



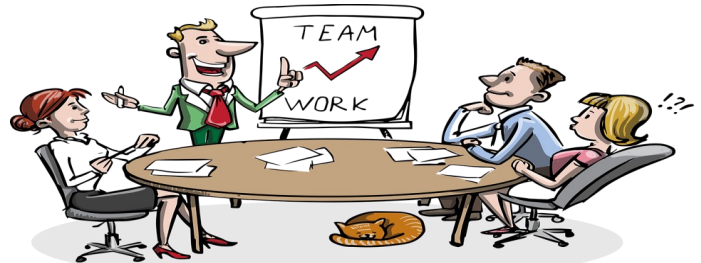
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NEWSLETTER

Please: All submissions to Gator Tales- must be either emailed to 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.

All other information for Gator Tales needs to be submitted to me by the 20th of each month, with **NO EXCEPTIONS**. There is a blue/gray box outside my door in the RV port, you can drop your submission, or you can send it to the email: lhvgatortales@outlook.com. All submissions must be in **WORD DOCUMENT or PDF with NARROW MARGINS**. 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.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRS

Activities/Entertainment:

Larry Quinter (913) 660-6075

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

OPEN

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Maureen Hatfield (617) 874-7755

Ladies' Lunches:

Maria Combs (863) 438-6643

PLEASE, IF YOU SIGN UP AND FIND YOU CANNOT ATTEND, TEXT OR CALL MARIA AT THE ABOVE NUMBER.

BINGO HOURS

Doors Open: 4:30??

Food Service: 4:00??

Selling paper: 5:15-5:45 pm

Start playing: 6:00 pm

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

FOOD BANK

Isaiah 58:10 "And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness."

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. 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

Welcome to our new librarians, Kathy and Dan Deuel.

Dog Poop

Pet owners, please pick up after your pets.

Once again, we need to remind our residents that picking up after their pet is mandatory in our community. "Deposits" have been seen in the lot at the end of Sargent Street, where there is a trash can for you to deposit your pet's contribution.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Leocardio & Rosa Cruz
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Pam Leland Family

Bob Baughman Family,



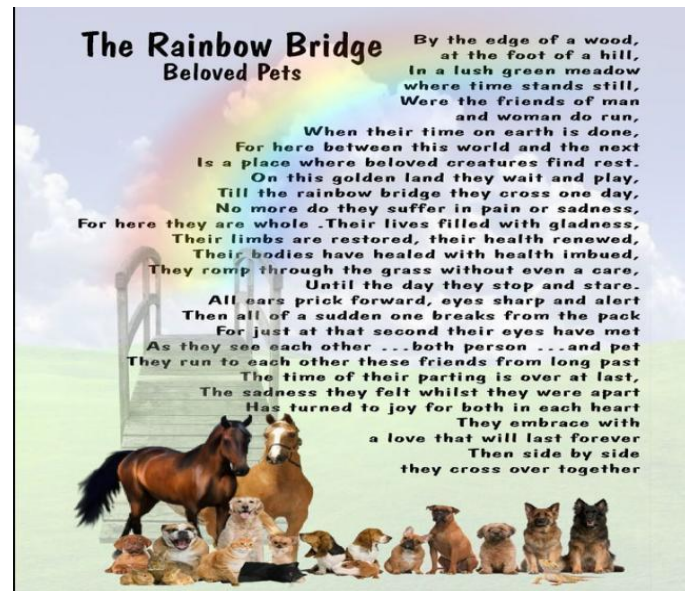
Carol Gould—Hospital

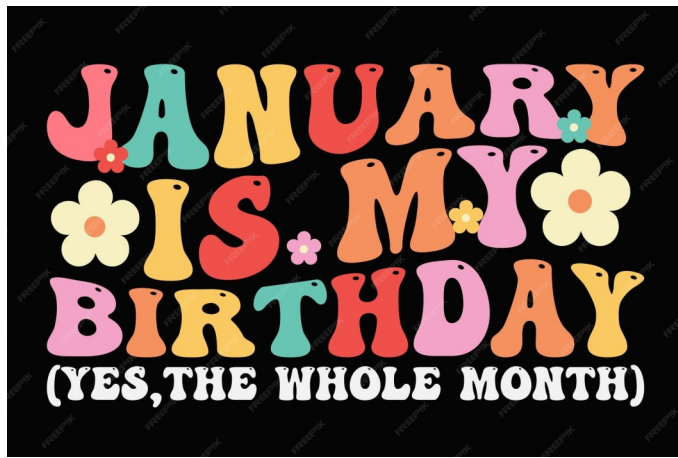
Linda Casinover—Surgery--Home

*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*





1st Carol Lodge
Norman Bacziewicz
Clark Smith

4th Laura Miller

5th Garry Stanley

9th John Stamps

10th Don Nolan

11th Alice Larson

12th Jerry Sibila

13th Jim Currey

14th Joan Butler
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Yolanda Lopez

17th Sharyl Graham
David Smith

19th Kathy Duel
Cindy Lyon

22nd Tami Frech
Bill Patelunes

23rd Florence Browning

24th Joyce Wright

29th David Butcher

6th Jerry & Shelly Sibila

21st Jim & Bonnie Fischer
Perry & Cheryl Wolfe

30th Bruce & Eileen LeMay

Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

January's celebration will be hosted by Laura Miller on January 4 at 6:00.

Looking for host for remainder of the year.



**EUCHRE RETURNS
TO LHV
ON THURSDAYS
STARTING JANUARY 8, 2026
6:30 PM
AT THE CLUBHOUSE
\$1.00 and nickels (all money returned each night)
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**





The following bus trips are available through C & D Tours.

	<u>Scheduled Bus Tours</u>	<u>Seat # Avail</u>	<u>\$Cost</u>
<u>Jan</u>			
	Sat Jan 10th - Brighton Seminole Casino, (With NO Bingo)	12	\$ 55pp
	Mon Jan 12th –Tampa City Tour	16	\$107pp
	Wed Jan 21st - Tampa Bay Downs, (Need to book by 1/11)	8	\$ 88pp
	Tue Jan 27th - Explore Disney Springs	6	\$ 45pp
<u>Feb</u>			
	Thurs Feb 5th – Come From Away, (new & Need to book by 12/22)	10	\$120pp
	Wed Feb 11th - Lakeridge Winery	12	\$ 80pp
	Wed Feb 18th – Daytona Beach Quilt Show, (Need to book by 1/15)	12	\$ 58pp
<u>Mar</u>			
	Wed Mar 4th – Polynesian Luau (new)	TBA	\$121pp
	Wed Mar 12th – Tiger & NY Yankees Spring Training (new)	TBA	\$120pp
	Mon Mar 16th - Kennedy Space Center (new)	TBA	\$150pp
	Tue Mar 24th – Tampa Premium Outlets	20	\$ 46pp
	Wed Mar 25th - Deep Sea Fishing	16	\$188pp

We have been informed that Cynthia has **9 seat tickets** available for purchase at \$163 each for the Daytona 500 on February 15th. These are for seats only, no transportation provided. Let us know if you need just the tickets.

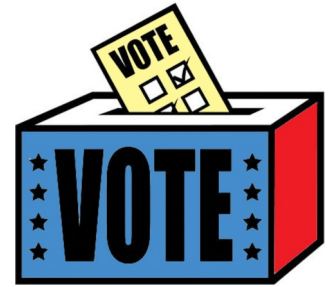
**To sign up: Please contact Deb Siekiera @ 860-888-7462 – dlsiekiera@yahoo.com
OR Bettyann Seelenbrandt @ 570-415-2422 – almostamishquilts@gmail.com**

***Please note:** We will first promptly verify each trip request with Cynthia of C&D Tours to confirm availability of seats before booking your seats as some events sell out faster. Payment will be due after we get your confirmation. Please make your check out to C&D Tours, we will be by to collect your check in person. A receipt from Cynthia for your trip will be given to you shortly after.*

All additional trip information in regards to these trips and the signup/trip rules can be easily located by going to cdtours.net. Please sign up for trips by contacting us as soon as you know you would like to go.

The information in regards to C&D Tours is provided only as a courtesy to all LHV Park Residents and other nearby neighboring parks. For those of us that like to venture out to experience fun places to visit, meet new people, see the sights without having to worry about the drive, this is available to us. We live here in the park and can answer most of your questions. We are not out to sell or profit from these trips, only provide the info otherwise unknown to us. We hope to spark interest that only benefits our residents' interests. Being new to Florida, this is a wonderful way to explore and meet new people.

Annual Meeting with board elections coming up on January 20, 2026



Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Come to the meeting and VOTE.



Volunteer of the Year—will also be announced.

VOLUNTEER
you can make a difference!





Saturday, January 24

ANNUAL LHV GOLF CART POKER RUN

TIME 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

RULES: No motorized vehicles; golf carts & passengers, bicycles, tricycles, scooters and walkers only.

Meet at the club house at 2 pm to receive your Poker Hand score sheet and Draw you first card.

Everyone will than take off to FIVE stops to draw a card and record results on score sheet.

After completing all FIVE stops, return to club house between 3 and 3:30 pm to DRAW FINAL CARD. All score sheets will be tallied and at 4 PM prizes for 1st, 2nd and last will be rewarded.

COST IS \$5.00 PER POKER RUN SCORE SHEET

ALL MONEY WILL BE AWARDED IN CASH PAYOUTS

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\$5 for guests

questions? Alice 732-546-2304

sign up at clubhouse by 2/24

Sheriff Grady Corner



New License Plate Law

On October 1, House Bill 253 went into effect, and it's important that Polk County drivers understand what it means. The law makes it a second-degree misdemeanor to have a frame, cover, or device that obscures part of your license plate. Violations can result in up to a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.

The legislature has determined that license plate visibility plays an important part in making sure vehicles are properly registered, insured, and traffic laws are enforced. A license plate is one of the primary ways law enforcement identifies vehicles. If anything blocks the plate or the validation sticker, it interferes with law enforcement's ability to do its job. The law also prohibits devices designed to flip, hide, or switch plates, and even possessing one of these devices is a crime.

Selling or distributing them is a first-degree misdemeanor, and using one to commit or conceal a crime elevates the offense to a third-degree felony.

I know many people enjoy customizing their vehicles, and it's quite common to see decorative license plate frames with favorite teams or hobbies. As far as this new law is concerned, decorative frames around the outer edge of the plate are perfectly fine, as long as all the digits of your plate and the registration tag are completely visible. In other words, keep the information on your plate clear and unobstructed. Placing a tinted cover over a license plate also obstructs visibility.

Making sure vehicles are properly registered and insured is important. The new law's purpose isn't about punishing drivers for minor decorations, but about ensuring that plates are visible, legible, and detectable. This is also why it's also important your tag lights are operable. Visibility of license plates helps law enforcement solve crimes, recover stolen vehicles, enforce traffic laws, and protect the public.

Crossword #21

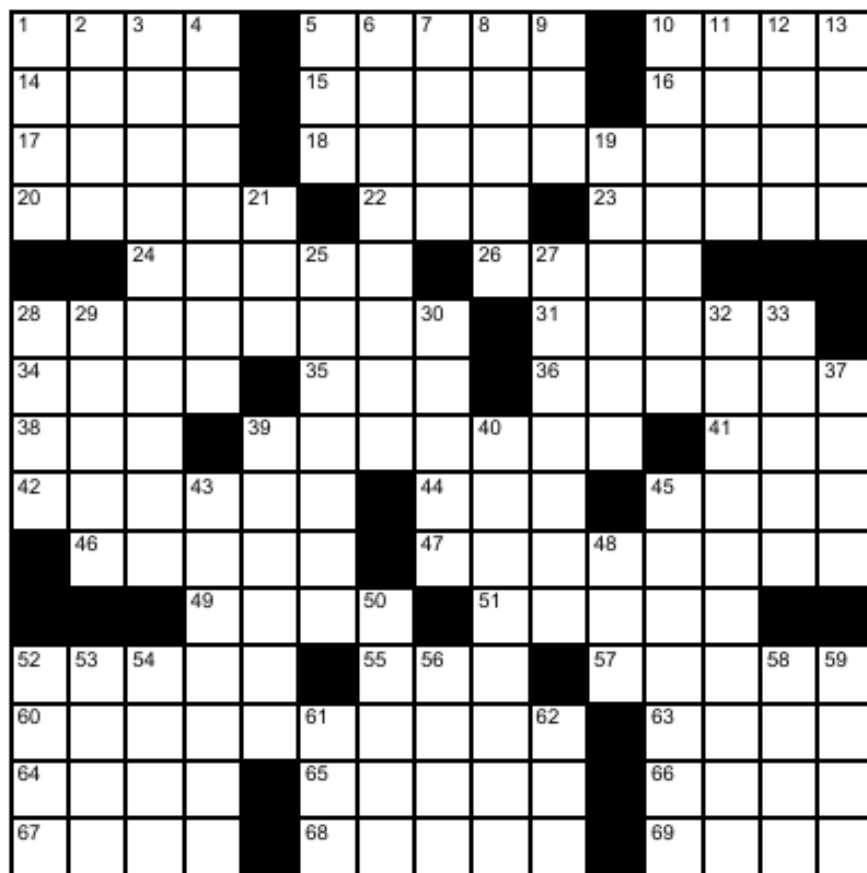
Across

1. "___ she blows!"
5. Petty malice
10. Heavy reading
14. TV skipper Alan
15. Island greeting
16. Locket shape
17. Castaway's home
18. Salad ingredient
20. Book keeper
22. Scottish cap
23. Hoops game for two
24. Honking flock
26. Anagram for "lane"
28. Kiddie transport
31. Up and about
34. Gravy dish
35. Aquatic shocker
36. Navy clerk
38. Beard on grain
39. Whole number
41. Bakery buy
42. Fairly new
44. Film director's cry
45. Kennedy matriarch
46. Renter's document
47. In shreds
49. Bad-mannered
51. Strike back, say
52. Pertaining to the Pope
55. Bonkers
57. Tartan cloth
60. Vaper's "e"
63. Part of ABM
64. Make an impression?
65. ___ of roses

66. Type of tea
 67. Finger jab
 68. Itsy-bitsy
 69. Workplace note
- Down**
1. With-ring link
 2. Breakfast dish
 3. Loyalty
 4. Vote for again
 5. Woodshop tool
 6. Blood clotting aid
 7. Itty-bitty bit
 8. Kind of song or park
 9. Place for a plug
 10. Home of the Maple Leafs
 11. Recovered from

12. The "m" in some physics equations
13. Ultimatum ender
19. Shot follower
21. Tina of "Date Night"
25. Like some candles
27. Newborn's outfit
28. Way up the slope
29. Spiked wheel on a spur
30. Campaign poster word
32. Wilde's "The ___ of Being Earnest"
33. Salary increase
37. Scholarship basis

39. Dig
40. Kind of angel
43. Aural ailment
45. Get back
48. Water source
50. Put on a show
52. Baby bird sound
53. Choir member
54. Quick kiss
56. Poker payment
58. Big-ticket ___
59. Mythical queen of Carthage
61. Backstabber
62. Bawl

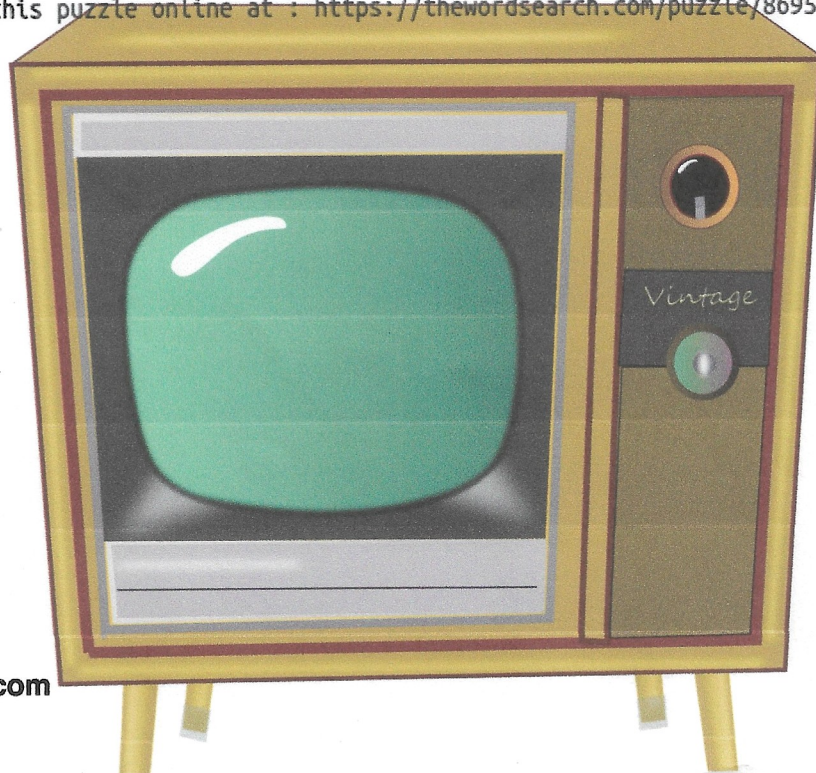


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MASH
 HOWDY DOODY
 RIFLEMAN
 GUNSMOKE
 MY LITTLE MARGIE
 HAWAII FIVE O
 CHEERS
 BONANZA
 HOGANS HEROS
 THE BRADY BUNCH
 HAPPY DAYS
 STAR TREK
 WAGON TRAIN
 I LOVE LUCY
 DALLAS

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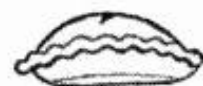
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cane



fish



drinking glass



candle



trowel



pennant



wishbone



slice of pizza



mushroom



tube of toothpaste



book



turtle



lollipop



cupcake



sailboat



snake



fork



ice-cream cone



rabbit



screwdriver

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2026 CALENDAR -YEAR 5

All meetings at 7pm clubhouse-First Wed. of the month.

Jan. 7th- Goal Setting for the New Year

Feb.4th-The Art of Japanese Walking

March 4th-Blood Sugar as We Age

April 1st- Successes and Challenges

May 6th-End of Season Potluck

Crossword #21 Solution

T	H	A	R		S	P	I	T	E		T	O	M	E
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January 2026

December '25	February '26
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21	15
28	22

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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