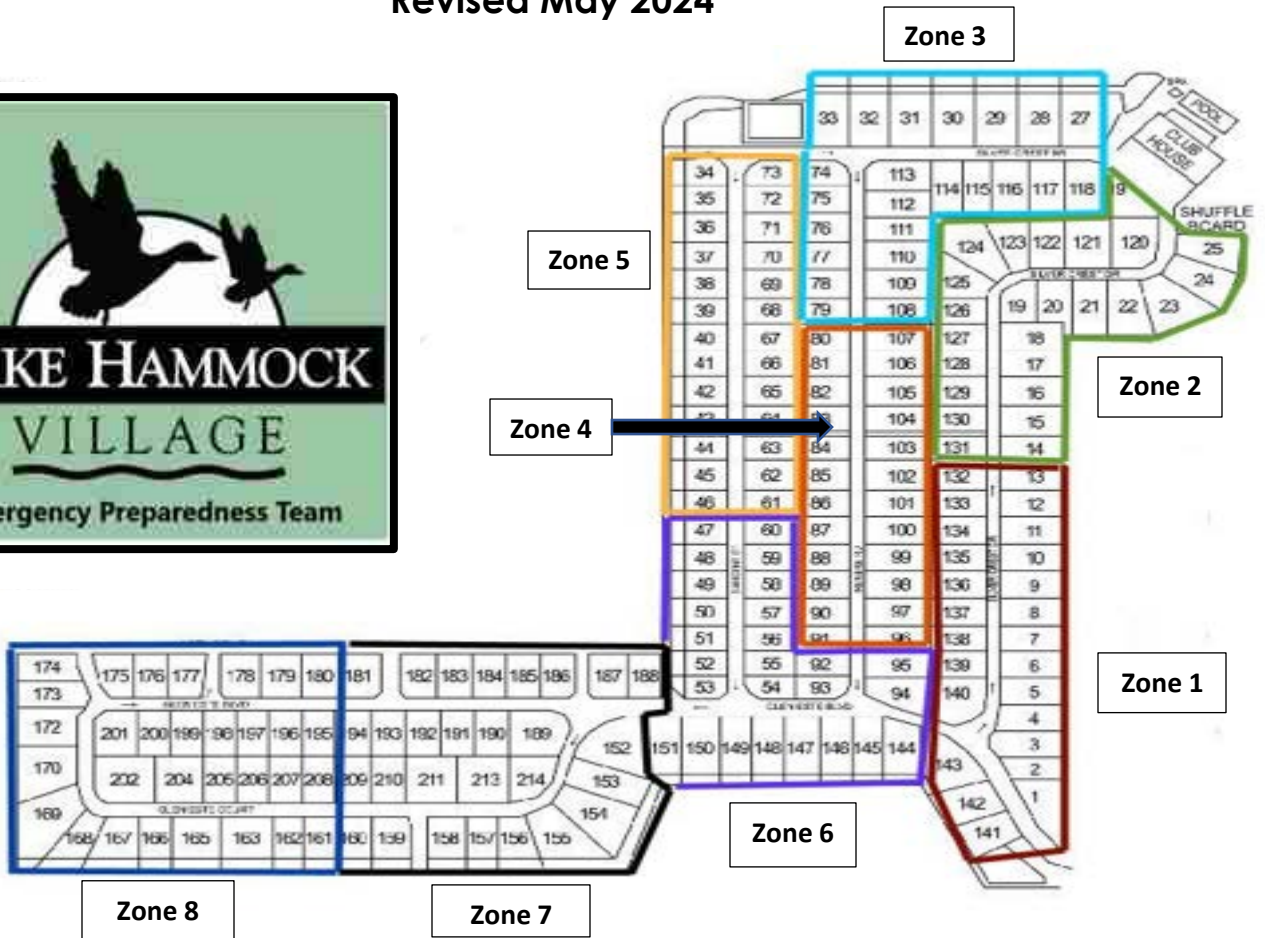
If you have questions, need information, or want to join please contact any of our members or

Team Coordinator Dave Graham
at (603) 915-1368, davemg1@outlook.com

HOA Emergency Preparedness Team

2024 LHV Zone Map & Volunteer Listing *

Revised May 2024



Zone Leaders 2024:

* Others available if necessary / limited by volunteers!

- Zone 1:** Brin & Bob McDonald; Wanda & Art Stanley
- Zone 2:** Sharyl & Dave Graham
- Zone 3:** Gary & Deb Devore
- Zone 4:** Jerry Smith
- Zone 5:** Darlene & Bill Davis; Pamela Leland
- Zone 6:** Joyce Middleton; Bob Cappell
- Zone 7:** Dona & David Rawson
- Zone 8:** David & Helen Hurr; Dan Deuel; Bob Kruse

NOTE TO ALL:
 We are seeking additional volunteers in our Zones to assist Zone Leaders with duties: talking with residents, helping to identify resources for them, providing information, helping with evacuation listings, etc. All of us are volunteers with limited time available. We are trying to do our best with limited resources. Please consider helping us. Thank you. The Team.

Alternates / Floaters - Available to help in any zone & cover for vacations:
 Dave Graham; others available in emergency

***** **Additional volunteers are needed & welcome** *****

Contact: Dave Graham, call/text (603)915-1368 /email davemg1@outlook.com

Sheriff Grady Corner



The Future of Law Enforcement is Here

When I became a law enforcement officer back in the early 1970's I carried a gun and drove a patrol car, and I had to call in (via pay phone) to the station to be dispatched to a call. Keeping people safe was difficult under those primitive circumstances and we did the best we could with the tools we had.

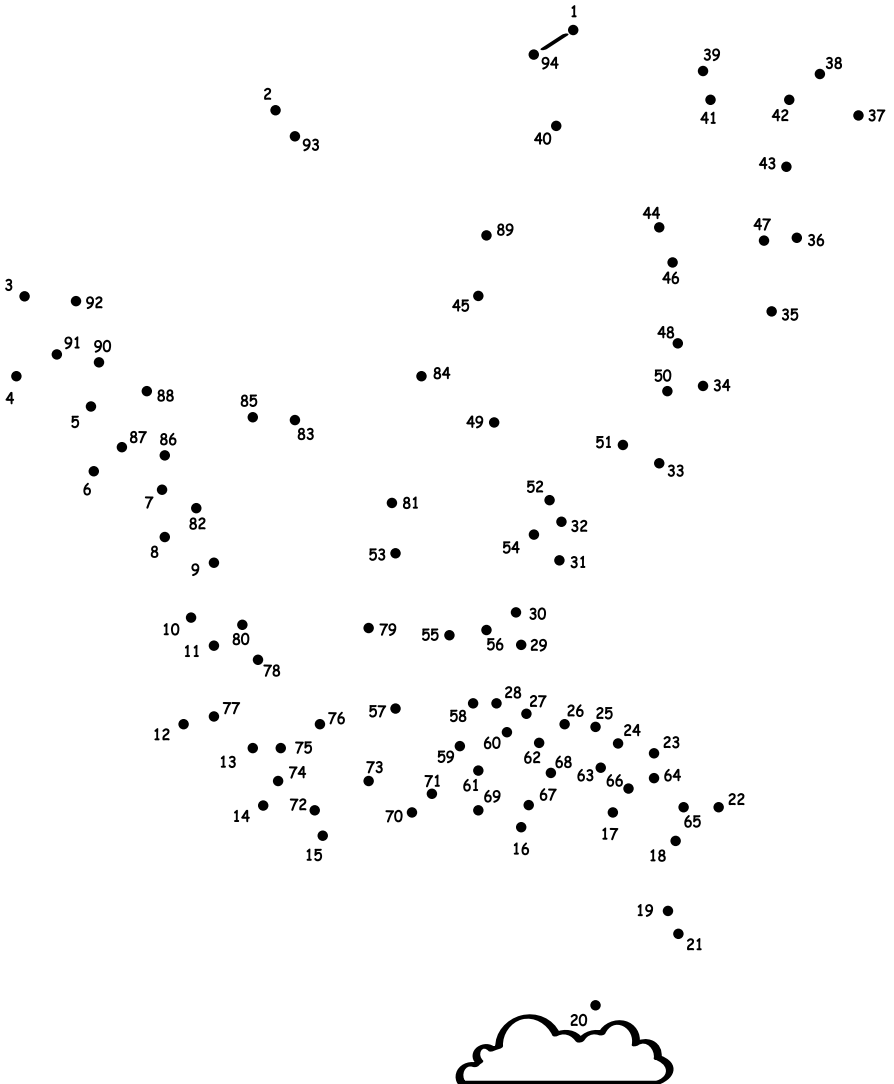
In the 1990's, we were pretty excited when laptop computers were invented, and every deputy had a radio in their car AND wore one on their belts – the age of communication had arrived, and we could proactively predict crime trends and prevent crime. Then came cell phones and WiFi's, taking crime fighting to a whole new level. We no longer needed to go into the office to type reports, gather, or send out information. We became mobile, and were able to respond more quickly than ever to calls for service.

I have learned through my decades of doing this job that modern law enforcement need to continue to stay ahead of the technological curve when it comes to preventing, fighting, and solving crime. We are now in the era of artificial intelligence (AI). But with the incredible upside potential of AI, there is a downside. Criminals will be using this technology to commit crime.

That's why the Sheriff's Office has partnered with Florida Polytechnic University to create an Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. This is not only an "investigative unit" – it is a holistic unit dedicated to visioning discovery, and creativity. Its purpose is to use what we learn to keep the community safe (including your private data). This partnership is a win-win for our agency, for the university, and more importantly to the citizens of this great county we serve.

Storm Dot to Dot

Trace a line between the dots, starting with number 1 and going up. Once you're done tracing, you should see that your outline created a storm. What storm do you see? (Hint: they form most often in the Great Plains states and their winds can travel up to 300 miles per hour!)



Submitted by Alice Larson

Crossword #4

Across

1. Chocolate alternative
6. Venomous snake
11. "Goodfellas" fellas
14. Cocktail garnish
15. Hot spot
16. Indignation
17. Prince hit, "I Wanna Be Your ____"
18. Pick up the tab
19. Conk out
20. Kind of leather
22. More miffed
24. Pet name
25. In all respects
26. Take in
29. Dress down
30. Scribble (down)
31. Aussie "bear"
33. Choppers, so to speak
36. Region
38. Kind of wine
40. Take a chance
41. Drive away
43. Miser's problem
45. Sargasso, for one
46. Modular home
48. Passel of pups
50. Workplace newbie
52. Belinda Carlisle, once
53. Legalese word
54. Motorcycle escort
58. Poetic palindrome
59. Fluid build-up

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| 61. Skip a syllable | 8. Word on an invoice | 37. Lofty nest |
| 62. Vintner's vessel | 9. Beguile | 39. Feudal slave |
| 63. Word repeated twice in a 1983 Bond film | 10. Machine gun sound | 42. Far from strict |
| 64. Twill fabric | 11. Bahrain's region | 44. Go off-topic |
| 65. Picnic pest | 12. Bay window | 47. Ding site, maybe |
| 66. What's hot | 13. Drunken | 49. Bathroom furnishing |
| 67. Pittsburgh product | 21. Shish ____ | 50. Sorority letter |
| | 23. Old-fashioned | 51. Air again |
| | 25. Coquettish woman | 52. Prison profession |
| | 26. Open, a little | 54. Black cat, to some |
| | 27. Drag | 55. Nearly hopeless |
| | 28. Mike Brady was one | 56. Drop-off point |
| | 29. Book jacket ad | 57. Rod's companion |
| | 32. Pool problem | 60. Cain raiser |
| | 34. Elder or alder | |
| | 35. Preside over | |

Down

1. Hard-hearted
2. Succulent plant
3. Tear apart
4. Cook too long
5. Bad way to go
6. In motion
7. Mend socks

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