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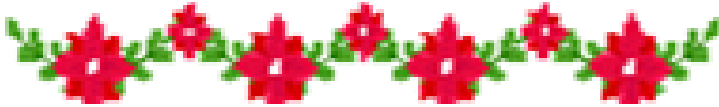
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# Gator Tales



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**From the GATOR TALES STAFF**



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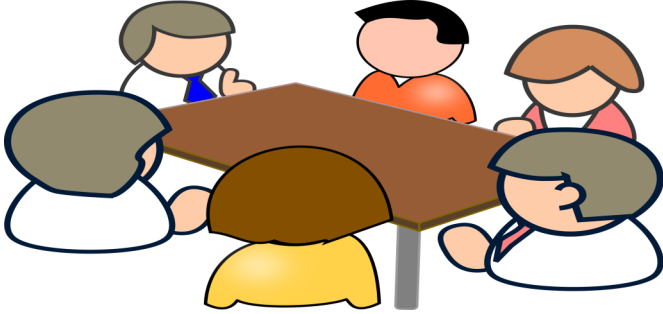
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# **Abundant Life**

**(Max Lucado)**

A friend of the late American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes asked him why he had taken up the study of Greek at the age of ninety-four. Holmes replied, Well, my good sir, it's now or never. "When J. C. Penney was ninety-five years old, he affirmed, "My eyesight may be getting weaker, but my vision is increasing. " Growing old can be dangerous. The trail is treacherous, and the pitfalls are many. One is wise to be prepared. You know it's coming. It's not like God kept the process a secret. It's not like you are blazing a trail as you grow older. It's not as if no one has ever done it before. Look around you. You have ample opportunity to prepare and ample case studies to consider. If growing old catches you by surprise, don't blame God. He gave you plenty of warning. He also gave you plenty of advice. "Those who try to hold on to their lives will give up true life. Those who give up their lives for me will hold on to true life" (Matthew 10:39). "There are two ways to view life," Jesus is saying, "those who protect it or those who pursue it. The wisest are not the ones with the most years in their lives, but the most life in their years." There is a rawness and a wonder to life. Pursue it. Hunt for it. Sell out to get it. Don't listen to the whines of those who have settled for a second-rate life and want you to do the same, so they won't feel guilty. Your goal is not to live long; it's to live. Time slips. Days pass. Years fade. And life ends. And what we came to do must be done while there is time. We would think it bizarre for a traveler not to be prepared for the end of the journey. We would pity the poor passenger who never read his itinerary. We'd be bewildered by someone who thought the purpose of the trip was the trip. Others, however, are anticipating the destination. I hope you are. And I hope you'll be ready when you get home. For you, age is no enemy. Age is a mile-marker, a gentle reminder that home has never been so near.

Let us all take time during this holiday season to reflect on our journey forward. Look beyond the horizon, there should be calmness, serenity, and freedom from stress or disturbance. That's your destination.

Chaplain **Ezell Willis**

## NEWSLETTER

**Please: All submissions to Gator Tales must be either emailed to [lhvgatortales@outlook.com](mailto:lhvgatortales@outlook.com) or a hard copy left in the Gator Tales box in my RV port on the table near the entry door. This is the only way I can keep everything organized. Verbal requests get forgotten. If you are submitting information and requesting that I make your flyer for you, please submit no later than the 15th of the month as this takes additional time.**

Also, information for Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the **20<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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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Dona Rawson (863) 547-9326

Sharyl Graham (603) 915-1757

Audrey Gioiosa (708) 906-9817

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Maureen Hatfield (617) 874-7755

### Ladies' Lunches:

Maria Combs (863) 438-6643

## BINGO HOURS

Door Open: 4:30

Food Service: 4:30

Selling paper: 5:15-5:45 pm

Start playing: 6:00 pm

### Back to a full meal schedule!

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

## FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who gave generously during hurricane Milton. It was very much appreciated.

Donations will be delivered twice a month to St. Vincent De Paul Charities. They send their 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 to 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.

## 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

# Welcome to the Neighborhood!



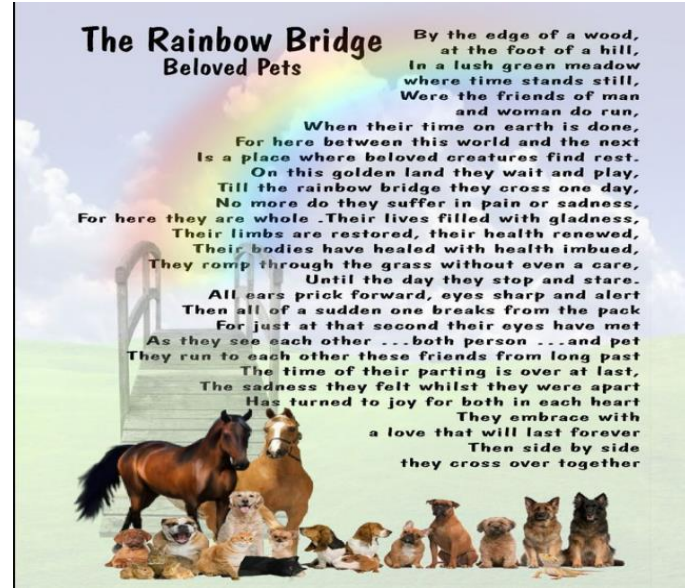
Please call if you know of a resident that has been ill or hospitalized so that Carol can send cards. This is the only way she knows who to send them to. Carol Gould 863-422-5902

Terry Karaszewski—Surgery—Home

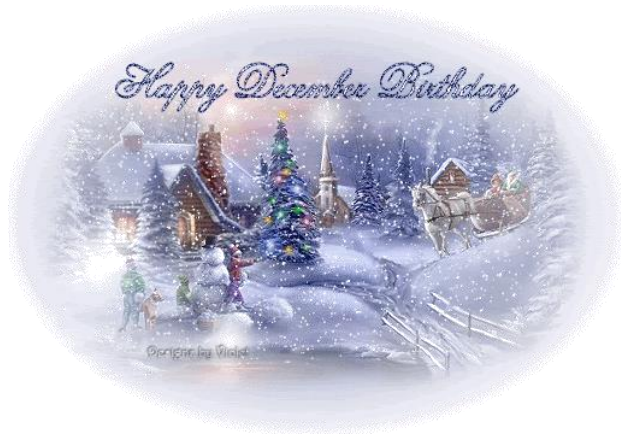
Diane Rizzuto—Hospital--Home



Millie Currey Family—daughter, Amy passed away.



Carolyn Serebreny at 143 Glen Este Blvd. recently lost her precious fur baby (dog). Earlier this year, she lost her second fur baby (cat). Carolyn has had a sad year, having lost her husband in 2024, also.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Greenfield
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dawn Karaszewski
- 7<sup>th</sup> Gordon Arsenault  
Brin McDonald
- 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Loy
- 13<sup>th</sup> David Rawson
- 14<sup>th</sup> Brad Anderson
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bruce Martell
- 16<sup>th</sup> David Carpenter  
Barbara Dickerson  
Shelly Shaffer Sibila
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hollis Yocum
- 18<sup>th</sup> John Miller
- 21<sup>st</sup> David Lennox
- 24<sup>th</sup> Earla Herring
- 25<sup>th</sup> Gordon Giger  
Marilyn Smith
- 26<sup>th</sup> Maria Combs
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wanda Stanley  
James Johnson
- 29<sup>th</sup> William Byers
- 31<sup>st</sup> Greg Blackman

17<sup>th</sup> Bill & Darlene Davis

22<sup>nd</sup> Bill & Clarice Klepadlo

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### **Birthday and Anniversary Celebration**

**December** Birthday and Anniversaries will be held on Sunday, **December 15th**, hosted by Maria Combs.

The 2025 Calendar for this Event is being compiled now, **Any Volunteers** are welcome to sponsor an extra month.

\*See or speak to Dona Rawson Hm #863-547-9326.

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND FOR GAMES, CAKE AND ICE CREAM**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS and NOTICES**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR HOA**

The pool, pavilion and back patio of the clubhouse will be closed and off limits to all residents and bingo players for about two weeks starting December 2nd.

The dog run should be finished by the end of the year.

The clubhouse roof will be done sometime around late December or sooner

Painting of the inside and maintenance of the outside of the clubhouse will be sometime in January.

### **Bingo Food**

**Bingo food is back to full meals. Be sure to sign up each week for your meal to eat-in or take-out.**

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

### **Book Club**

Our books for December are The Christmas Bus by Melody Carlson and Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark. These are two easy to read holiday stories. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens will be our January book. See you on December 14 at 10:00 in the clubhouse.

### **Craft Day**

Beginning December 10th at 1:00 and continuing every second Tuesday of the month there will be a Craft Day activity in the clubhouse. Come join the fun. The craft for December is a snowman's hat.

### **Diabetes Group**

The DIABETES Brainstorming group is meeting -

WED. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM. CLUBHOUSE

TOPIC: Successes; Info from Diabetes Conference

This is our 4th season! New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Maureen Hatfield 617-874-7755. 147 Glen Este.

### **Euchre**

Euchre is returning to LHV. Starting Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 and every Thursday until further notice. See flyer in Gator Tales.

### **LHV HOA**

Our HOA will meet in December. The first Tuesday of the month is the HOA Board Meeting at 7:00 and the Second Tuesday of the month is the HOA General Meeting at 7:00. All LHV residents are welcome to both meetings unless otherwise posted.

### **Paint Class**

Paint Class has resumed.

Come join the fun...don't need to be a "painter". Learn as you go!

Any questions, contact Joyce Middleton, 50 Sargent St, 330-323-2247

### **Sassy Stitchers**

Sassy Stitchers has changed their schedule. They will meet in the Clubhouse on fourth Tuesday each month at 1:00.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

The top 4 nominees will be placed on a ballot for folks to vote on at the December HOA meeting (remember to only vote once). The winner will be announced at the January HOA meeting and will have their name added to the volunteer of the year plaque, receive \$100 and admission along with their significant other to all HOA events for the coming year



# HERCULES

By: Linda Casinover



Hercules chose his forever home when his human took his daughter on a road trip and stopped at a pet store in Virginia that posted a sign stating there were new Corgis available. Out of the seven adorable puppies they saw, it became apparent who they would choose when Hercules immediately walked up to them, sat down, and looked up with his deep dark eyes and silently said to please take him home.

It was not long before Hercules and his human began to socialize with other canines, friends, and neighbors. They would go hiking, riding in the car, getaway weekends to the mountains or the beach and Hercules even went to his human's Navy Drill Weekends to hang out in the office. You can just imagine how much attention he was getting from all the sailors!

He would even accompany his human during workout sessions when on base or as his wingman at the beach.

Hercules' human is in the reserves and soon found out he was going to be deployed for about a year. Not wanting to burden his parents with Hercules' care, he was worried and heartsick over who would care for him when he left. One call to his parents solved that problem!

He misses Hercules terribly and cannot wait to cuddle up with him once more. He stays connected with him by calling every other day from all over the world. Hercules even knows the ring tone when he does call. It will be quite the reunion in February!

Corgis are known as the "Queen's Dog" since Queen Elizabeth II had over thirty of them. They were originally from Wales and were known for cattle herding. They did not come to the United States until 1933.

Hercules came to his grand humans' (GH's) home last December and has become well-known at the park ever since. As grandparents often do, his GH's give him lots of love and attention. They even gave him a pool party for his second birthday this past June.

Hercules seems happiest when he is riding in the golf cart which he does a minimum of twice a day or walking through the park. His favorite spot is at the LHV office. From there he can see more action on the corner and knows that he will get treats from either Phil or Bonnie or Both. At first, he would go straight to Phil and later was trained by his GH's to say hello to Bonnie first.

Hercules knows many humans on his block but if he does not know you, he soon will. He tends to bark until you come to say hello. He does the same thing when he is sitting on the front porch watching everyone go by.

He is smart! Hercules knows more tricks than when he first came here. He is not a puppy anymore; he is a healthy 34 lbs. toddler.

He can shake hands, do hi-fives and catch a ball in mid-air. My favorite is when he has a treat on his head and waits to get permission to eat it. Sometimes he is impatient and can be seen attempting to catch it before it hits the floor. Often, he is successful.

He has also been trained not to do "his business" in anyone else's yard, preferring his own backyard. However, he has not been trained to pick up the seventeen toys he was playing with all day.

There are times when his GH's must leave the house, so Hercules goes to his crate and chews on his treats or dental stick while listening to the radio that was left on for him. He even goes to his crate when he has exhausted his GH's so they can take a nap.

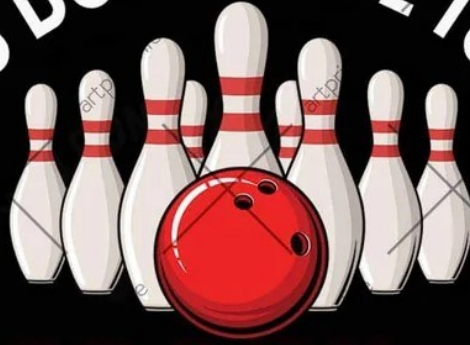
Morning times are fun too! Both of his GH's allow him to have a bit of coffee each morning from their cups. He loves the sweetness of the beverage and might be disappointed when his human returns as he prefers espresso.

Hercules is going to be in a Corgi race when his human comes home. He is now in training. He runs really fast even though he has such short legs and is not tempted to stop when he sees his girlfriends, Carrie or Lady, or anyone else for that matter. His concentration is amazing.

Hercules is leaving around February and will be missed by many. If you see him before he leaves, wish him luck and give him a kiss on the middle of his head where there is a heart. He likes that.

Hercules lives with his grand-humans, Sharon and Garry Wheelock at 108 Reineke Rd.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE



**CRAZY**  
TO BOWL WITH US  
WE CAN TRAIN YOU

Wii Bowling will begin soon so don't forget to put your teams together and sign up at the clubhouse. If you don't have 4 people for a team to bowl we can help put a team together for you, just put your name on the list and we will contact you. Any questions please contact Wanda Stanley @ 863-353-2690. More info to come.

Introducing . . . . .

# Valora Medical Group

Davenport, Florida

Presented to us by Elsa Solorzano

Community Outreach Representative

Ms. Solorzano will give a brief overview of their Medical Facility and their many locations on December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 – 1:00 all while you enjoy pizza provided Valora.



- More details to follow.
- Mark you calendar, save the date and a sign up sheet will be available closer to the time.





## Angel Cards & Cookie Exchange

Friday December 6

1:00-3:00 PM

at the clubhouse

2nd annual-sign and address Christmas cards. We sent 500 cards last year.

600 is the goal this year depending on donations.

-bring a pen

-donations of stamps or money to purchase stamps is appreciated

To participate in the cookie exchange:

-bring 3 dozen cookies (homemade or store bought)

-an empty container to take home your share of the cookies.

questions? call Alice 732-546-2304





Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>

8am to 1pm

Lake Hammock Village

Come join us for our first annual craft fair at Lake Hammock Village and get some beautiful handmade Christmas gifts. Several crafters will be selling their items, so get those last minute gifts before they are gone.

*SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SAMPLES*

*OF*

*THE SEASON*



*LAKE HAMMOCK CLUBHOUSE*

*SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15TH, 2024*

*6:30 P. M.*

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Signup sheet at Clubhouse for those wishing to bring 'Goodies' to share following Program



# **LHU Annual Gift Exchange Hosted by Maria Combs**

December 19 at 4:00

This is not a white elephant event. Please bring a new gift, \$10.00 value (something you would like), wrapped. Upon arrival place your gift on the appropriate table (one for men's gifts, one for women's gifts, and one for gender neutral).





## Christmas Golf Cart Parade

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 PM

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30 PM

Each night meet at the Clubhouse

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> the parade will be incorporated into  
caroling in the park. Start time is 6:00pm

Voting for the top 3 carts will be before 6pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

After voting is complete, we will start caroling

Winners will be announced after caroling

Any questions please see Larry Quinter #202

Sign-up sheet in Clubhouse





## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND GOLF CART DECORATING**

**Let's spread a little Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Two great events rolled into one  
Christmas Caroling and Golf Cart decorating**

**If you are interested in Caroling, the sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse. Please plan on attending a practice session at 2:30 pm on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Not a caroler? Decorate your golf cart for the holiday season and drive carolers. No need to sign up, simply decorate your golf cart and show up at the clubhouse.**

**Carolers do not need to decorate your golf cart to join in, but we would love to see as many decorated as possible.**

**Carolers and Golf Carts meet at the clubhouse at 5:30pm on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Decorated golf carts will be voted on and prizes awarded to the top three. Caroling will begin at 6:00pm.**

**If you have any questions about:  
Caroling see Laura Miller #136  
Golf Cart Ellie and Larry Quinter #202**



# Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

LHV Clubhouse

Celebrate Christmas day with your Lake Hammock Village friends and neighbors.

Doors open at 1:30 pm

Dinner served at 2:00 pm

## Menu:

Turkey/Ham

Dressing/Stuffing

Potato

Vegetables

Dessert assortment

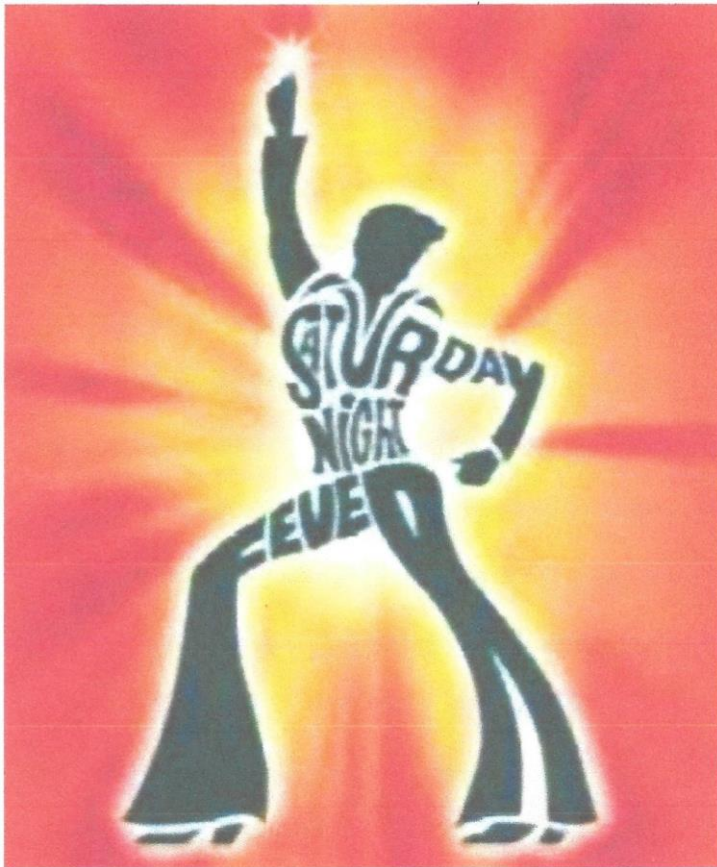
Non-alcoholic beverage

Sign-up sheets for attending dinner and for the dish you will bring to share are in the clubhouse.

Volunteers needed to cook turkey and ham.

## Need to know:

- Sign-up is required
- There is no cost for residents to attend
- Non-resident family members/guests are welcome. \$5 per person.



**NEW YEARS EVE**  
DECEMBER 31, 2024,  
8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT  
**Stay for ball drop**

**Tickets**

\$8.00 HOA members

\$10.00 non-members

Helen Hurr 207 Glen Este Ct

Kathy Duel 194 Glen Este Blvd.

**Enjoy the fabulous  
70's**

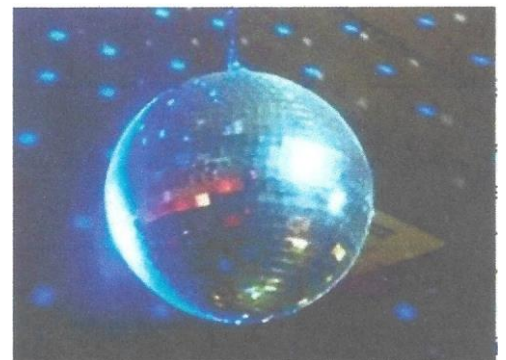
**Get your "DISCO"  
on with**

**DJ Steve**

**ONLY 80 TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

**Tickets available  
November 28**

**BYOB  
APPETIZERS AVAILABLE**





**STARTING JANUARY 2nd, 2025**

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

TIME: 6:30 PM

\$1.00 and nickels (all money returned each night)

NEW PLAYERS WELCOMED





## Featuring Christine Stedman

Saturday, January 18, 2025

8:00 pm

LHV Clubhouse

Christine Stedman is a 31-year comedy veteran who's done it all. She regularly worked in Vegas and Atlantic City as well as comedy clubs and theaters across the country.



She was also frequently a guest on the Bob & Tom syndicated radio show and was a finalist on Nick@Nite's SEARCH FOR THE FUNNIEST MOM IN AMERICA competition.

She is unfiltered and unapologetic on stage and is relatable to men and women alike and can be best described as One Funny Mother!

***Laughter strengthens your immune system, boosts mood, diminishes pain, and protects you from the damaging effects of stress.***

Tickets are \$10.00 for paid HOA members and \$15.00 for all others, quantity is limited so get your ticket(s) now from Laura #136, Sue #66, or Jenn #47.

Light snacks will be provided but bring your own drink.



# Looking for LHV Cooks & Bakers

We are still looking for those great recipes – we know you have many to share and this will be a fun project for all!!

In this community we have many people who produce some really great dishes for our many events. So, we thought we could collect recipes to make a “Lake Hammock Village” Cookbook.

But not just a recipe book; it would be nice to have the “story” behind the recipe:

- Was it a holiday tradition?
- Was it passed down through generations?
- Was it your grandmother’s favorite recipe?
- Was it something you made for work?
- Was it for family gatherings?
- Or, maybe you just really liked this recipe and there is no story behind it, that’s OK!!



Categories will be: Appetizers, Entrees, Desserts, Salads, Soups and any miscellaneous dishes.



- **WE STILL NEED MORE RECIPES**
- **DROP OFF BOX IN THE CLUBHOUSE (BACK ROOM) or Contact Joyce Middleton or Sue Smith and we can pick them up.**
- **SHARE YOUR FAVORITES**

Sue Smith, 66 Sargent, phone 207-294-1342  
Joyce Middleton, 50 Sargent, phone 330-323-2247



The  
winners  
Charles  
and Debbie  
Kemp



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2024

A SMALL BUT TALENTED AND FUN AND LOVING GROUP

GOOD FOOD AND LOTS OF LAUGHS





# VETERANS DAY

## HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED



Veterans Day at Lake Hammock Village 2024

Joice & Clark  
A wonderful  
Program as  
Always.

Our Veteran of the year,  
Jim Fischer

Lake Hammock Village Veterans 2024





Hurricane Season 2024:



# Hurricane Season Finally Over!

## Team Status for 2025 in Question

by

*Dave Graham*

HOA Emergency Preparedness Team for December 2024 Gator Tales

As I write this article it is November 15<sup>th</sup>. I am leaving on vacation tomorrow. There is still a storm which we are watching that might come this way. Deadline for Gator Tales is November 20! So...I will give you my thoughts today. Hopefully, this storm keeps moving west and is not a problem. But the point is that on November 15<sup>th</sup> we are still watching hurricanes!

2024 looks much like 2022 with one major hurricane and the possibility of another one this month. Of course, we had a big one in October and many more close calls this season.

Living in Florida we all 'signed up for this', so to speak, so the weather is not a surprise.

The **Emergency Preparedness Team** has been active throughout hurricane season and before, providing information to everyone at the start of the season. Over the past two years the Team has lost quite a few volunteers. With fewer volunteers the Team cannot do as much as they would like. For example, our Zone concept works best when we have two or three members in each zone. In 2024 we have struggled with this and many have given more of their time to help with this problem.

I believe the Team contributes a lot to the hurricane preparation efforts here. However, I also feel that the HOA should look at this and ask if this is something that should be continued.

Has the Team been helpful?

Is the Team needed?

Is there a better way to do things?

Or, should everyone do things their own way with no formal Team?

The HOA should look at this. The cost to the HOA is minimal. The lack of new volunteers suggests that there is not much interest. This has been building for a while. Several Team events have not been well attended.

My name and contact information is included in the monthly article. People are encouraged to contact me with questions, etc. **I think it is significant that in 2024 I have received no calls, texts, or e-mails. This suggests once again that there is not much interest.**

It has been an honor and challenge to be Team Coordinator for the past few years. The Team volunteers are a terrific group of caring, giving, and knowledgeable people! We are so fortunate to have such individuals volunteering on our behalf! I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

As hurricane season ends, I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season. May God bless all of you.

# Sheriff Grady Corner



## Chill out this Holiday Season

You may have heard me utter the phrase “Just chill out, eat a Moonpie, drink a 7-Up, and quit murdering people.” And here’s a shameless plug for the newest “Sheriff on a Shelf” doll we’re selling for charity – you can have your very own talking Grady where you’ll hear that phrase and a whole lot more, now being sold at all our offices for a \$30.00 cash donation.

But the purpose of this week’s message is to remind everyone that the holidays are right around the corner, and they can be very, very stressful. If we all work together to balance our stress, perhaps we can enjoy the holidays in the manner that they are intended.

For those of us who work in law enforcement and emergency medical services, we’re well aware that the holidays bring out the worst in folks. People get together with good intentions of celebrating, but sometimes the combination of parties, alcohol, traveling, and visiting with relatives you haven’t seen in a year can create a perfect storm, and then 911 is called.

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed or stressed out this holiday season, or at any other time, please take advantage of some tried and true coping methods:

Take some deep breaths-put yourself in a room where you can be alone, and concentrate on just taking deep breaths until your mind is clear. Spending just five minutes doing this can do wonders for your peace of mind.

Remove yourself from volatile situations – especially if you’re around someone violent or who refuses to leave. Do your part to not escalate, but to de-escalate.

Be patient with others-especially if they’re being opposite. Those angry drivers who honk and make obscene gestures? Ignore them. Go about your day. You can’t fix that can’t control that. And please drive slowly and carefully.

Above all else, try to remain positive and realize that you can’t control everything, but you can control how you react to any situation.

If you find yourself stressed out or depressed to the point where you don’t feel you can control it, please call one of the many mental health hotlines available. Knowing when to ask for help is extremely important. You should not be embarrassed or ashamed to reach out for help.

I wish you and your family God’s greatest blessings this holiday season.

# All Things December 2024

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- STOCKINGS
- LATKES
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- GIFTS
- DREIDEL
- MENORAHS
- CANDY CANES

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# Crossword #9

## Across

- 1. Triathlon need
- 5. Up to snuff
- 9. Amorous archer
- 14. Altar word of old
- 15. World Cup cry
- 16. Battery cell
- 17. Applicability
- 19. Type of sentence
- 20. Make intelligible
- 21. One way to listen or follow
- 23. River ride
- 25. Meter need
- 28. Hard to rattle
- 29. Kid's claim
- 33. Agree to, as terms
- 35. Coupler

- 37. Bumped into
- 38. Bake, as eggs
- 39. Go for the gold?
- 40. Old saying
- 42. Till bill
- 43. Like some vaccines
- 45. Seaplane's anchor
- 46. As a result
- 48. Prefix for section or state
- 50. Tape, say
- 51. Track event
- 54. Place for plates
- 57. Last Supper attendee
- 61. In progress
- 62. Most important
- 64. Big dipper
- 65. Unwelcome look
- 66. Pigmented eye part

- 67. Young chicken, for cooking
- 68. Not straight
- 69. Throw in the towel

## Down

- 1. Drill
- 2. Alpine goat
- 3. Food for sea urchins
- 4. Makeup bag item
- 5. 2004 Meg Ryan film, "\_\_\_\_\_ the Ropes"
- 6. Hood worn on "The Handmaid's Tale"
- 7. Resinous deposit
- 8. End of a race
- 9. Chocolate substitute
- 10. Still wrapped

- 11. Southern dish
- 12. Adored one
- 13. Withhold from
- 18. Airport shuttle, often
- 22. Vegas "lady"
- 24. Payment to a writer
- 25. Social division
- 26. Reddish yellow
- 27. Cupcake topper
- 30. Photoshop item
- 31. Kicked off
- 32. Knight's ride
- 34. Debate position
- 36. Bud holder?
- 39. Long cigar
- 41. Like many wines

- 44. Disturb
- 45. Window cover
- 47. Cal Ripken Jr. was one
- 49. Pencil end
- 52. Computer command
- 53. Hoodwink
- 54. Young yak
- 55. Miles away
- 56. Wine attribute
- 58. Lose steam
- 59. \_\_\_\_\_ to rest
- 60. Word ending a threat
- 63. Mend a hem

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## Bloated Proverbs your job is to translate to actual proverb

1. As with the sire, so it is with the scion.
2. A beholden vessel never exceeds 100 degrees C.
3. Prodigality is produced by precipitancy.
4. Pulchritude does not penetrate below the dermal plane.
5. It is not proper for mendicants to be indicative of preferences.
6. A period of preeminence is passed through by each and every canine.
7. It is fruitless to become lachrymose because of scattered lacteal fluid.
8. Articles which coruscate are not fashioned from the aureate material, at least not necessarily.
9. Your immature Galliformes must not be calculated prior to their being produced.
10. Lithoidal fragments ought not to be hurled by tenants of vitriol abodes.
11. Cleave gramineous matter for fodder during the period when the orb of the day is refulgent.
12. A feathered creature clasped in the manual members I the equivalent value-wise of a brace in the bosky growth.
13. It is fondness for notes of exchange that constitutes the tuberous structure of all satanically the bosky growth.
14. A perissodactyl ungulate mammal may be addressed toward aqueous fluid, but it cannot be compelled to quaff.
15. A detached fragment of the terrestrial lithosphere, whether of igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic origin, and whether acquiring its approximation of sphericity through hydraulic action or other attrition, when continuously maintained in motion by reason of the instrumentality of gravitational forces constantly acting to lower its center of gravity, thus resulting in a rotational movement around its temporary axis and with its velocity accelerated by an increase in the angle of declivity, is, because of abrasive action produced by the incessant but irregular contact between its periphery and the contiguous terrain, effectively prevented from accumulating on its external surface an appreciable modicum of the cryptogamous vegetation normally propagated in umbrageous situations under optimum conditions of undeviating atmospheric humidity, quiescence and comparative sequestration from corrosive-erosive agencies.

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All meetings at 7pm clubhouse-First Wed. of the month.  
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Dec.4th -Successes

Jan .1st-New Diabetes meds; certified diabetes pharmacists

Feb 5th- Challenges

March 5th- Water

April 2-Your topic , Your way

May 7th -Recap Potluck!

### Bloated proverbs answers:


1. Like father, like son.
2. A watched pot never boils.
3. Haste makes waste.
4. Beauty is skin deep.
5. Beggars can't be choosers.
6. Every dog has its day.
7. Don't cry over spilt milk.
8. All that glitters isn't gold.
9. Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
10. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.
11. Make hay while the sun shines.
12. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.
13. Money is the root of all evil.
14. You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.
15. A rolling stone gathers no moss.

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# December 2024

November '24							January '25													
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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1		2	9:15 Water Areobics 10:00 Shuffleboard  * 6 pm BINGO	3	10:00 Cornhole 11:00 Activities Meet 12:00-3:00 Billiards	4	8:00 Coffee & D 9:15 Water Areobics 10:00-12:00 ***** 12:00 Paint Class  3:00 Bible Study	5	7:45 Men Breakfast 10:00 Shuffleboard 11:00 Valera Med. Gp. 12:00-3:00 Billiards 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot	6	9:15 Water Aerobic 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Pinochle 1-3 Angel Cards & Cookie Exchange	7	8:30 Breakfast at Diner 8-1 Craft Fair  6:00 Men's Poker
8	5:30 Birthdays & Anniversaries 6:00 Voting, followed by Christmas Caroling	9	9:15 Water Areobics 10:00 Shuffleboard  * 6 pm BINGO	10	10:00 Cornhole 12:00-3:00 Billiards 1-3 Craft Day 7:00 HOA General Meeting	11	8:00 Coffee & D 9:15 Water Areobics 10:00-12:00 ***** 11:30 Ladies Lunch 3:00 Bible Study	12	7:45 Men Breakfast 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00-3:00 Billiards 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot	13	9:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Pinochle	14	10:00 Book Club at Clubhouse 6:00 Hot Dog Roast 6:00 Men's Poker
15	6:30 Christmas Program	16	9:15 Water Areobics 10:00 Shuffleboard  * 6 pm BINGO	17	10:00 Cornhole 12:00-3:00 Billiards	18	8:00 Coffee & Donuts 9:15 Water Areobics 10:00-12:00 ***** 5:00 Bible Study Potluck	19	7:45 Men Breakfast 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00-3:00 Billiards 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot 4:00 Gift Exchange	20	7:00 CLR 9:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Pinochle	21	6:30 Ladies' Poker 2:30 Christmas Carol Rehearsal 6:00 Golf Cart Parade 6:00 Men's Poker 6:30 Ladies' Poker
22	5:30 Golf Cart Parade 6:00 Voting, followed by Christmas Caroling	23	9:15 Water Areobics 10:00 Shuffleboard  * 6 pm BINGO	24	10:00 Cornhole 12:00-3:00 Billiards 1-3 Sassy Stitchers	25	 Christmas Dinner 1:30 Doors Open 2:00 Dinner Served	26	7:45 Men Breakfast 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00-3:00 Billiards 1:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Hand & Foot	27	7:00 CLR 9:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Pinochle	28	6:00 Men's Poker 6:30 Ladies' Poker
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Notes													
*Bingo 5:15 - 5:45 pm--sell paper 6:00 pm--start playing													
****Clubhouse cleaning hours- please limit use of front room.													