



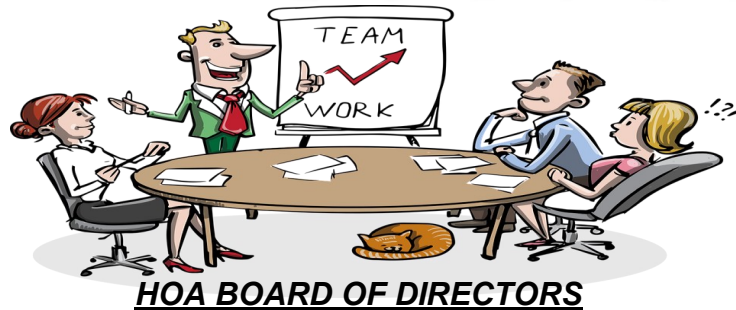
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July 2025

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The Last "I Love You" (Debbi Smoot)

Carol's husband was killed in an accident last year. Jim, only 52, was driving home from work. The other driver was a teenager with a very high blood-alcohol level. Jim died instantly. The teenager was in the emergency room for less than two hours.

There were other ironic twists: It was Carol's fiftieth birthday, and Jim had two plane tickets to Hawaii in his pocket. He was going to surprise her. Instead, he was killed by a drunk driver. "How have you survived this?" I finally asked Carol, a year

later. Her eyes welled up with tears. I thought I had said the wrong thing, but she gently took my hand and said, "It's all right, I want to tell you. The day I married Jim, I promised I would never let him leave the house in the morning without telling him I loved him. He made the same promise. It got to be a joke between us, and as babies came along it got to be a hard promise to keep. I remember running down the driveway, saying 'I love you' through teeth clenched when I was mad, or driving to the office to put a note in his car. It was a funny challenge. "We made a lot of memories trying to say I love you' before noon every day of our married life. "The morning Jim died, he left a birthday card in the kitchen and slipped out to the car. I heard the engine starting. Oh, no, you don't buster, I thought. I raced out and banged on the car window until he rolled it down. 'Here on my fiftieth birthday, Mr. James E. Garret, I, Carol Garret, want to go on record as saying I love you!' That's how I've survived. Knowing that the last words I said to Jim were, 'I LOVE YOU!'"

Last Words of Love: There's a touching story about a woman named Carol who always made sure to tell her husband she loved him before he left the house. She recounts the last words she said to him before he passed away unexpectedly.

Love never asks how much I must do, but how much can I do. (Frederick A. Agar)

Chaplain *Ezell Willis*

UPCOMING EVENTS and NOTICES

Bingo Food

Meals served every Monday night: Eat here or take out.

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

Book Club

Our book for July is A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith. All are welcome to join us on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 in the clubhouse. For more information, contact Millie Currey momcurrey@hotmail.com or text 315-854-6248

Craft Day

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00.

Diabetes Group

DIABETES GROUP WILL RESUME ON THE FIRST WED .IN OCT -the 1st- 7pm- clubhouse. Thank you so much -everyone for helping each other. We always welcome new members throughout the year. For more info. -

Please call Maureen Hatfield at 617-874-7755, 147 Glen Este.

Euchre

Euchre is on hiatus until fall.

LHV HOA

All Board and General Meetings on hiatus till fall.

Sassy Stitchers

Sassy Stitchers has been suspended until further notice.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



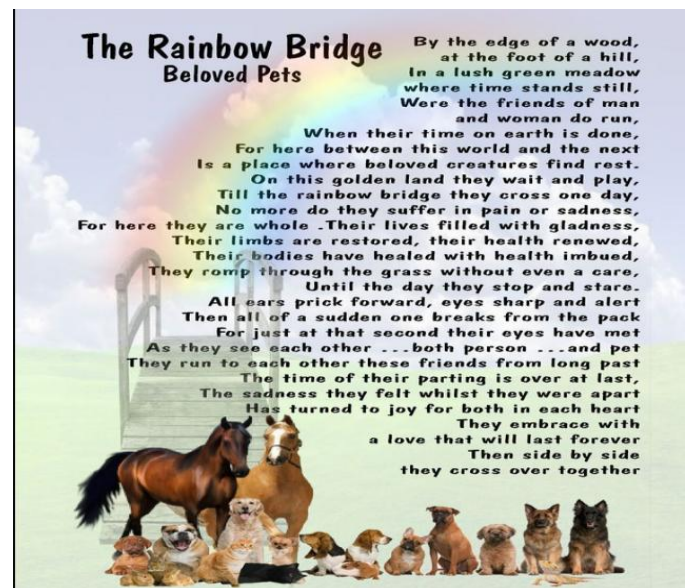
LHV Residents, I know of at least two times this month the ambulance has been in our park. No one has let me know any information.

Our residents deserve a card from the Sunshine Committee when they are ill, experience a death in the family or have other concerning life issues.

So, please call me (Carol Gould—863-422-5902) and I will deliver a card and kind words. If you don't want to be listed in the Gator Tales, just let me know and I will abide by your wishes and your name will not be forwarded to our Gator Tales editor.

Thank you,
Carol

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





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30th Glenda Grasso
Jennie Butcher

31st Norm Brake

3rd Calvin & Dawn Maluchnick

10th Jim & Millie Currey

15th Norm & Jan Baczekiewicz

Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

July will be a BIG Production for all who attend
Come and Celebrate with Everyone
on Sunday, July 6th at 6pm in LHV Clubhouse.
We'll have a real Yankee Doodle Time.
PLAN THE DATES AHEAD FOR
Aug 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd.
December will be announced later.

SPOTLIGHT ON COFFEE AND DONUTS



**Join other LHV residents for Coffee and Donuts on
Wednesday mornings at 8:00.**

**A time to meet your neighbors, share stories, and
experiences.**

Coffee is free....Donuts \$1.00





Come celebrate the:

4th of July



Where: Lake Hammock Village Clubhouse

When: Friday, July 4, 2025

Time: Food served at 12:30

HOSTED BY: Debbie & Rich Bialecki

Featuring: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cake and Ice Cream. Sodas, Water,

Miscellaneous Lawn Games

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

A SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED IN THE CLUBHOUSE UNTIL JUNE 24.
PLEASE BE SURE AND SIGN UP SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE
OF THOSE ATTENDING.

COMMUNITY *events*



We are always looking for new events and volunteers. Want to host a get together/social gathering? Come to LHV Activities Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 11:00 to discuss your plans.

Have an idea for a special event but don't want to "be in charge"? We want to hear your ideas. Come to the meeting and we will discuss your idea and perhaps we can find a host/hostess to go forward with your event idea.

Can't make a meeting? Call Larry Quinter (913-660-6075) our Special events/Activities Chairperson.



2025 POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SHELTERS

POTENTIAL SHELTER LOCATIONS

AUBURNDALE

1. Auburndale High School
2. Jere L. Stambaugh Middle School
3. Walter Caldwell Elementary School

BARTOW

4. Florida Department of Health- Polk Specialty Care Unit
5. Bartow High School
6. Stephens Elementary School
7. Spessard L. Holland Elementary

DAVENPORT

8. Citrus Ridge Academy
9. Davenport School of the Arts
10. Horizons Elementary School

EAGLE LAKE

14. Lake Region High School
15. Pinewood Elementary School

HAINES CITY

16. Alta Vista Elementary School
17. Haines City High School
18. Sandhill Elementary School
19. Shelley S. Boone Middle School

LAKELAND

20. Combee Elementary School
21. George Jenkins High School (Freshman Academy)
22. Highlands Grove Elementary School
23. Kathleen Elementary School
24. Kathleen High School

25. Lake Gibson High School
26. Lakeland Highlands Middle School
27. Philip O'Brien Elementary School
28. Lincoln Avenue Academy
29. Dr. N. E. Roberts Elementary School

30. Rochelle School of the Arts

31. Scott Lake Elementary School
32. Sleepy Hill Elementary School
33. Southwest Elementary School
34. Tenoroc High School
35. R. Bruce Wagner Elementary School

LAKE ALFRED

36. Karen M. Siegel Academy

LAKE WALES

37. McLaughlin Middle School
38. Spook Hill Elementary School

MULBERRY

39. Mulberry Middle School
40. Purcell Elementary School

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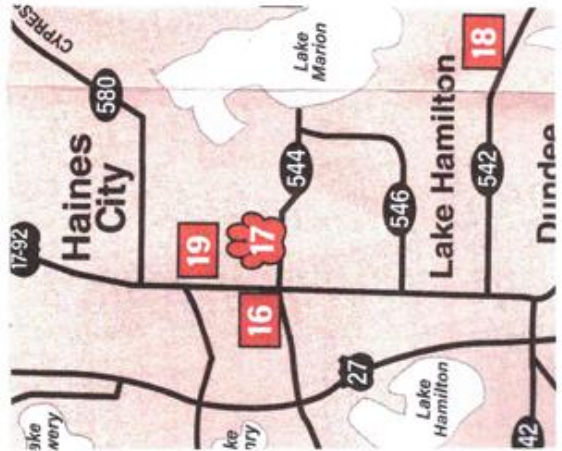
41. Donald Bronson Community Center

POINCIANA

42. Lake Marion Creek Middle School
43. Laurel Elementary School
44. Palmetto Elementary School

WINTER HAVEN

45. Chain of Lakes Elementary School
46. Jewett School of the Arts
47. Winter Haven High School
48. Inwood Elementary School



= Special Needs Shelter.
 = Pet-Friendly Shelter.
 = Primary Shelter.

See reverse side for directions to individual shelters.



**DO NOT PROCEED TO ANY SHELTER
UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT
IT IS OPEN AND OPERATING.**



Solution for Crossword #15

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Sheriff Grady Corner



A Reel Good Time

In 2013, we started something really great at the Polk County Sheriff's office – we hosted the very first “Fishing with Judd” event behind the Sheriff's Operations Center in Winter Haven.

The idea was simple: bring in about a hundred or so children from across the county and have them fish with our deputies. On the surface that may not sound like much, but in reality, there's so much good that can come from such a common, wholesome activity.

Most of the kids had never fished before. Maybe their parent or parents work a lot of hours providing for their family, and they unfortunately don't have the time to take their child fishing. Maybe the family doesn't have enough money to purchase fishing equipment or have the transportation to take the child to a good fishing spot.

This year was our 12th year hosting the event and I really do think each year is better than the last.

The deputies and children found their spots around the lake, and the deputies showed the children how to bait the fishing rods, how to cast them, and how to reel a fish in. We try to make sure every child catches at least one fish, but it is not uncommon for some to catch several.

After we fished for several hours, it was time to eat. Sheriff Judd blessed the food and then the kids got some great burgers, hot dogs, chips, and cookies served by our deputies. The food was provided by Polk Sheriff's Charities, Inc, and prepared by our good friend Mike Wells.

Finally, each child was presented with a pretty nifty toy to take home (anonymously donated), and a brand-new fishing rod and reel provided by “Take a Kid Fishing, Inc.” We know the kids had a great time and hopefully made lasting memories, but I believe my deputies and I are the ones who are truly blessed to be able to participate in this “reel” good time.

Crossword #15

Solution on Ad-Performance Carts

Across

1. In need of a map
5. Bank heist, e.g.
10. Wished, as a farewell
14. Feedback fill
15. Way past plump
16. Responsibility
17. Teachers at the prom, perhaps
19. Revival setting
20. Airline's home base
21. Early 20th-century art movement
22. Walk like a show horse
24. Hang back
26. Happen upon
28. Pricy wheels, slangily

31. Street-smart
32. Highest point
33. Bite off too much
35. Pipe material
38. Snack bar?
40. Military bigwig
42. Work on a tan
43. "Always on My Mind" singer
45. Way to pay
46. Copycat
47. Like some birthday parties
49. Some three-digit numbers
53. Before, in verse
54. Type of owl
55. Gyro holder
57. Harbor vessel
60. Every which way

61. Kirk's ship
64. Potatoes, perhaps
65. Lord's subject
66. Doomsayer's sign
67. Follow, as advice
68. Shopping binge
69. "___ #1!"

Down

1. Ness, for one
2. Where Pearl City is
3. Ranch worker
4. Cooking meas.
5. Elizabeth McGovern's character on "Downton Abbey"
6. Home
7. Sinner's punishment
8. Opposite of WNW

9. Defendant in a lawsuit
10. Horticulturist's study
11. About, old-style
12. Conical-cap wearer
13. Fragrant compound
18. Perimeter
23. Talk a blue streak
25. Congregation's cry
27. Freight
28. Overhead items
29. Shade of beige
30. Example-setters
34. Bona fide
35. 8 to 11, on TV
36. Flower holder
37. Outfitted
39. Chilling, say

41. ___ and anon
44. Sovereign's staff
46. Like a cheater's deck
48. Run-down car
49. Put to shame
50. Textile fiber
51. Lose ground
52. Military blockade
56. Nursery purchase
58. Kind of ID
59. Actor Wilder
62. Quick drink
63. Theater section

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Jungle Jumble



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screw



boot



egg



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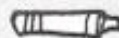
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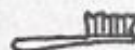
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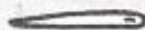
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needle



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wedge of cheese



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