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- ◆ Due to space constraints on the calendar, the current event will show with an asterisk (*) which will be defined as “* **See What’s Happening for more details**”.
- ◆ PLEASE keep in mind, if you miss the deadline – feel free to utilize the Golf Lakes Friendly Resident Facebook page.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact The Banner at golfcakesbanner@gmail.com.

Submitted by The Banner Committee



Joe and Joan Fredericks live at 4900 4th B St East and are our newest residents here in Golf Lakes, passing papers on December 3 – a few short weeks ago. They are from Schaghticoke, NY and will be seasonal residents.

Joe is a retired 2nd generation plumber and worked in his profession for 40 years. Joan worked for a NY local bank for 35 years and retired as a financial advisor. They have two children and two grandchildren. Joan enjoys playing cards, woodworking, ceramics, sewing and crafting. Joe likes to hunt, fish and enjoys “fixing things”. They both belong to the Moose, Elks, DAV and spend time target practicing at the local gun club shooting range.

They were quite familiar with Golf Lakes because they lived at Village on the Greens for 8 years and attended many of our events. They wanted to live in a resident-owned community and subsequently purchased here.

Interviewed by Susan & Milton Christy

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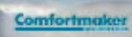
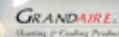
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Jim Hofman

A Message from the **PRESIDENT**

I'm writing this message during our first cold spell of the winter season. Temperatures have plunged to the low 40s overnight and then just making it to the 60s during the day. While I know that this is warm for many of our winter residents, for those of us who live here year-round this is cold!! I always remind people that our cold fronts do not come from the south!

February will be another busy month. Its so good to have the clubhouse, pickleball courts, shuffle and lawn bowling areas and all other areas busy with many different activities taking place. I don't think anyone should say there isn't an activity that interests me. If you aren't interested in any that are already going on and want to start another one, feel free to volunteer to start a new group!

On February 10, we will be holding our Annual business meeting. I would encourage you to attend if possible. The voting for Board members will be closed that night at 7pm so be sure you have returned your ballots prior to that time. While we meet, a team will be counting the ballots, and an announcement of voting results will be made at the conclusion of their work. In addition, we will hear from a member of the Sheriff's Department, from a couple of chairpeople of upcoming events and hear reports from myself and from our Manager, Tracy Roux. Immediately following that meeting, the newly formed Board will meet in the conference room to elect officers for the next term.

One other item! We have installed stop signs as you know. These stop signs are for everyone and apply whether you are walking, riding a bike, traveling in a golf cart, driving a pickup, driving a car or in other words----they apply to everyone no matter what mode of transportation you are using! Thanks for your cooperation!

The Board will be meeting on February 13 and February 27. As always you are invited to attend the meetings. We begin promptly at 9am and our goal is to be finished with our business in an hour and a half. Thank you for your time as you volunteer for different activities! We depend on many people being involved to be able to continue to provide the services we have!

Jim



The Banner

Deadline is **10th of Month**

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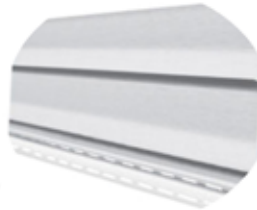
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Manager's Report



Are you familiar with the Golf Lakes website? It can be accessed at www.golflakes.com. Additionally, there is a resident "portal" accessible using a user name and password. This is where residents can find additional information not available to the general public. If you don't have the login information, contact the office and ask for the website portal login credentials.

I would like to take a moment to remind residents that the posted speed and stop signs are for everyone. This includes bicycles and golf carts and certainly motor vehicles. The seemingly innocent "whoa and go" or rolling stops are not the intent. Everyone needs to stop and look first; our resident pedestrians are the most vulnerable. As a member of the corporation, all agreed to live in accordance with the rules and regulations and these posted traffic signs are included.

Please make arrangements and let the office know your plan for hurricane damage repairs. While time is of the essence, it is understood that contractors and material are scarce in some cases. While working to get the park completely restored, the Association needs to know that you are at least under contract for the necessary work.

I know our snowbirds have all but just returned, however everyone should know that before you leave for the summer, and those who live here year round, need to address any needed maintenance to your home such as pressure washing, painting, weeds, etc. now and not leave the park without your property being in tip top shape.



February 17



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Leise, Wayne & Pamela	5119 6th C St E	PA
Rollins, Dennis & Judy	5108 6th D St E	IL

MOVED AWAY

NAME	ADDRESS
Gargac, Phillip & Susan	5119 6th C St E
Kaechele, Bruce	5110 8th B St E

CORRECTIONS

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Benedict, Terri	5110 8th B St E	
Ulmer, Lorna		207-242-9808

DEATHS

NAME	ADDRESS	DEATH DATE
Teed, Gail	4907 2nd A St E	11/27/24
Verno, John	4906 4th C St E	12/26/24
O'Connor, Paul	5208 6th C St E	9/8/24
Champagne, Oscar	Former Resident	12/09/24

GOLF LAKES OFFICIAL RESIDENT FACEBOOK PAGE

Any resident applying for membership to [Golf Lakes Official Resident Facebook Page](#) must answer the 3 questions.

Otherwise the committee cannot verify their standing with the community.

Those not answering all 3 of the questions **WILL NOT BE** considered.

Be advised that The Banner is using a new Resident database for Birthdays. If your information is missing, incorrect or you do not want it listed—PLEASE contact The Banner—golflakesbanner@gmail.com

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2	Rita Leipf Elaine Porter Mark Schaefer John Sloan
3	Herta Bowers Daniel Ford Daryle Miller Wendy Smulick
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6	Phillip Gargac Thomas Jelsma Nancy Rosenthal
7	Melinda Beffrey Betty Chiffolo Beverly Dean Ron Ellerbrock Heath Gardner Diane Gordon, John Stanley
8	Don Eilers Cynthia Parker
9	Kurt Barto Jerry Haggard Colleen Moore
10	Reggie DeBoer Marge Dennis Wanda Hurst Gerzella Kerkstra Linda Walters Jackie Regoli Garry Vickers
11	Catherine Konink Darlele Lichty Marlene Pierce
12	Forrest Conrad Phil Snape Florence Sommers
13	Bea Berry Leanne Farrell Janice Maynard Janet Stanley
14	Gayle Lesch April Soltau Sherry Urton Curtis Wulliman
15	Edward Hall Brad Nolder Lee Ver Helst
16	Ria Buitenhuis Al Derosier Sandra Gallo Diane Gelder Danny McKone
17	Mary Hofman Kim Napoleon Brenda O'Connor Sharon Tesoro Cande Vermeulen
18	Glenn Eicher Russ Ford Lynne Neyhart Lawrence Restuccia
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20	Kenneth Berg Sandra Goddard Stan Jemiolo Cindy Rolsch
21	Debbie Atkinson Dick Blevins Chad Walters Connie Weston
22	Dale Overzet Nancy Overzet Harriet Trumper
23	Sharon Dabney William Tice
24	Clarice Brooks Karen Herron Maggie Lowman
25	Dale Bronson Jan Fitzsimmond Brenda Ryan Robert Steidle Dianne Taulbee
26	Shirley Ensing Rhonda Ford Tracy Lobraico Kay Miller
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Top 10 tidbits you didn't know about US presidents

Cover Story submitted by Don Raymond

1. Abraham Lincoln — Rocky Balboa's wrestling counterpart
Yes, you read that right. Good ol' Honest Abe, the lanky 6-foot-4 16th president of the United States, competed in wrestling matches as a young lad. And he fared pretty well, too — Lincoln was widely known for his skills and had only one recorded defeat in 12 years.



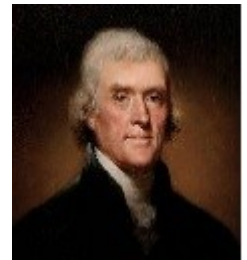
2. No vocal runs or riffs for these Grammy winners
An astounding three U.S. presidents have won Grammy awards, but not for their impeccable vocals. Jimmy Carter leads with a total of nine nominations and three Grammy awards for Best Spoken Word Album. Bill Clinton won two Grammy awards, one for Best Spoken Word Album for Children and one for Best Spoken Word Album. Barack Obama also holds two wins for "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream."



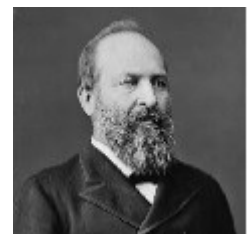
3. Gerald Ford served for all, but was confirmed for office by few
Gerald Ford had the most unconventional ascension to the presidency. The 25th Amendment, a lasting legacy of Kennedy's assassination, was the constitutional mechanism responsible for Ford's fortune. After Vice President Spiro Agnew's resignation in 1973, the 25th Amendment gave President Richard Nixon the power to name Ford as the new vice president with the permission of Congress. Once Nixon resigned, the office of the president fell to Ford. Had it not been for the 25th Amendment promoting Ford to VP, Speaker of the House Carl Albert would have become acting president.



4. Jefferson was a founding foodie
Many know of Thomas Jefferson's love of France — his well-known ambassadorship to France exposed him to European architecture, botany and technology, among other novelties. This love, however, transcends relationships and ideas and makes its way to food. Jefferson brought many French culinary ideas to the United States, popularizing many staples of American food today. Mac and cheese, french fries and ice cream are all connected to Jefferson. Though he did not invent ice cream, he loved serving it at dinner parties, particularly "inside of a crust or pastry."



5. James Garfield had some next-level communication skills
James Garfield is best known for being one of the four assassinated U.S. presidents, but don't let that grim fact overshadow his other talents. His fluidity with writing and languages was quite fascinating. Garfield was ambidextrous and multilingual, and he was able to write in Greek with one hand and Latin in the other at the same time. Multi-tasking has never looked so impressive.





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6. Frenemies John Adams (second president of the United States) and Thomas Jefferson (the third president of the United States) developed a close friendship and eventual political rivalry in the span of five decades. The two collaborated on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and completed diplomatic service together in France. But later, Adams' well-known Midnight Appointments caused a rift in their relationship, as he appointed some of Jefferson's political adversaries in the wee hours prior to Jefferson taking office. The two made amends later in life, and eerily, both died hours apart from each other — on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



7. Ronald Reagan saved seventy-seven lives as a lifeguard. Father of trickle-down economics and Mr. Movie Star Ronald Reagan not only made a splash on the big screen and in politics, but also in Rock River in Dixon, Ill. Reagan worked on the shore of the river as a lifeguard for seven summers, saving a total of seventy-seven swimmers from drowning. Reagan even showed Oval Office visitors a picture of Rock River and noted that lifeguarding was one of the best jobs he'd ever had.



8. Agent 035 — Call him Kennedy ... Jack Kennedy

John F. Kennedy, one of the first U.S. presidents with real charisma, was a big fan of Ian Fleming's James Bond spy novels. JFK first read "Casino Royale" in 1954, and after naming "From Russia with Love" as one of his top ten favorite books in a Life Magazine article, the series soared to fame in the U.S. Though JFK did not receive any monetary benefits from the endorsement, Fleming gave a nod to the president in his next book, "The Spy Who Loved Me," with the line "We need some more Jack Kennedys."



9. Ulysses S. Grant — National Park Pioneer

In March of 1872, Ulysses S. Grant signed the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act into law, creating the first national park. Grant's time in the U.S. Army allowed him to see much of the western landscape, which may have served as the underlying inspiration for this action. His championing of the Yellowstone protection legislation safeguarded the natural wonders of the park, including Old Faithful, the famous cone geyser that still evokes awe from thousands in Wyoming today.



10. Herbert Hoover has his own sport

In order to keep Herbert Hoover in good physical health, his White House physician invented Hoover-ball, a combination of tennis, volleyball and medicine ball. Originating in 1928 after Hoover saw a similar sport played on naval ships, Hoover-ball is more intensive than boxing, wrestling and football and requires less ability than tennis.



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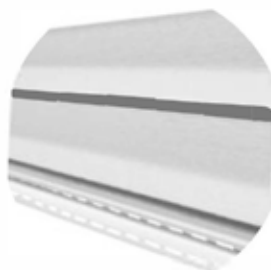
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Valentine's Day, celebrated annually on February 14th, is widely associated with romance, love, and the exchange of heartfelt tokens. However, the origins of this beloved holiday are steeped in both historical and mythological narratives, blending ancient traditions with Christian and later secular practices.

The roots of Valentine's Day are often linked to the Roman festival of Lupercalia, celebrated in mid-February. Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and to Romulus and Remus, the mythical founders of Rome. Although the festival had little to do with love in the modern sense, its timing and themes of fertility and pairing influenced later Valentine traditions.

The Christian aspect of Valentine's Day originates with the story of Saint Valentine, a figure shrouded in mystery. One popular legend suggests that Saint Valentine was a priest during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd century. According to some accounts, before his death on February 14, he wrote a note signed "From your Valentine" to a young woman whom he had befriended.

In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius I declared February 14th as Saint Valentine's Day, likely to Christianize the pagan celebrations of Lupercalia. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that Valentine's Day became linked with romantic love.

By the 17th and 18th centuries, Valentine's Day had gained popularity in Europe as a day for expressing love. People began exchanging handwritten notes, small gifts, and flowers. The first mass-produced Valentine cards appeared in the early 19th century, thanks to advances in printing technology.

Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated globally, with traditions varying across cultures. In addition to exchanging cards and gifts, many people celebrate with romantic dinners, chocolates, and roses. While the holiday has been criticized for its commercialization, it remains a cherished occasion to express love and affection.

From its origins in ancient Rome to its modern status as a global celebration of love, Valentine's Day continues to evolve while maintaining its timeless appeal. Its history reminds us of the enduring human desire to connect, express affection, and celebrate the bonds that unite us.

Submitted by Tom Drooger

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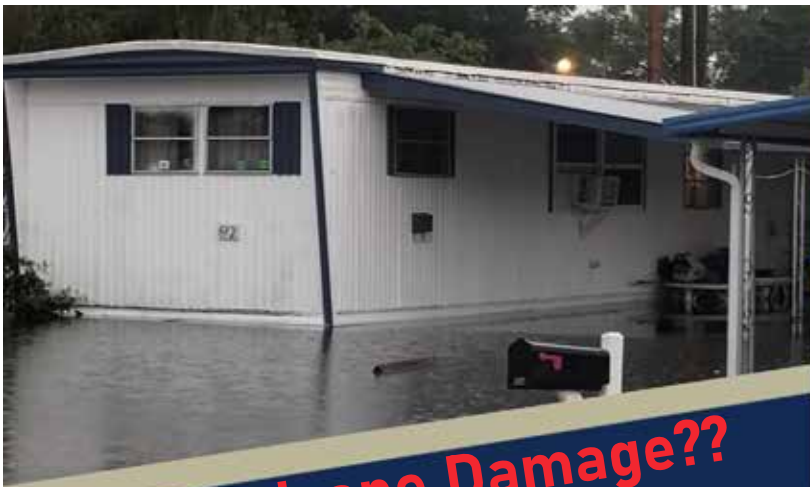
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Series by Tom Drooger, Banner Committee

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1. Any guest staying overnight is limited to 60 nights in the park within any six-month period, six months must then elapse before that person may stay overnight in the park again.

ADDITIONALLY

2. A resident's guest(s) who is not a family member may only stay overnight when the resident is present.

3. A resident's guest(s) who is a family member at least 21 years old and who registers at the office may stay unaccompanied in the resident's home in their absence.

4. Members are responsible for acquainting their guests with Park rules and regulations.

5. Childcare or unaccompanied child/children are not allowed for the following:

Members must register visiting child/children with the office.

Members must maintain a written record of all visits by child/children. Any part of a day constitutes one day toward the 60-day maximum.

After 60 days any guest must be approved as a resident by contacting the office and completing a background check, subject to board approval. All residency requirements must be met for all stays beyond 60 days.

For additional clarification, please contact Tracy Roux, General Manager, Golf Lakes Resident Association.



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What's Happening



Women of Golf Lakes present ~ Annual White Elephant Sale ~

Saturday, February 1, 2025 – 8:00am to 3:00pm – Clubhouse

It's February and what are we getting ready for? One of the biggest "VOLUNTEER" events of the season and – believe it or not – we actually have a good time doing it!

SO COME ONE – COME ALL.

We will have workers waiting for your donations when you drop them off on Friday, January 31 between 8am-1pm.

Items we will NOT pickup are: Heavy old model televisions, computer hardware, old large microwaves, mattresses, big mirrors (we love those ornate decorator mirrors though), old mobile home doors and windows, sofas and sofa beds (they are just too heavy for the guys), fiber board computer tables and furniture, and finally – no clothes! If you want to donate something and you are not sure if we would want it, call me (Sherie Wood); I will come take a look and together we can decide if it is right for our sale. Please do not donate an item just to get rid of it knowing it will not sell. If it is stained and torn and rickety – we cannot sell it either!

Grab your purse or wallet and come to the club house Saturday morning, February 1st, to see what treasures you can find. Your purchases benefit the Women of Golf Lakes and in turn many projects for all of Golf Lakes. I know this is going to sound greedy – our goal this year, same as last time we had a sale, \$1,000,000.00 – Just Kidding!

PLEASE NOTE: Clubhouse will be closed to:

- 1) ALL activities on Thursday, January 30 from 1pm-4pm for set-up
- 2) ALL activities DAY and EVENING Friday, January 31
- 3) ALL non-White Elephant Sale activities Saturday, February 1, until 4:30pm.

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Questions - call Sherie Wood 753-4673. Thank You.

Submitted by Sherie Wood

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

BOLD denotes new activity to Golf Lakes

MONDAY

Women's Exercise	CH	8:15
Women's Golf	GLC	9:00
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Women's Bridge	FR	12:00
Harmony Notes	CH	12:00
Ceramics (1st & 3rd wk)	CR	1:00
Clever Creations (2nd & 4th wk)	CR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Double Pinochle	FR	6:00
Feather Your Nest (1st & 3rd wk)	CR	6:00

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Club	Fiona's	8:00
Women's Exercise	CH	8:15
Shuffleboard Lessons	SC	8:00
Ceramics	CR	9:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Women's Bridge	FR	12:30
Woodcarving	CR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Potluck Dinner	CH	
Bunco (2nd & 4th wk)	FR	6:15
Euchre	CH	6:30

FRIDAY

Women's Exercise	CH	8:15
Art Group	CR	8:00
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Line Dancing (beginner)	CH	11:45
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
Line Dancing	CH	12:30
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
Bingo	CH	6:00

SATURDAY

Social Hour	CH	9:00
P B & J (3rd wk)	FR	10:00
Bananagrams	FR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00

TUESDAY

Dancing in the Street	4915 2nd A	8:15
Lap Robes	CR	8:30
Women's Golf	GLC	9:00
Ladies Bible Study	CH	9:00
Ten Pin Bowling	Bowlero	9:15
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	12:00
iPad Beginner I	CH	12:30
Mah Jongg	FR	1:00
Shuffleboard	SC	1:00
iPad Beginner II	CH	1:30
iPad Intermediate	CH	2:30
Hand, Foot & Elbow	BR	6:00
Quilting Ladies	CR	6:00

THURSDAY

Blood Pressure (2nd wk) 7:45-9:45	FR	7:45
Dancing in the Street	4915 2nd A	8:15
BOD Meeting (2nd & 4th wk)	BR	9:00
Handmade Blessings	CR	9:30
Water Aerobics	P	9:40
Piecemakers Quilt Club	CR	12:00
Mah Jongg	FR	1:00
Women of Golf Lakes (2nd wk)	CH	2:00
Under The Palms (1st & 3rd wk)	CHG	2:00
Hand, Foot & Elbow	FR	6:00
Cribbage	CH	6:30
Lawn Bowling (open play)	LC	6:30
Small Group Bible Study (2nd & 4th wk)	Ind Homes	7:00



SUNDAY

Vespers	CH	6:00
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LEGEND	
BR	Board Room
CH	Clubhouse
CHG	Clubhouse Grounds
CR	Craft Room
FR	Friendship Room
GLC	Golf Lakes Course
GOM	Greens of Manatee

Golf Lakes February 2025 Calendar

(All events are subject to change – check Golf Lakes Resident Facebook Page for changes)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 White Elephant Sale 8am CH **
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Travel Club mtg 10am CH ** UTP 2-4pm Jay Taylor **	7	8 Travel Club Outing Bradenton Motor Sports ** Concert - 7pm CH Monkey Finger **
Vespers 6pm Jonathon Jankovich	10 GL Election Day 7pm CH	11	12 Health Fair 9am CH **	13 BOD Mtg 9am BR WOGI Fashion Show 2pm CH **	14 Valentines Day 	15 Concert – 7pm CH Dave & Daphne **
9 Vespers 6pm Gene Maddox	17 President's Day Coffee & Convo w/Tracy 10am BR	18	19 Golden Butterflies Potluck 5pm CH **	20 Gad-A-Bouts 1pm ** UTP 2-4 Lucky & Pat **	21	22
16 Vespers 6pm Paul Helton	24	25	26	27 BOD Mtg 9am BR Pancake Breakfast 8am CH **	28	29 Leap Day 
23 Vespers 6pm Dwayne Kitchens						

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What's Happening



Golf Lakes Travel

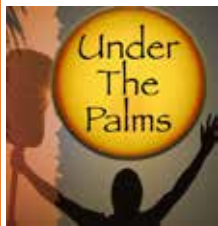
Happy New Year, and here we are already into February. All my cruisers – there will be a meeting February 6 @ 10am in the Clubhouse with Shelly from Fantasy Travel. As in the past she will be passing out all of the documents/information for the upcoming cruise.

If you have any last-minute questions this is the time to bring them.

Saturday, February 8 is our one day outing to see the NHRA superstars at the Bradenton Motorsports Park. We are carpooling to the event and should be a great time.

As always, please give me a call at 585-330-3580 with Questions.

Submitted by Beth Mueller



FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM

February 6 — JAY TAYLOR— Country/Folk

These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting).

Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends.

These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.



Saturday, February 8, 7-9pm we will feature Monkey Finger, a band well known in our area that plays 70-80's hits.

Tables and chairs will be set-up. As well as a dance floor! Bring in snacks and beverages as you wish.

The cost is \$20 per person, you may purchase tickets at Coffee hour, or at the Office during business hours, or contact a UTP member. Tickets will also be available at the door until we meet our capacity of 225 people.

Hope to see many of our Golf Lakers out enjoying these fun musical events!

Submitted by Under The Palms Committee

What's Happening



Golf Lakes Health Fair Wednesday February 12 - 9:00 to 1:00



For the benefit of the entire Golf Lakes Community, the **Annual Health Fair** will be in the Clubhouse **February 12**. There will be 15 to 16 organizations to disseminate information on health related issues such as hearing, podiatry, eye health, advanced care, etc. All information is geared toward senior concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity to get answers on many subjects at **no charge**. A **free light breakfast and healthy lunch are provided**. Each vendor will have door prize tickets if you visit their table or display. All information is free to our residents. The drawing for door prizes will take place about 12:30. **A reminder:** Ellenton Discount Pharmacy will be attending and they will providing the 2nd "Shingles Shot" for those that got 1st shot at the Flu Clinic.



Women of Golf Lakes Presents

Past to Present Fashion Show

Thursday, February 13 2:00 PM

Program: Lisa McKeever & Debbie Siewert
Narrator: Lisa McKeever Inspirational: Joan Sturgill
Hostesses: Marcella Caskey, Julie Shireman, Debbie Atkinson, and Mary Eash

"Sometimes you never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." Dr. Seuss



Saturday, February 15 **7:00 PM**

Concert with "Dave & Daphne"

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Golden Butterflies Dinner / Potluck Wednesday February 19 **5:00 PM**



All couples married 50 years or more **as of February 19 and living in Golf Lakes** will be honored at the February Potluck dinner. An evening of entertainment has been planned in your honor.

Bring the love of your life and enjoy the evening with others who have made this wonderful journey. The Activities Committee will provide ham, coffee, and other drinks for the meal. A signup sheet will be posted on Board 2 the first of February.

Signup is required to prepare the Golden Butterflies nametags and the program. The deadline for signup is February 15. **Non-Butterflies are welcome to attend** and also requested to signup. A donation is requested for non-butterflies attending.

Çad-A-Bouts Luncheon



When: Thursday, February 20 @ 1PM

Where: Anna Maria Oyster Bar 6906 14th St W

Bring: Wear your Name Tag

RSVP: Sign-up Sheet Bulletin Board 4. Be sure to print your name and phone number. Also indicate whether you need a ride or you can drive.

Call Gloria Slowiak at 941-727-0672 with any questions

FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM

February 20 — Lucky & Pat — Acoustic Rock



These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting).

Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends.

These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE February 27, 2025 8:00—10:00am



Join your friends for a wonderful Pancake Breakfast in the Golf Lakes Clubhouse.

Wakeup early, grab a friend or neighbor and stop in for complete breakfast.

For \$5.00, you get all the pancakes you can eat, plus sausage and great coffee. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am to 10:00am.

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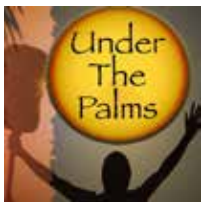
"DANCING FOR DOLLARS"

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Please join us in the GL Clubhouse from 7-10 PM for an evening of FUN - dancing and socializing with friends and neighbors! Donations will benefit the GL Beautification Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Signup sheet is on Bulletin Board #2.



FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM

March 6 — A Pirate Over 50 - Solo acoustic artist

These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting). Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends. These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.



Night of Music Presents....

"Comedy Plus"

Thursday, March 6 and Saturday, March 8

Show Time is 7:00pm Both Nights

It never ceases to amaze us how a lot of "show" folks come to our first organizational meeting of the year in January and then – away we go! We are on our way to putting together another exciting show for Golf Lakers; nothing like a little song and dance to get us moving. "Comedy Plus" is our theme this year and we believe it will be packed with fun. It is always fun to see your friends and neighbors "act up" a bit! We know there are a lot of new folks in the park and we would especially like to extend an invitation to you to join in the fun; it is not too late. If you have questions, please feel free to call Jo Rupp or Sherie Wood.

Vouchers for this year's show will be available soon for everyone who wants to attend. Don't miss out – watch the Banner and our Facebook page or – better yet – come to Social Hour – then you'll know everything going on and how to obtain a voucher. We always have a great time putting this show together for "you all" and we are looking forward to seeing you there. This is Stage & Storage Committee's **one and only fundraiser**.

Submitted by Sherie Wood



Save the date!



PARKING LOT FLEA MARKET **Friday, March 7 8am—12:30pm**



The Annual Golf Lakes Flea Market / Parking Lot Sale will be held in the North Parking Lot.

The marked off parking spaces will cost **\$10.00 each**. (Golf Lakes residents ONLY!). Spaces will be sold at Social Hour February 15th and will continue until all spaces have been sold.

Don't attend Social Hour, contact Terry Keller 269-953-2431 (call or text).

As a reminder, **no overnight vehicle parking is allowed in the North lot Thursday night March 6.**

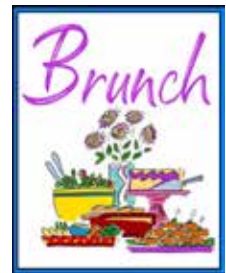


Thursday, March 13 **9:30 to 10:30 AM**

Home Tours & Brunch

Tour homes and enjoy brunch in the Clubhouse!

Rotating Schedule – Tickets \$6



Tickets will be on sale at Social Hour Feb 8—March 8 or by calling Diane Fielbrandt 989-284-1040

We hope you will enjoy viewing the variety of homes and décor found here in Golf Lakes.

Chairperson – Sherry Termaat / Co-Chairperson – Donna Gastier

Gad-A-Bouts Luncheon

When: Thursday, March 20 @ 1PM

Where: Scarpino's 6152 14th St W

Bring: Wear your Name Tag

RSVP: Sign-up Sheet Bulletin Board 4.

Be sure to print your name and phone number.

Also indicate whether you need a ride or you can drive.

Call Gloria Slowiak at 941-727-0672 with any questions.



Save the date!

THE GLASS ONION BAND

~An evening with
The Beatles~

Saturday, March 22, 7-9pm we will feature The Glass Onion Band, a Beatles Tribute Band very well known in the area. Tables and chairs will be set-up. As well as a dance floor! Bring in snacks and beverages as you wish.

The cost is \$20 per person, you may purchase tickets at Coffee hour, or at the Office during business hours, or contact a UTP member. Tickets will also be available at the door until we meet our capacity of 225 people.

Hope to see many of our Golf Lakers out enjoying these fun musical events!

Submitted by Under The Palms Committee



~Along with some very
special friends ~

Saturday, March 29, 7-9pm we will feature Kaptain Kurt & friends. Tables and chairs will be set-up. As well as a dance floor! Bring in snacks and beverages as you wish.

The cost is \$20 per person, you may purchase tickets at Coffee hour, or at the Office during business hours, or contact a UTP member. Tickets will also be available at the door until we meet our capacity of 225 people.

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Submitted by Under The Palms Committee

FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM

April 3—Aaron Kelly Returns



These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting).

Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends.

These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.

Save the date!



"DANCING FOR DOLLARS"

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Please join us in the GL Clubhouse from 7-10 PM for an evening of FUN - dancing and socializing with friends and neighbors!

Donations will benefit **Prodigal Daughters Journey Home, INC**, a Manatee County program for women recovering from addiction, human trafficking, domestic violence and other life changing circumstances. The residential faith-based program is 100% funded through donations.

PLEASE NOTE: Signup sheet is on Bulletin Board #2.

Submitted by Karen Furnari and Rose Patterson

Women of Golf Lakes Luncheon

Thursday, April 10, 2025 **12:00 PM**

(Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert)

Honoring Our Past Club Presidents / Installation of New Officers 2025-2026



"Jump into Spring" and let Gayle Lesch show you how to make a spring floral arrangement

Inspirational: Jane Brouwer

Hostesses: Karla Blevins, Joan Sturgill, Lisa McKeever, Debbie Siewert

"Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be." Unknown

FREE THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS 2-4PM

April 17—Lisa Noe



These concerts are held on the Lawn, outside the clubhouse (weather permitting). Bring a chair, or just sit in your golf cart and enjoy some great music and fun times with your friends.

These concerts are free, but not a bad idea to bring a few bucks to tip the artist, if you so desire.

Maintaining Your Golf Cart

Regular maintenance is important for getting long term usage from your golf cart. Some tasks for maintenance can be done yourself and should be done at least once a year. It is recommended that if you are a snowbird some tasks should be done when you arrive and just before you leave. You should reference the owner's manual for recommended intervals.

The first task is to make sure that your charger is working correctly. If the charger is not working it could be from a blown fuse, a damaged cord, or a problem with your outdoor plug. Troubleshoot by plugging in the charger and listen for the relay click and that operation lights are on. Check your manual for fuse location and instructions.

Check your batteries monthly for any leakage. Look at the connections for any damage and corrosion and check if connections are snug. If cleaning off corrosion wear gloves and safety eyewear. There are many internet golf cart sites with information on the best way to clean off corrosion along with what can be used for your type of battery to reduce corrosion.

Lead acid batteries require distilled water. Check the level every month and if low (lead plates must be submerged) add distilled water, but do not overfill as this can cause damage to the batteries. The distilled water should be added after charging the batteries. The exception is when the plates are not covered with water. In that case add just enough to cover plates, charge batteries then add water to correct level. You should never overcharge or let batteries get below 50 percent as this will lessen their overall life. Check the batteries housing to make sure batteries are secure.

Check the tires weekly for low pressure. If low, fill tires right away. Tire pressure gauges help to keep proper pressure. If too low or overfilled this can cause tire damage. The tire sidewall should have recommended pressure. Check if tires show extreme wear and if so replace them to avoid having related driving issues.

When using your brakes if something seems off, have the cart checked as pads and cables may need to be replaced. Same goes for the steering wheel, if steering seems loose or tight the bolts might need tightening or the steering wheel rack may need to be greased.

Inspect all cart safety features. Check all lights to make sure they are working and angled correctly. Mirrors held by screws can get loose and if you have seat belts check their connections.

All carts have a lubrication schedule, check the owner manual for front suspension and rear axle differential recommendation

When a golf cart is properly maintained it reduces problems, but not all problems can be avoided. When needing professional help always do research to make sure the establishment works on your brand and style of cart.

Submitted by Kim Gendron





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Places to go for fun in February

- ◆ Feb 1&2—Annual Suncoast Scots Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Sarasota Fairgrounds \$15-\$30 bagpipe competition, Scottish dancers, modern and traditional music, great food, and adult beverages.
- ◆ Feb 1—Comedy at Beefs in Lakewood Ranch- 7pm to 9 pm. Bust a gut with a lineup of comedians. \$20.
- ◆ Feb 2—Annual Jewish food festival. Temple Sinai Sarasota-Free Admission. Indulge in corn beef or pastrami from Carnegies Deli. Fresh bagels, kugel, blintzes, matzo ball soup, stuffed cabbage, homemade baked goods. Unique Arts and Treasures Sale.
- ◆ Feb 2—Ski A Rees Water Ski Team free show every Sunday at 2pm Feb to May, 1602 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota.
- ◆ Feb 6—Brown Bag Concert Series. Bring your lunch and chair. Enjoy an hour of musical performances. Held every Thursday at Phillips Estate Park South, Sarasota. Free admission and parking.
- ◆ Feb 8—Manatee County Habitat for Humanity 30th Anniversary Party, 90's Theme. 7th Street West, Bradenton. Local vendors, food, and entertainment. 10am to 3pm.
- ◆ Feb 9—Sarasota Polo Club. Polo matches every Sunday at 1 pm until April 27. Tailgating, half-time entertainment. Gate opens at 10am. Thursday Sunset Happy Hour matches at 5:30pm starting March 13. Check website for all Polo events.
- ◆ Feb 14-16—Thunder by The Bay Music & Motorcycle Festival. Sarasota Fairgrounds. Gate admission \$15-100 vendors, food court continuous music. Headliners are Blue Oyster Cult, Grand Funk, and Creed Fisher. Check online for dates and time@ Escape-to-Sarasota.com.
- ◆ Feb 15—Pittsburg Pirates Block Party Downtown Bradenton. Plenty of fun on Old Main Street 6 to 9pm.
- ◆ Feb 15-16—Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival. Marine life exhibits, seafood vendors and live music
- ◆ Feb 22—Bradenton River Regatta on the Manatee River. A day long festival with music, food vendors, and free admission.
- ◆ Feb 22—Spring Training at Lecom Park. Pittsburg Pirates against Baltimore Orioles at 1 pm. Tickets at the box office.





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Greens of Manatee Golf Information



Greens of Manatee Golf Course

(The family friendly golf course)

Winter 2025

Happy New Year to all Golf Lakes residents, renters and guests. As mentioned in the previous Banner article, Hurricane Milton was not kind to Golf Lakes or the Greens of Manatee Golf Course. However, the course is now in good shape and we are looking for great golf weather this winter. As we move into 2025, let's hope the New Year is nothing like last year!

As a reminder, the Scrambles are the 2nd and 4th weekend of the month through April. Be sure to stop over and signup. The scrambles are a fun event regardless of your skill level. Also, it is an opportunity for couples to golf together on a team.

With the New Year, we see a growth in the league size and the course gets quite busy. Don't miss your chance to signup on a league or group. There are numerous small leagues / groups available to join during the week. For the Golf Lakes leagues, be sure to check the signup sheet for the Men's League in the Clubhouse.

Regarding the hurricane and damage sustained, current estimate is \$300,000. This does not include the cost of tree cutting and removal or hauling off tons of debris from the course. The course has wind insurance but, as many of us have already experienced, insurance will only cover part of the cost of needed repairs. **If you would like to contribute to the cost of repairs, stop at the course and talk to either Tom Ladd or me. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!!**

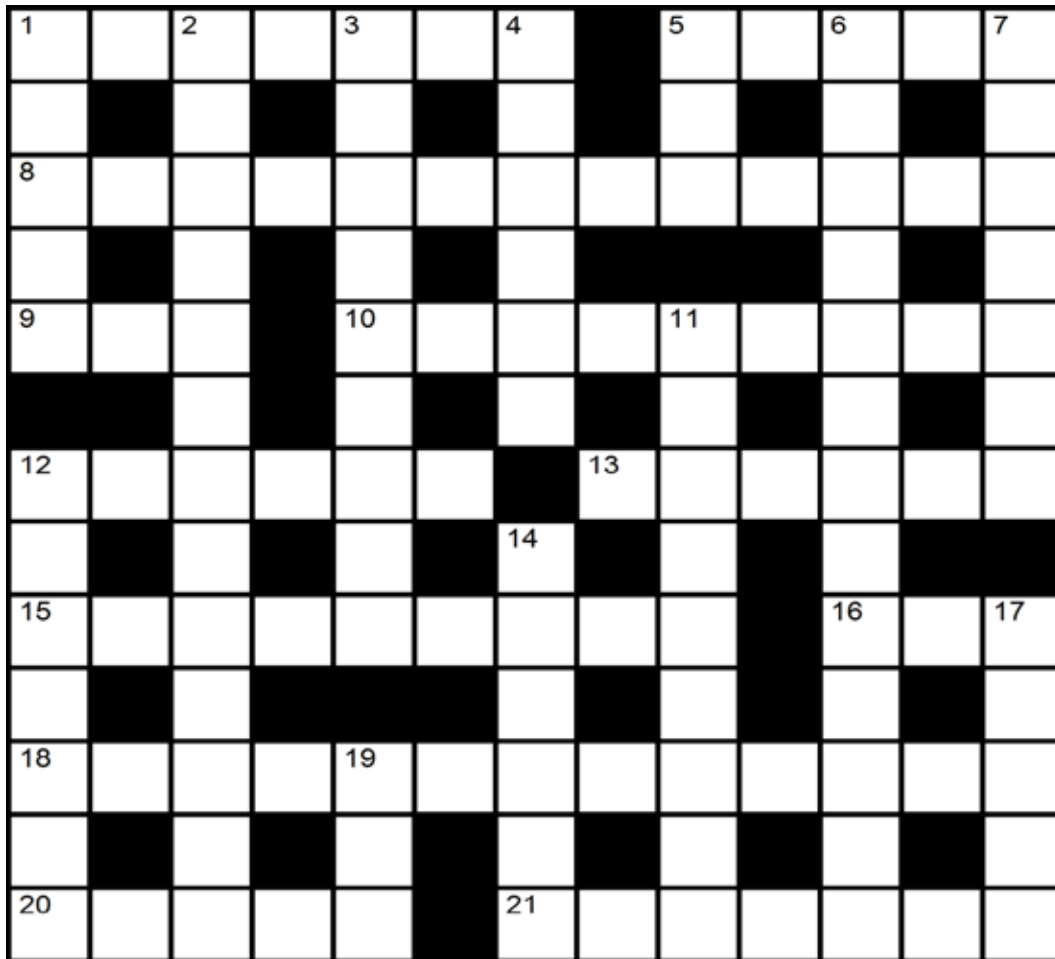
For the Golfers and Non-Golfer- If you have not been over to the snack bar, be sure to stop over and check it out. Breakfast and lunch are both great and prices are very reasonable. Stop in with friends or family and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Lunchtime offers you hot dogs, burgers, sloppy joes, chili and drinks. The staff will treat you as royalty and you can get away without a traffic jam or a bill that breaks the bank.

See you at the Greens!

Submitted by Terry Keller, President



CROSSWORD



(solution on page 38)

Puzzle compiled by Bianca Morè
Puzzle from <https://www.printable-puzzles.com/>

Clues:

Across

- 1 Fireworks, e.g.
- 5 Facades
- 8 Circle measurement
- 9 Former French coin
- 10 Dispossession
- 12 Merry
- 13 Epistle
- 15 Flat
- 16 Part of a play
- 18 Factual books
- 20 Assumption
- 21 Lengthens

Down

- 1 Loose scrums
- 2 Situations
- 3 Lavish
- 4 Feel pain
- 5 Coniferous tree
- 6 Full attention
- 7 Jersey
- 11 Handling
- 12 Sudden outburst
- 14 Previously
- 17 Lab work
- 19 Bunk

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