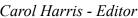
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Hickory Hills

Happenings

Not "over the hill", just enjoying the view!











Memorial Day May 26th

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BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Goldie Dias
- 03 Skip Harris
 - Steve Will
- 04 Carol Cannizzo Wes Carter
- Dottie White
- 06 Elroy Venske
- 07 Kay Anderson
- 09 Patsy Brown
- 10 Anna Belle White
- 13 Barb Hand 15 Mary Anderson
- 16 Frank Indick
- 17 Ray Dalton

MAY 2014

- 17 Linda Johnson Arnie Lucia
- 18 Janice Carter
- 19 Pat Halstead
- 20 Pam Woollard
- 21 Terry Drake Joe Keevill
- 22 Ferral Mallory
- 23 Sharon Sewell
- 25 Don Flechsenhaar Anne Sacco
- 26 Paul Sacco
- 28 Suzanne Borgerson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Norm & Margaret Walker
- 05 Milton & Melbalene Tyson
- 09 John & Carol Cometti
- 17 John & Alice Koslouski
- 19 Bob & Marie Minter
- 1) Doo & Marie Miller
- 24 Luis & Jeanette Rosario
- 26 Ted & Monica Walker
- 27 Harold & Connie Nyholm
- 28 Rick Legault & Diana Laverdore
- 30 Steve & Jo Ann Will

PLEASE CONTACT EDITOR @ 863-284-1286 or email to: ruabiker3@yahoo.com to add your "Special Days" to our listing!

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Phil Bates, Betty & Wally Draper, Carla Freeman, George Henry, Joe Keevill, J.J. Kenny, Jim Martin, Len & Pat Musselman, Irene Nolan, Bruce Parker & Barb Soule. We are hoping for a speedy recovery to all of you!

CONDOLENCES TO

the family of Carlton Jenne, who passed away in Danville, VT in March. Sympathies may be sent to his son, Gilbert Jenne @ 168 U.S. Rte 2E, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. And to former resident.

Joan Hoppey's family, Joan passed away in New York in January! Also, to former resident, Brenda Taro, whose husband, Ralph passed away on April 8th, in South Carolina @ 32 Longshadow Circle, Lexington, 29072, phone: 803-399-8436. Please accept our sincerest sympathies!

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Don & Marge Flechsenhaar, 1523 Estate Dr.; Bonita Giovanecci, 1503 Saddle Tr.; Bryan Locke, 1419 Eldorado Dr.; Joey & Debbie MacDonald, 1603 Saddle Tr., CAN; Bob & Marie Minter, 1527 Spruce Dr., 863-940-9176, PA; John Mortimore, 1532 Spruce Dr.; Clayton (Buster) Pinkham, 1510 Paddock Ln, ME; Michael Pratt, 1431 Paddock Ln.; Nicolasa Tubens, 1506 Palamino Way; Grant (Tom) Walker & Amy Clark, 1427 Spruce Dr. We are glad you have made Hickory Hills Manor your new home!



BON VOYAGE TO:

Bob & Kay Bost, who have sold their home in Hickory Hills Manor & are leaving our community, returning to Ohio. Also to Joseph & Ruth Snell & Helen Harrower from Canada; Jerome & Jeanne Laguzza, from New York. The best of luck & health to you all! We'll miss you!

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR:

A suggestion was made by resident Jackie Haven to list by services rendered, rather than by name. So I am attempting to do this Any questions or ideas? Do you find it easier or more difficult to use? Please contact editor Carol Harris! FEEDBACK?

AVON-Lonnie Dwyer, 1434 Colt Lane, 683-0869 is our Avon Dealer. Catalogs in the Clubhouse screen room or call for this great traditional product!

FLOORING-John Draper, 915 Corral Dr.,

863-287-4432, operates Advantage Kare Flooring, Inc. He is a CFI master flooring installer including certified Pergo & Armstrong Hardwood. Also expert installation of wood, laminates, ceramic tile & carpet & also does carpet binding. John is a real professional. Call him today!

HANDYMAN JOBS-

James Davis, 1531 Estate Dr., 944-4116 minor repairs on mobile homes, cool seal, pressure washing, minor plumbing, mowing & yard work, drywall, floors, AC duct work. Will haul away scrap, yard waste, large & small electrical appliances. Prompt work & reasonable prices. Luis Santiago, 1429 Colt Lane., 450-7200, YOUR PATRIOTIC HANDYMAN! All types of repairs, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, vinyl siding, etc. Notary Public, Paralegal & performs weddings. Have a bicycle that needs a tune up, lawn mower or small engine repair? Luis is your man. Seniors & veterans 15% discount! Also as a "veteran" & an "American", Luis encourages everyone to fly the American flag, especially on holidays, but also every day!

RICK'S THINGS: Power washing for a flat rate of \$15.00 per hour weeding of plants ,cutting of bushes and all odd jobs all for the same price call at 1-863-686-2602, Rick Shannon, 1502 Paddock Lane.

HOT DOGS (Hoffman)-Beth A. Stokes, 1516 Saddle Trail, 1- 315-813-4619 or 863-397-7074, is the owner/operator of a new food truck business, "Just the Goods". She has a wholesale line for Hoffman German hot dogs; Regulars or Snappy's can be ordered by the pound. Give her a call or stop by! Check the Newsletter & Bulletin Boards for serving locations and specials.

HOUSEKEEPING-Sandy Draper, 915 Corral Dr., 863-604-0653, will do housekeeping for Park residents. Moving in, moving back or here full-time, she'll have your home spic & span & looking good. Call her today & make an appointment!

ITEMS FOR SALE-Andy & Goldie Dias, 686-9807, 2000 Olive St., @ the self storage have a unit filled with a large variety of items for sale, including bicycles, lawn mowers, cookware, tools, appliances, etc. Open on Thursday, Friday & Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for additional information or stop by!

KNITTING-Freda Bolduc, 1520 Saddle Tr., 603-9137 does all types of knitting. She has recently made some very beautiful baby items for several residents. Stop by

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PEDICURES-Alice at 1427 Eldorado Drive, 863-688-5473 has left for the North & will return in December . . . Call her then!

PET SITTING - Peggy Webster, 845 Hickory Hill Dr., 687-3145 will take care of your pet while you are enjoying your vacation! Dog walking, cat sitter, bird watcher, etc. No need to worry or use a kennel. Your animal friend can remain in their own home! Call today! PLUMBING - Arnie Lucia, 1524 Colt Lane, 860-716-8849 has 40 years experience in the "plumbing trade"! Will do plumbing & electrical fixture replacement or repair. Reasonable & reliable! Call him today!

SEWING & ALTERATIONS -

Valerie (Sewell) Jasman sewing alterations @ 916 Hickory Hills Drive, call 450-4216 or 409-0418! Professional results & reasonable prices.

T-SHIRTS - Wayne Vick, 1515 Paddock Lane., 680-1097 has Hickory Hills Manor T Shirts in both short & long sleeve in many colors. Caps & visors, both plain & personalized coffee mugs & front

license plates are available. Call today to order!

TUPPERWARE - Cyndy Hittle is selling that great product "Tupperware"! Call her @682-1928 or stop by 848 Chaparral for a catalog or to order!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Remember that date is the 14th of the previous month to get your article included. Please deliver to 827 Corral Drive or email ruabiker3@yahoo.com before that date! I look for & appreciate your input!

Please patronize our advertisers, we do have a great Newsletter & it is printed at "no cost" to our community. Our publisher is looking for new advertisers to our publication to make it the best it can be & to keep the cost of its printing to a minimum . . . so mention our Newsletter to anyone that may be interested.

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-by Carol Harris, Editor

RAY OF SUNSHINE:

Do you have or know someone in need of receiving a get well, sympathy, or encouragement card from the Homeowners Association? Bettie McManus is doing a great job in this very important position . . . So please contact her @ 680-2814 when someone needs a kind thought or word! PLEASE use the 'in-Park' mailboxes located in the Clubhouse screen room to send personal cards & notes to your friends & neighbors in our Community. Thanks for your assistance!

WELCOME TO HICKORY HILLS MANOR:

we would love to meet you & find out about any new neighbor residents! We found through the years that we have a lot in common & it is great for new people to share some of their life experiences with us in our Newsletter! If you would like to be interviewed, email your input to ruabiker3@yahoo.com or call (863-284-1286) so that we can get together with you at your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you so that we can meet & share! Carol Harris, Editor

SUMMERTIME NEWSLETTER MAILINGS:

Melba Tyson, 1536 Spruce Dr., 838-7456, has volunteered to take over this task! Since this publication has grown in size, with our many advertisers paying for its printing, so has the amount of postage necessary.

A 6 X 9 inch manila envelope, self addressed, U.S., \$1.40; Canada, \$2.71 postage affixed, should be given to Melba for each month you wish to receive a copy. The #10 envelope will no longer accommodate the Newsletter! Remember, you can view & print the Newsletter from www.cmnewsletters.com if you are on line. Have a great summer & keep up on the Happenings in Hickory Hills! My thanks to Melba for volunteering! Carol Harris, Editor

SAVE YOUR COUPONS:

Cut out those you will use & then drop off the remaining ones at 1502 Paddock Lane, next to the grill in the carport! There are many available in the Sunday Ledger! & other newspapers & publications! Evelyn Shannon will put them to a charitable use!

The reason that we get heavier as we get older, is because there is a lot more information in our heads!

HOA WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

If you are a new resident in the Park & have not been contacted, please call me @ 937-4142 (or Bettie McManus @ 680-2814 in my absence) & make arrangements to receive some vital Park HOA & FMO information!

To join the HOA - Homeowners of Hickory Hills Manor - see HOA Secretary Brian Ault @ Coffee hour or any Board member. \$15 annual dues for a couple & \$10 for a single membership.

The FMO (Federation of Manufactured Homes) is a statewide organization that every mobile home resident/owner should join. Dues are now \$22 annually or \$55 for three (3) years. For an application, see Jim Wetmore, call 863-686-8501 or pick up one under the FMO Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse screen room today!

Do come out & meet your friends & neighbors at Coffee Hour on Friday's @ 9 a.m. or by attending one of our many Park activities. Please be there! Dan Shepherd, Welcome Chair & HOA President

STREET CAPTAIN NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:

For "need to know" information that must be delivered to all residents. Management will call each of the captains & they will notify everyone.

Aspen Dr. - Jane Hunter, 683-6205

Hickory Hill - Dominic Mercurio, 688-3270

Colt Ln. - Lonnie Dwyer, 683-0869

Paddock Ln. \ Wayne Vick, 680-1097

Chaparral - Vi Simmons, 937-5057

Palamino - Judy Muschaweck, 688-5622

Corral Dr.- Carol Harris, 284-1286

Remuda - Dottie White, 682-6473

Eldorado - Marge Turner, 337-6913

Saddle Tr. - Margaret Knutson-686-6393

Estate Dr . - Jim Wetmore, 686-8501 &

Bettie McManus, 680-2814

Spruce Dr. - Melba Tyson, 838-7456

Call your captain, give name, address & phone # for future notifications Assistant captains needed!

SHERIFF'S CITIZENS ASSISTED PATROL:

is alive & well in Hickory Hills Manor... The Polk County Sheriff's Office mission is to enhance individual & collective safety & general welfare of all it's citizens. Providing high visibility patrols within neighborhoods deters crime,



proven by fact, to be reduced by 60%!

We have a "Security Golf Cart" from the Sheriff's Dept. Currently there are qualified teams! & a schedule for various patrolling times. More volunteers are needed, so join in today by calling Jane Hunter @ 683-6205 for additional information or an application.

A background check & Sheriff's training class is necessary to become approved to join this group. Let's help to keep our Park safe!

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGERS:

We would like to wish all of those going home this month, a safe trip and a wonderful summer!

As always the park is looking fantastic.

Some of you have noticed the new homes coming into the park. We are bringing in 5 in total. They are in the process of being renovated, so bear with us while we get them up to par.

I would like everyone to remember that there is no parking on the grass and long term parking on the streets. It saves us from water breaks.

Please make sure that we have updated information at the office. There are several people that we have tried to contact but their numbers have been changed.

The family pool will be closed the first week or so of May so it can be resurfaced. Please use the Adult pool until it is re-opened.

Chris & Suzanne Borgerson

EDITORS NOTES:

By Carol Harris:

Future Newsletter Contribution Suggestions:

- 1) Tried & True List . . Submit any vendors, services or eateries that you would like to share!
- 2) Good Neighbor Thank You,s . . share kudos when a good deed or favor comes your way!
- 3) Resident Bio's . . . Write & submit your own life story or that of a friend or neighbor for publication!
- 4) Nominate a resident for the "Appreciation" Plaque!
- 5) Bio's of any FMO member, 90 years or over for the magazine article, 9 X 10 Club.

PARK RESIDENT VEHICLE I.D. STICKERS:

Available from Nancy Overpeck for \$1. When placed on your vehicle's rear, driver's side window, you are identified as a Hickory Hills Manor resident.

For the best exercise results, walk early in the morning before your brain figures out what you are doing!

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: FOR MAY!

There will not be a calendar for May as there are a lot of seasonal activities ending . . . Please check the bulletin boards for additional information & for the summer & next winter season's events!

Bid Euchre: 03/21 - 1st - Jim Cheyne

2nd - Diana Laverdure 3rd - Wayne Iles

4th - Helen Harrower

Moon Hands - Jim Murphy & Morris Hand

3/28 - 1st - Bev Lykins 2nd - Jim Murphy

3rd - Ray Roy Moon Hands - Deanna Burgess

Euchre: 3/13 - 1st - Anna Belle White -

2nd - Morris Hand - 3rd - tied: Bev Lykins Diana Laverdure, Deanna Burgess &

Phil Bates Lone Hands - Anna Belle White

3/20 - 1st - Don Goens 2nd - Morris Hand 3rd - Anna Belle White

Lone Hands - Don Goens & Morris Hand

3/27 - 1st - Helen Goens - 2nd Jim Murphy

3rd - tied: Stella Bates, Helen Ray &

Dan MacDonald Lone Hands - Helen Goens

4/03 - 1st - Kathy Shepherd 2nd - Wayne Iles

3rd - Bettie McManus Lone Hands - Wayne Iles

4/10 - 1st - Stella Bates 2nd - Jude Woodcock

3rd - Ray Roy

Pinochle: 3/24 - 1st Phil Bates 2nd - Stella Bates

3rd - Bettie McManus

FROM THE LAKELAND POLICE DEPT.:

Advisory: They did it again! Regional 4 man team champs and "Top Dog" at the USPCA Spring Trials
The results of the 2014 USPCA Spring K9 Field Trials are in! For the 4th year in a row, LPD won the Regional 4 man Team. And, for the 3rd year in a row, an LPD team has taken home the title of "Top Dog". Congratulations to Officer Peterman and K9 Nox on their first Regional Top Dog Championship.

Below are the final results for LPD:

1st Place - Officer Aaron Peterman and K9 Nox

3rd Place - Officer Ted Sealey and K9 Bruno

5th Place - Officer Rob Manrow and K9 Quanto

6th Place - Officer Jeff Barrett and K9 Echo

9th Place - Officer Chad Whitaker and K9 Bane

The Fred Wheeler Award for combined Obedience and Criminal Apprehension:

Officer Aaron Peterman and K9 Nox

The Ron Bowling Top Dog Award: Officer Aaron Peterman and K9 Nox

1st Place Regional Department 4 Man Team:

Officer Aaron Peterman and K9 Nox

Officer Ted Sealey and K9 Bruno

Officer Chad Whitaker and K9 Bane

Officer Ryan Back and K9 Remy

Sergeant Tye Thompson and K9 Tiberius - team alternate

1st Place Regional Department Two Man Team:

Officer Jeff Barrett and K9 Echo

Officer Rob Manrow and K9 Quanto

Congratulations to all of the K9 teams who represented LPD so well at this competition.

ENVIRONMENTALLY WAY TO GET RID OF FIRE ANTS:

Pour 2 cups of Club Soda (carbonated water) directly into the mound. Carbon dioxide in the water is heavier than the air & displaces the oxygen, which suffocates the Queen & other ants! The colony should be dead in 2 or 3 days. One liter will take care of 2 or 3 mounds. Safe around animals & ground water. Information from a Garden Club TV Show & proven to work!

A FAREWELL NOTE

from Bob & Kay Bost:

It is with a thankful heart that we want to share with each & everyone of you, who showed us a good, happy & hopefully healthy life for all of the years we have lived here in Hickory Hills Manor! To name all of you is impossible, because many have come & gone over the years & at this time we feel all of the residents here, have been a blessing to us, as well as to everyone else.

We live about thirty miles west of I 75 in Northern Ohio, so stop in at 2 Park Lane, Napoleon, or give us a call . . . We would be happy to hear from you @

419-966-1719! Or it would be wonderful to see you in person!

God Bless all, until we meet again! Have a happy & healthy summer!

<u>A NOTE FROM GILBERT JENNE/CARLTON'S</u> SON:

My dad passed away in March in Danville, VT. @ age 80, surrounded by his family.

Carlton grew up on the family farm in Enosburg, VT. & left school early to support himself & his family. In 1955, two years after joining the Army, he married Vera Warner. They were happily married for 59 years until her death a year ago.

Remaining in the Army for another 11 years, touring Germany while starting their family. He completed his enlistment with a tour in Vietnam & was discharged in 1967. With his Army skills, he & his brother Norman partnered in owning a machine shop, which is still in business, owned by Norman's children.

Carlton & Vera spent the last several years wintering in Hickory Hills Manor, where they made many good friends & enjoyed many fun times!

P.S. We all remember Carlton, Vera, Norman & Evelyn Jenne . . . They were a wonderful addition to our family here at Hickory Hills Manor & we miss them all! Editor, Carol Harris

MESSAGE FROM DAVID CARR, FMO DISTRICT I PRESIDENT

Attached is an attachment with the current bill status of all the bills on the table, as well as an excellent analysis by Nancy Black Stewart of the proceedings this week. I think we are now all on the same page, I will try and keep everyone updated as we move through the process.

In this process, there are always several categories of News...Good News, Bad News, Unbelievable News, and Realistic News...to name a few.

Top of the list of Good News:

FMO scored a big win this week with the passage of CS/HB 29. John Salvucci did a super job of representing you and the interests of all manufactured and mobile home owners during the hearing. This good news is on a parallel track with the early budget language in the Senate that fully funds the Mobile Home Tie Down Program. We are working to make sure the House matches it and then continue efforts through the budget conference committee process to make sure our line item remains intact...read that: so nobody "steals" our funding...it has been attempted before!

And on another parallel track is the passage of CS/SB 156. This bill carries out the Governor's proposal to reduce the fees that were added in 2009 to your registration renewals

for your automobiles and your homes. Auto, motorcycle, and truck plates and decals will get a further reduction depending on the weight of the vehicle. Your actual decal price was not increased at that time because we convinced them that your homes should NOT be included in the price increases...and they agreed.

Top of the Bad News:

CS/HB 29, HB 897, and HB 907 were not put on the agenda for the House Civil Justice Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Tuesday. And, Senate Regulated Industries agenda for next week does not include our bills either. Sad face here.

Realistic News: What this potentially means is not a good thing. It is expected that House subcommittees will not be scheduled to meet after next week. All three House bills must be heard by House Civil Justice before they can proceed. And if the House bills are stuck, it is questionable whether the Senate bills will be agendaed over the next several weeks. . . You can imagine how hard I'll be watching for any retaliatory amendments for the next six weeks.

Unbelievable News:

Even though FMHA mounted a huge fight to keep CS/HB 29 from receiving a vote, we had the big victory! And, so, hats off to all of you who rallied the troops and stimulated the written communications from the constituents to the lawmakers. Without that major effort, we would not have been successful. Our issues don't go away...we will be back again!

The property tax/ad valorem bills have not moved but that is still possible. (SB 842 and HB 389) Staff is still attempting to determine the revenue impact to local governments of the language as written and the Property Appraisers have lots of questions.

CS/HB 29 provides that a buyer could accept the seller's prospectus or he might choose to accept a new one from the park owner. The language requires a form to indicate the buyer's choice of prospectus and that form would be signed and sent to DBPR. The park owner would be required to deliver to buyer the prospectus he chooses. The buyer would be able to complete the term of the seller's lot rental agreement. When the buyer begins his own lot rental agreement, his lot rent would be determined by the terms for lot rent increases that are in his prospectus, whichever ever prospectus he chooses. In other words, if the seller's lot rent increases by CPI each year, and the buyer chooses the seller's prospectus, then the buyer's rent would increase by the amount of CPI. If your buyer

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wants a new prospectus then his lot rent increase will be determined by that. http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/click bills and put in 29 and Search.

Under Bill Text look at Committee Substitute 1. Concerning the tag fee rollback, your automobile tag cost will be reduced according to the weight of the vehicle. In addition, for both your home and your car, there will be a rollback on the fees or surcharge that were added in 2009. Jack Berg asked me this morning about the additional year he has already paid for (I'm in the same boat, Jack) and whether there would be a refund. There is specific language in the bill that prohibits refunds on any taxes, fees, or surcharges paid before the effective date which is September 1, 2014.

FMO Legislative Counsel Thanks, Nancy Stewart Black

BUNKO (A SIMPLE DICE GAME)

is looking for full time resident & also for substitute players. We especially need summertime fill-ins. A good time to try the game to see if you like it. The games take place all year, on the second Wednesday of the month, in the Card room @ 7 p.m. A really



fun game . . . Interested? please call Carol Harris @ 863-284-1286! Thanks! I'll be glad to hear from you!

OUT OF PARK BINGO'S:

on Monday, Faith Lutheran Church, 211 Easton Dr. phone 682-8415, @ 6:30 p.m., food available; American Legion Barnyard Bingo @ 6:30 p.m., lunch served; on Mon. & Wed. @ 1 p.m., Lake Morton Senior Center, Palmetto St., parking @ the Library lot across



the street . . beverages & snacks; Beacon Hill Colony MHP, Beacon Rd. , Phone: 683-5999; Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m., no food, just ice & soda available; Resurrection Church Hall, old Hwy. #37, Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 p.m., kitchen open; on Wed. @ 6:30 p.m. & Sundays @ 12:30 p.m. @ Santa Fe Catholic School, 3110 U.S. 92 E. (Memorial Blvd.), Lakeland, kitchen open; AMVETS, 1339 E. Gary Rd., Wed @ 7 p.m., Thursday @ 11 a.m. (breakfast & lunch served); Wed. @ 6:30 p.m. Citrus Center Colony, Beacon Rd., snacks available, phone: 666-3899; Wednesday, Highland Village MHP, 330 Brewer Rd. (off Brannen Rd., SPCA), 6:30 p.m., free snacks, phone: 646-8541; The American Legion, Winn

Dixie Shopping Center on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month @ 1 p.m. (lunch served); Friday, Citrus Woods, 1610 Reynolds Rd., 667-0018; on Sat. @ 11 a.m., Knights of Columbus, 2014 Lakeland Hills Blvd. (food available)!

To the best of my knowledge this is a complete list of BINGO's through the end of May!

CHECK with individual Bingo's for "end" dates! Some of these will end in May & others will continue all summer . . . Will attempt to update list in June!

Also, call Carol Harris @ 284-1286 for additional information & Carpooling!

A NEW CLUB IN TOWN:

by Wayne Vick

The first ever meeting of the newly formed Model and Figure Building and Painting Club (Whew)(From now on we will be known as the M&FB and P Club) was held at the clubhouse right after coffee on Friday, April 11th.

The idea is to meet once a month and discuss and display scale models such as aircraft, ships, cars etc. as well as figures done in Plastic, resin, metal or wood. The goal of our club is to assist and encourage new and experienced modelers to demonstrate a variety of modeling skills from preparation and assembly to final weathering and displaying.

Our first meeting was more of a get to know you type of meeting and we discussed various types of modeling as well as the availability of modeling material in our community. We agreed that our best bet is to work together and assist each other whenever and wherever possible.

We would like to extend a welcome to any and all persons that might want to try something like this and we will tell you that, like many other things in life, you are never too old to do this..

Contact Arnie Lucia ,Lori Pronto, Rick Shannon or Wayne Vick for more information.

GARDEN CLUB:

by Wayne Vick

The Garden Club has taken leave of meeting until September. We will meet in the Clubhouse at 10am on the first Saturday in September. Please plan to attend.

PICKLEBALL:

by Wayne Vick

Well the season is over and as usual, we destroyed any and all competition that we faced! (those kids from the Day Care Center were Good).

We held a Lunch at Golden Corral for our members and their guests on April the 3rd and it was well attended by 25 people.

Next year will try to increase our membership as some of US are getting too old to jump the net after a victory.

BINGO NEWS:

I'm sorry to say that our winter Bingo season is closing on April 22nd. We have had a very successful season this winter with many new players coming to be with us. We really appreciate all the support, donations of food, gifts, and generosity given to us this season. Thank you!!

I would also like to especially thank Dot, Phil, Carole, and Ray for being there every week to help with the setup and running of Bingo. They did a super job helping me. I also want to thank Joyce Brush, Lou Frederick, Stella Bates and Theda Bates for their help each week with set up and kitchen support. Without this help I would never be able to function as I have for the past 8 yrs doing Bingo. How fast time flies.

I plan on restarting Bingo on Tuesday, November 11th, so mark your calendars and we will be looking forward to seeing you then.

Have a great summer and to all traveling home have a safe trip. See ya in the fall.

Betty Dalton, Chairman of BINGO

CALENDAR AUGUST 2014:

This is the only time you see this phenomenon in your life. Calendar August 2014:

August, this year, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years. The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full." So: send this message to your friends and in four days money will surprise you. Based on Chinese Feng Shui, whoever does not transmit the message may find themselves poor - I obeyed (you never know).

submitted by former resident Bob Sellin



DEAR FRIENDS

Many of you have heard about "medical marijuana" and the fact that an amendment to Florida's constitution will be up for a vote in November this year. A number of you have asked me what my position about that amendment is. That's simple: I am personally against the amendment because I know that it is a ruse that will effectively legalize marijuana in Florida. It has been intentionally written in a way that will allow virtually anyone, including children, to get access to high THC marijuana. The amendment supporters are counting on those of us who are compassionate and who want to help the very sick, to ignore the very real negative consequences of legalization.

Having said that, voting on the amendment is up to you-I'm not asking anyone to vote yes or no on the amendment. The truth is that I-and all PCSO members-will comply with whatever the voters in Florida say about the issue. What I do ask is that you all educate yourselves about the issue. Please don't fall for the superficial argument that only the very sick will get marijuana. In fact, all you have to do is look to California and Colorado to see how broad access to marijuana resulted from legalized marijuana for "medicinal reasons"-only about 5% to 6% cite very serious illnesses such as cancer, ALS, and HIV/AIDS in order to legally smoke pot.

Here are three quick things you should know about the amendment:

- 1. There are no age restrictions in the amendment. Just like pill mill doctors, there will be quack medical pot doctors who will write a note for marijuana to anyone for money. Because there's no prohibition against teenagers getting access to medical pot, we will see significant increases in kids and young adults smoking pot.
- 2. There is a "caregiver" loophole: the amendment allows "caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana." There is no qualification to be a caregiver other than you have to be 21 years old. That's it. There's no medical license, education, or training required. Felons and drug dealers can be caregivers.
- 3. Pot will become available for anyone for any reason simply by recommendation from a doctor. A loophole in the amendment would authorize smoking marijuana for any condition where the "use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks" of someone who claimed to be sick. Quack doctors will be lining up to write pot recommendations, for a fee, of course.

There is much more to learn about this amendment.

Please take the time to go to the Florida Sheriffs

Association website to learn more: http://www.flsheriffs. org/resources/public-safety-issues/

Finally, I'm not a medical expert. I rely on the official opinions of major medical organizations about the issue including the American and Florida Medical Associations, American Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and American Academy of Ophthalmology-all reject smoked marijuana as a legitimate form of medicine.

Again, how you vote is up to you. Please take the time to read the amendment, learn about the issues, and vote your conscience.

Sincerely, Grady Judd, Polk County Sheriff

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I DIDN'T KNOW HALLMARK CARDS WERE MADE IN CHINA! That is also why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore, they are Made in China and are more expensive! I buy them at Dollar Tree - 50 cents each and made in USA

Blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is MADE IN the USA. Yesterday in Wal Mart looking for a wastebasket, found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA. They are just as

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From: Community Media



good. Same As a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some made in the USA - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper.

We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not so. I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all made in China . The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA.

Start looking and checking labels people. In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - most often, their job. My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is now marked "Made in Mexico." I don't buy it anymore. My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico. Now I have switched to Crest. Again, you have to read the labels on everything.

This past weekend I was at a Store & needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. In the light bulb aisle and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except for the price. The GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value Brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was the GE was Made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in, you guessed it, the USA at a company in Cleveland, Ohio.

It's way past time to start finding and buying products you use Every Day that are made right here. So, on to the next aisle: Bounce Dryer Sheets, yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value Brand cost Less, and was MADE IN THE USA! I did laundry yesterday AND the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years, at almost half the price.

CHALLENGE TO YOU IS to take the time and start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA. The job you save may be your own or your neighbor's! Shop to save & buy AMERICAN! Submitted by my cousin Alma in North Dakota, Carol Harris

MAY HOLIDAYS:

Sunday, 11th . . Mother's Day;

Saturday, 17th . . . Armed Forces Day; Monday 26th, Memorial Day observed. Don't forget to fly your American flag on all holidays & everyday!

Luis Santiago, SSG, U.S. Army Retired!

TRIED & TRUE LIST:

Wheaton's Apiary, 2224 West End Ave., Lakeland, FL863-712-7833 did a great job of getting rid of 1,000 honey bees & their hives for Patsy Brown & Carla Freeman. Michael was efficient & much more reasonable than the others who offer this same service. It is recommended that you contact them if you have a problem with bees!

MOTHER'S DAY: SUNDAY, MAY 11TH:

Mother's Day is a holiday celebrated annually as a tribute to all mothers and motherhood. It is celebrated on various dates in many parts of the world. Although the origins of the holiday dates back to the times of the ancient Greeks and Romans, the modern form of the celebration of Mother's Day in the United States began in the early 20th century.

It was first celebrated in 1908 in Grafton, West Virginia, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis who, in turn, many years earlier had founded Mothers' Day Work Clubs in five cities. Anna Jarvis began a campaign to make the Mother's Day a national holiday and she succeeded in 1914, when the U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May a Mother's Day.

MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, MAY 26TH:

Decoration Day or Memorial Day is a federal public holiday in the United States. Decoration Day is usually observed on the last Monday of May every year. Memorial Day 2014 is on May 26. This day is set aside to celebrate and honor United States men and women who have died serving their country in military. Memorial Day originally began to honor and celebrate Union Soldiers who died during the American Civil War. For many Americans, this day marks the start of summer. Learning institutions are usually closed on this day.

What Do People Do On This Day?

It's customary to fly the flag of U.S at half mast from sunrise until midday. Many people visit memorials and cemeteries, particularly to celebrate those brave Americans who have died serving their country in military. Many well wishers place an American flag on each grave in state cemeteries. Decoration Day is shared with Jefferson Davis' Birthday in Mississippi.

Public Life

Decoration Day is federal public holiday. All Government offices that are non-essential are usually closed, as are businesses, schools and other public institutions. Most public transport systems do not operate on their regular timetable. Many individuals see this day as an opportunity to visit friends or family or go on a short vacation. This can bring about some overcrowding on airports and highways.

Background

Memorial Day began as an occasion to honor and celebrate Union Soldiers, who died serving their country during the American civil war. Memorial Day was inspired by the way people honored their dead in the southern States. After the end of World War I, Memorial Day was extended to include all American men and women who died serving their country in any military action or war. by the way people honored their dead in the southern States. After the end of World War I, Memorial Day was extended to include all American men and women who died serving their country in any military action or war.

Holiday information via the Internet/Carol Harris

ACTIVITY NEWS

from Jack Hines:

I don't have much and will not until the Oct issue.

Canasta will end the beginning of May and begin again in October. Monday and Friday 1 to 4. Any residents want to play during the summer have fun and enjoy.

Pot Luck Dinners will be announced at coffee and on bulletin boards at the club house.

HOA Dinners will start the beginning of November.

We have a complete dinner volunteer calendar filled for the 2014-2015 season!

There will be a monthly Thursday dinner out of park sign up sheet at the club house.

Millie King is your contact for that function

@ 815-822-4610!

Wednesday out of park breakfast at Fred's has ended & will start again October.

The CPR people this year that are certified at their own expense for the good of our Community:

Suzanne Borgerson, Tim Griffie, Jane Hunter,

Millie King & David Unangst!

Have a wonderful Summer, see you on October 11th!

ARMED FORCES DAY-**SATURDAY, 17TH:**

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve in the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

What do people do?

Many events across the United States take place on Armed Forces Day to honor Americans in uniform who served their country in times of war and peace. Those who are honored on this day include people who serve the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May because of their unique training schedules. Large parades and other local celebrations.

Certain types of music are also played at Armed Forces Day events, including at memorials and at cemeteries, as a way to respect those in the armed forces who died for their country. For example, buglers have played a bugle call, known simply as Taps, on Armed Forces Day in recent years. Taps is usually sounded by the United States military at events such as flag ceremonies, memorial services and funerals. On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense", which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week

FRONT PAGE PHOTO I.D.'S:

- 1) Daryl & Margaret Sanders, 823 Aspen,Dr. lookin' good with their home improvements!
- 2) Chris & Suzanne Borgerson, 1520 Eldorado Dr., house & gardens lookin' good!
- 3) Bob Devries & Dave Mulligan, 1602 Eldorado Dr., home & gardens lookin' good!
- 4) BINGO twin sisters, Joyce Brush & Carol Harris @ the American Legion Bingo on the first & third Thursday afternoons!

Happy Mother's Day to all of you Moms!

Watch for postings & sign up sheets for the Memorial Day celebration here in our Community, which we enjoy every year! Any ideas or suggestions, let our Board members know! Stay "cool" & enjoy our quiet summer here in Hickory Hills Manor! Carol Harris, Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT:

What a great season...

The season has come to an end and many of the winter residents have returned to their homes in the north. However, some have left and will not be returning next year. I will always remember all the fun we had together playing cards, shuffleboard, petanque, and many dinners together. Saying goodbye is never easy for me, but I always look forward to seeing my friends again in the fall when they return.

The best of luck to George & Myra who have returned to New York we need to keep them especially in our prayers!

This season was one to remember with our great Christmas Show, the Black Family and Rich Wilson shows, and don't forget the wonderful New Year's Eve dance and the HOA dinner dance with Tony and Trish. Let us not forget all the individuals who made a dinner on Thursday nights, brought food to the potlucks on Monday nights, served as our piano player and MC at Friday coffee and game shows.

Don't forget about the residents of the park who worked as officers & Board members of the HOA, president and treasurer of the shuffleboard club, Bingo on Tuesday night, worked the pancake breakfast each month, chaired the pickleball club and those who worked to make the baggo game a success every Wednesday night. How can we thank the individuals who make the card games so

successful each week? You can see, it is difficult to thank all the individuals it takes to make our time at Hickory Hills Manor such a pleasure.

I still think we have the best looking Newsletter & decorated hall in the Lakeland Area.

Wishing those traveling North, a safe trip home & to our all year residents . . . Have a wonderful summer.

I can't wait until next season to return!

Dan Shepherd, President of the HOA

THANKS & APPRECIATION:

from Barb Soule to Louise Lancaster-Cookson & Helen Roy, who delivered a beautiful "prayer shawl" to her. As you know, Louise does a great job creating these & presents them with prayers & good wishes. Thanks, Louise, everyone in our Community appreciates your efforts in this endeavor!

A LITTLE SMILE

contributed by Patsy Brown:

A carpet layer had just finished installing carpet for an elderly lady. He stepped out for a smoke, only to realize that he had lost his cigarettes. He then noticed in the middle of the room, under the carpet, was a bump. "No sense pulling up the entire floor for one pack of smokes," he said to himself. He got out his hammer & flattened the hump. As he was cleaning up, the lady came in, "Here", she said, handing him a pack of cigarettes. "I found them in the hallway." "Now," she said, "if only I could find my parakeet"!



JUST WISH THEM WELL

& know that we are keeping them both in our prayers!



George & Myra





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