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Manager's Message

By J.R. Lindstrom



Happy Holidays everyone! Hope you all are enjoying the holiday season! I would like to give a huge shoutout and major Kudos to all that were involved with putting up the holiday decorations at Americana Cove. Not only do the decorations look great during the day, the glowing lights at night give a fun, festive feeling in the air. Thanks again to all who contributed! And, the front parking area landscaping project is now completed and looks amazing. The decorative rocks and plants also help give our community a nice, welcoming appearance.

As we finish the 2025 year strong, I look forward to the many good things that are in store for the upcoming 2026 season. One of them is our community pool getting renovated, along with pool deck areas, that are set to begin during the first week of the new year. Once all the details are completed, I believe everyone will be excited and thrilled how the new pool and pool deck will look.

Thanks again for everyone's support. My team and I do appreciate it.
J.R. Lindstrom

ACA News

By Cindy Rodriguez

Our Dec. '2nd RESIDENT SOCIAL' and 'Queen of Hearts' drawing was another success. Join us EVERY 1st Wednesday thru April.

Burger Burns, on the **3rd Tuesday** of month, **5 – 6:30 pm** are going very well. Residents are pleased with the additions to the menu. Hamburger/cheeseburger with fries along with Daisy's famous beans plus we have added coleslaw and a cookie & your choice of a beverage ... all for \$9. If you haven't attended give it a try. There is also a drawing for the "Queen of Hearts" at 6:30.

We always draw '2' names at the 'Queen' drawings so you have 2 chances each time. The \$\$\$pot is growing.

By the time you read this ACA will have already have had the **Christmas Golf cart parade** and the **New Years Eve party**. Those are always a great time and well attended.

Announcements

Ray Rodriguez – Editor

Attention Michiganders!

Calling all Michiganders! Let's do it again. We had 17 people in November and I know that more are back down now. We will meet in the Atrium on January 12 at 2 pm. Spouses and snacks are welcome. BYOB. You will be surprised how many people from Michigan live in the Cove.

Kneeling Santa

Ray Gauer, a national crusader for public decency, will be especially remembered for the creation of the Kneeling Santa, an idea which came to him on retreat at a Trappist Monastery in Kentucky in the late 1940s. His plan was to depict Santa Claus kneeling before the Infant Christ, because, as he explained, "Santa Claus is really St. Nicholas and would be the last person to detract from the real reason for the season — *the birth of Christ.*"



Thank all of those who took part in production of the Carols and Live Nativity presented on December 6th. This was the fourth year we were able to attend and once again we were truly moved by the presentation and their professionalism. Most of the forty plus individuals that took part in the performance are fellow residents, friends and relatives.

This is the 16th year for this production and requires the talents of many individuals, producers, musicians, costume/set design, lighting, choir, cast, greeters and those that provided refreshments. I thank all of you for an enjoyable heartwarming entertaining evening depicting the Birth of Christ.

Photos by Sandy Shouse – thank you Sandy.



HYPNOSIS GROUP SESSION, AMERICANA COVE, JANUARY, 2026

Hello everyone. First of all, there is a **DATE CHANGE**: January's session will be the second Tuesday of the month, January 13, at 11 a.m. in the Game Room. It's a new year, a new beginning, and we will do something to honor that newness and our expectations of transcending our regular life. Join us to improve how you feel, how you function, how you see the future.

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Judy Daigle



I Hope you all had a great Christmas Holiday and wishing you the best for the New Year. We have been busy painting up a storm! We would like for you to join us on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 in the Library. You simply need to bring your art supplies.....example (oils, acrylic paint, water colors, canvas or paper and brushes) You don't need any drawing experience to paint. Lots of famous artists do abstracts. There is no wrong way! Hope you'll join us.

Chair Volleyball



Chair Volleyball will resume in January starting the 7th and every other Wednesday after that until April. This activity is fun and easy for all. It's just like regular volleyball except you stay in your chair. Yes! That is the only rule. We use a beach ball and will be indoors at the clubhouse at 3pm. Info will be posted on the Cove FB page before the week of play. No need to sign up. Just come join us and trust me....its a lot of fun!

Michael Gruccio

Gypsy Gaeta

Rug Braiding

We will be starting up our rug braiding meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 starting in December. We will meet in the game room. We have supplies and would be happy to teach you how to make a pretty rug. If you are not sure it is something you might want to learn come down and watch and talk to us about it. We have a small supply of wool to get you started. It isn't a structured class so you can drop in anytime to take a look at what we do. If you decide it is something you would like to learn you will get one on one instruction.

We hope to see you there.

Welcome New Residents

By Mary Ann Meljac & Cindy Rodriguez

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Sunshine Report

By Gay McPhee



Dearest gentle reader,
The clock struck midnight, the ball plunged, the fireworks lit up the heavens, and we all serenaded with Auld Lang Syne. This author was feeling quite learned when she found out that Auld Lang Syne means old long since, the words written by the Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1788. The words are about old friends having a drink (oh my!) and recalling past friendships and adventures from long ago. The song begins with a rhetorical question, “Should old times be forgotten?”

I reply with a resounding NEVER! Those adventures and friendships are what make us who we are. Our lives are made because of those people and exploits and escapades. The derring-do, if you will. To wit, I say, “Hand me a coupe of champagne, and happy 2026!

Sincerely, Lady Twinkledown

Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in January!

January Birthdays:

1/1 Jeff Janus
1/2 Grace Bodley
1/2 Steve Burg
1/3 Asha Bhagat
1/3 Carol Shepard
1/4 Helen Cook
¼ Bill Latimer
1/4 Becky Nangle
1/5 Eleanor Bond
1/5 Phyllis Entreken
1/5 Gloria Julius
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1/17 Harvey Wood
1/18 Diana Shannon
1/22 Jackie Charland
1/25 Ruth Brownlee
1/25 James Quinn
1/26 Lorraine Boshek
1/27 Scott Wood
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1/29 Kathy Williams
1/30 Mike Barron
1/30 Erika Fitch
1/30 John Hansen
1/30 Dianne Massey
1/30 Bill Thwaites
1/31 Cathy Thomas

January Anniversaries:

1/1/1991	Jill & Mick Marckese
1/1/1978	Joan and Dennis Moore
1/1/1991	Marsha & Joe Gray
1/8/????	Kelly & Don Zahaba
1/10/2005	Carol & Roger Howard
1/10/1959	Joan & John Mahoney
1/22/1966	Candy & Chuck Newkirk
1/27/1961	Mary & Vince Bickhart
1/27/2001	Jill & Randy Daugherty



In Memoriam

James Nichols 11/28 (wife Denise)



Book Club

By Nan Krueger

Welcome to 2026! Book Clubs are in full swing as most of our members are currently in the Cove. If you like to read and discuss books, whether you live in the cove all year, or are here seasonally, we welcome you. The groups meet in the Library, once a month, for approximately 1 ½ hours. Although we call ourselves a Club we are officially an activity and do not have a fee. Please feel free to stop by and meet us.



Women's Book Club selects from a wide variety of current books and meets the second Thursday of each month. For January we have selected **Mad Honey** by **Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan**. This is a contemporary Mystery/Thriller with lots of good twists and turns.

The list of meetings and books for the remainder of the year will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse under the "Friends of the Library" section. All women residents are welcome to join. Our January meeting is on the 8th at 1:30.

Classic Book Club is choosing books that we have currently defined as literature "meeting the test of time". This group meets the second Wednesday of each month. This is a new Club in 2025 and is being lead by Wendy Watters and me. We have chosen **The Good Earth** by **Pearl S Buck** for January.

Members are informed of upcoming selections at the meetings and via email. There is a list posted in the Clubhouse that is updated as selections are made. Our January meeting is on the 14th at 1:30.

Happy reading! We hope to see you at one of our groups.

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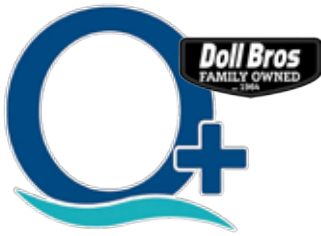
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Boat Club

By Roxanne Noling



New Year Greetings

Happy New Year to one and all! As we usher in a fresh start, I trust that everyone has their list of New Year's resolutions proudly displayed—perhaps on the fridge. Let's hope they aren't simply a repeat from last year, as this is the perfect opportunity for new beginnings!

December Meeting Recap

Our December meeting took place on December 13th, beginning with a delicious breakfast in the Atrium at 9:00 AM. It was a wonderful way to kick off the gathering, and I hope we'll have the chance to enjoy a similar start again in the future. There was no tiki party this time, as the Boat Parade was scheduled for December 20th.

This year, the Boat Parade was a non-competitive event. While there's always a bit of friendly rivalry, no awards were handed out. The main goal was to bring people together to celebrate the holiday season and spread some cheer. As always, the boats were beautifully decorated with dazzling lights and festive ornaments. The reflections of twinkling colors danced across the water, creating a magical scene as each boat made its way by. Crews and captains fostered an atmosphere of joyful holiday fun—mission accomplished!

Upcoming Events

- January Meeting: 01/10/2026, 10:00 AM; Tiki Party from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- February Meeting: 02/14/2026, 10:00 AM; Tiki Party from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- March: No Meeting; Boat Club Bash at 4:30 PM

Reflections and Appreciation

I hope everyone has taken some time to relax and reflect on the past year—considering what has changed, what they have learned, and what they hope for in the new year. Looking back, I am grateful to Deedra and our Board of Directors for their outstanding leadership throughout the year. We have enjoyed a wonderful year and a variety of events. Thank you for everything you do!

Additionally, heartfelt thanks go out to all our volunteers for the invaluable help you have provided over the past year. You are the heart of our Club and what makes it truly great.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

See you at the TIKI!

Bocce Club

By Daisy Dean



Happy New Year to All.

The Bocce Club will be having a Fundraiser February 21st.

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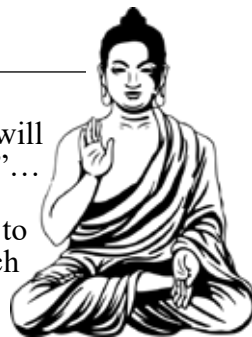
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Buddhism

By John Howell



Happy New Year

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John's battle with serious illness continues, nevertheless hopeful signs are beginning to appear! As mentioned last month it's all about the immune system. Also the miraculous power of prayer is intelligently suggested. Joining a group that works together to activate healing at the spiritual level, can make a real difference. Just knowing others are going through similar challenges and care about you is golden. So, sending Metta (Loving Kindness) and Compassion provides a potent network of curative energy at the sub-atomic-quantum level. Mind over matter and the power of positive thinking can be amplified by this group trust endeavor. Many local Buddhist Temples offer blessings and provide loving support that transcends mere words. Continue your hobbies and goals the best you can, having a reason to get up and going every day is a key healing factor. Your medical team and elder advocate can help set limits to physical work making sure everyone understands that while going through certain trying therapy it's difficult to keep up. In fact having an advocate on your team helps keep stressful issues at bay, and provide "assistance" if required. (Private correspondence with H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama) has made it clear that their "Bodhisattva" work (helping others)... on this "physical plane of existence" is not yet finished, and that they will both recover from their shared illnesses, soon! Receiving a package of fresh prayer flags, and genuine Tibetan medicine that reputedly contain over 80 some herbs, flowers, minerals including trace (gold and silver), in a proprietary blend was fortunate indeed!

Next month's article will focus on chapter XV "Happiness"

Bless one and all

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Weekly Calendar Repeats

AMERICANA COVE WEEKLY Calendar Repeats - Month: January 2026

Day	Event	Time		Location
Monday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Line Dancing	11:30-1:00p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Nickel Bingo	1:00pm	Year around	C
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Art Strong	6:00-8:00pm	Year around	L
	Cue Club-Men's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
Tuesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Social League	10:30am -12:30pm	Nov-April	S
	Maj Jong	2:00pm	Year around	GR
	Progressive Rummy	4:00p.m.	Year around	A
	Poker Pool	6:00 p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Cards	6:30p.m.		A
Wednesday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m..		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Hand & Foot (cards)	1:00 p.m.	Year round	A
	Cue Club-Women's	6:00p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Board Games	6:00pm	Year round	A
	Texas Hold'em	6:30pm		A
	Rug Braiding	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	G
Thursday:	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Dominoes	1:00pm	Nov-April	A
	Progressive Rummy	4:00pm	Year around	A
	Bid Euchre	6:00pm		G
	Cue Club-Men's	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	B
	Walk Away the Pounds	8:00-9:00a.m.		C
Friday:	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Pool Exercises	9:00-10:15a.m.		
	Beer Tasting	3:00-6:00pm	Year around	G
	Poker Pool	6:00p.m.	Year around	B
	Bingo	6:00p.m.	Year around	C
	Lap Swim & Pool Walkers	8:00-9:00a.m.		
	Shuffleboard Hoss Collar	10:30am-12:30p.m.		S
	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	3:30pm	Nov-April	A
Saturday:	Bocce Ball Pick-up	1:00pm-5:00pm	Nov-April	BC
	Summer Bocce	2:00pm	June-Oct	BC
	Vespers	4:45p.m.	Nov-April	A
	Pinochle	6:30p.m.	Nov-April	C
	Misc Cards	6:30p.m.	Year round	A



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Cornhole Club

By Erika Fitch



Cornhole club season is well under way but we always welcome any new members. Membership dues were collected starting in November but you can still join at any time. If you would like to join the club dues are \$10 for the year and members are given the first chance to play if we have more participants than boards. We play every Thursday night at 6:30 in the clubhouse. If you have never played before don't worry, we are glad to teach you. It's an easy game to learn. If you are not a member then drop in play is \$2.00 a night.

At intermission we play the game Air Mail. Don't forget to bring extra money to purchase a ticket for a chance to play this game and win a cash prize. Also at the end of the evening's regular Cornhole session we play Last Man Standing for another chance to win some cash. This costs \$1.00 to play. We also have a 50/50 drawing every week. So bottom line, just bring extra cash for chances to win more.

We hope everyone had a good holiday and we will see everyone again on Thursday, January 8th when Cornhole will resume playing.

Call Doug or Debbie if you have any questions. (727) 366-4273.

Crafters Club

By Teri Stallone



Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! Thank you to all who supported our crafters by attending our Holiday Craft Fairs in November and December.

2026 has started and we already have many different kinds of crafts planned from now until the end of March. Sign-up sheets for each craft are posted on the Crafters bulletin board in the Clubhouse each week and our Crafters Facebook page will always show a picture of the upcoming crafts.

We will begin collecting the 2026 dues on Tuesday, January 6th for all current and any new members. The dues will remain \$10 for the calendar year (Jan - Dec).

If you are interested in joining the Crafters Club this year, feel free to join us on a Tuesday evening at 6 pm in the clubhouse. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Library

By Gay McPhee

The most famous Christmas Eve book tradition is Jólábókaflóð, the "Christmas Book Flood" from Iceland, where people exchange books on Christmas Eve and spend the night reading them. It's often accompanied by chocolate and other cozy comforts.

Why don't we in the Cove begin a new tradition of getting cozy with chocolate and a book from our library in the New Year! It's a great way to spend our chilly evenings!



Landscape Committee

By Michelle Pugh and Erika Fitch

We hope everyone enjoyed all the new decorations for Christmas in the Cove last month. The Landscape committee will be taking down those decorations on Wednesday, January 7th. Besides the committee, if anyone else has time to help and would like to do so, please come to the North laundry room at 10 a.m. that day. Thanks



The Landscape Committee's next meeting will be Monday, January 12th at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. If you are a member please plan on attending as we have several things to update you on.

We also would like to remind everyone that when you are walking your dogs near any of the flower beds in the park and especially Founders Park to please keep them from peeing on any of the plants. This does damage to the plants and they then have to be replaced. This work is all done by volunteer residents and it makes us sad that we have to replace things because of this. Please help to keep the Cove looking nice for your neighbors and yourself.

Just a reminder again from the Landscape Committee for all the new residents moving in. If you are planning on doing any landscape projects such as plantings, stone or pavers make sure that you get a landscape request form from the office or off the Cove website. You need to turn in what you plan to do before you start, so that approval can be given. If you do not do this there is a chance you will have to take it out at your expense. This can happen if approval can't be given for what you have done.

The Landscape Committee hopes everyone had a good holiday season and will now begin to enjoy all the activities coming up in the new year.

Line Dancing

By Judy Daigle

I hope that all of you enjoyed your Christmas holiday and that the New Year will bring you good health and happiness. Start the new year by joining us with some line dancing every Monday in the Library from 11:30 - 12:00 for intermediate and 12:00 - 1:00 for beginners. No experience needed. It's not just line dancing, it's therapy....It's connecting socially and having a good time. Hope to see you there.



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Live Music

By Libby Hopkins

Hello Everybody!

Well, we have made it to 2026! And no storms to contend with!

Thanks to all who attended our wonderful Christmas Pageant held in the Clubhouse in December, 2025. This night is always so special for all of us, and we are glad you could share it with us! A heartfelt Bravo/Brava to all who contributed as audience and as show participants. We are grateful for the awesome volunteer team of choir, soloists, greeters, dressers, stage crew, cue techs, and refreshments staff! Also, thank you, MAROA, and ACA, for your sponsorship. And, of course, a special thanks to our Music Maestro, Claire Mosakowski!!

We have two shows this month in the Clubhouse –You will be surprised and pleased when you see what we have for you. The themes of the programs are still to be determined, but we promise you will not be disappointed. The dates are:

Tues. January 13 and Tues. January 27– both shows are in the Clubhouse at 3 PM

You will not want to miss either one! We are looking forward to seeing you!!!!!!

For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a Music Group within the park that usually perform the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our Performances are FREE!!! We work hard to provide an entertaining, fun hour. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks to have during the show.

** If anything changes regarding these shows we will let you know via VOLO, Email and/or Facebook.

Happy New Year!!!!



Shuffleboard Club

By Robert Solomon

Happy New Year! January will be a busy month for we shufflers as we will be cooking and serving breakfast to our friends here in the Cove! **Saturday, January 17th from 8:30-10:30 a.m.**, you can eat all the Pancakes you want, two sausages, orange juice, and coffee. This year, we are excited to be serving another choice for breakfast lovers: Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, orange juice, and coffee. Stop in for one of these great breakfasts, buy a 50/50 to support us and meet your neighbors.

The Blue Sky team has started their league play with other parks on Fridays, and we welcome your support when we play here at home! Nova begins the first week in January. Watch the Americana Cove Community Face Book page for dates and times or the information board. You can still learn to play on Tuesdays or Saturdays at 10:30. Questions? Call club President, Robert Solomon at 239-470-2759.



Swim Exercise

By Nancy Olson

Hello and Happy New Year to all! Swim exercise welcomes back all our snowbirds who join at the beginning of the year! Lots going on with our group so here are the items of interest:

January 1st at 10 am we will be saying good bye to 2025 and welcoming 2026 with mimosas Orange juice, fruit, cheese and crackers. Thank you to ACA for providing all the food, drinks and paper goods! Your leader team of Nancy, Maureen, Terry, Jane and Gary will be your host/hostesses for the event. If you aren't swimming that day please come and join us at 10. We will also be having a group pic taken that day!

Saturday January 3 will be our last day of swimming until the pool restoration is completed. Restoration starts Monday, January 5 and will last for 5 -6 weeks.

In place of swimming and to keep us motivated I have reserved the game room from 9-10am, Monday - Friday to do chair exercises with music and some stretching. This will start on Monday, January 5. Come join and give it a try!

I want to thank Maureen, Terry, Jane and Gary for assisting with class while I took some days off to spend some time in Alabama Shores with the family for Christmas! THANK YOU ALL!

Have a Happy and safe New Year!

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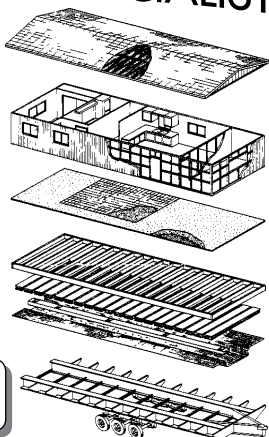
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Looking ahead to 2026

By Barefoot Realty Group, Brokerage Agent for Americana Cove

As we look forward to 2026, we appreciate the residents who have used our services to assist them with the sale and purchase of their homes. In 2025, there were 41 homes that sold, which means there were at least 41 new residents who came to the community.

“It’s easy to refer to home sales in terms of the home rather than the people who have purchased,” commented Broker Marty Pozgay. With each home sale, there are new residents who become members of the community and become friends and neighbors.

The number of new residents can add up. In the past four years, there were 189 people who moved into the community. That does not include family members of residents who may have moved into the home or people who are renting from homeowners. A breakdown follows: 43 homes sold in 2024, 49 homes sold in 2023, and 56 homes sold in 2022 when it was a strong seller’s market.

What are the market predictions for 2026? The National Association of Realtors is forecasting the following trends:

- 14% increase in home sales due to lower interest rates.
- 6.2% average interest rates with a prediction of lowering to 5.9% by year end.
- More balanced market between buyers and sellers. 2024 and 2025 saw a strong buyer’s market in the Tampa Bay area due to the increase in inventory causing sellers to lower pricing. More stable pricing is predicted for 2026.
- In Florida, insurance rates will hold steady if no natural disasters occur such as a direct hit from a hurricane, according to the Florida Realtors Association.

Overall, the Tampa Bay area remains an attractive housing market for its continued population growth and its popular beaches that bring tourists. “The dream of living in warm weather and enjoying the beach is still a draw for many people,” notes Pozgay. “If they are new retirees, they will be looking for an affordable place to live, and Americana Cove is a great choice.”

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NEW YEAR

Faith & Fellowship – Vespers

By Audrey Dox

N*EW NAME* – Like many others, when I first heard the term “Vespers”, I wondered what does that mean, what is VESPERS? One definition of vespers is “a worship service that is held in the late afternoon or evening.” To alleviate some confusion, we will now be referred to as FAITH and FELLOWSHIP. Or Faith and Fellowship – Vespers. We will answer to both!

Faith and Fellowship - Vespers services are held in the Atrium on Sundays at 4:45 PM beginning with a traditional hymn-sing. All residents and guests are welcome to attend this inter-denominational worship service for an inspiring message followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Clubhouse.

Speakers for January

- January 4 - TBA
- January 11 - Roger Watts, retired Methodist Pastor
- January 18 - Brian Brink, Methodist Pastor
- January 25 - Rebecca Lehman, Methodist Pastor

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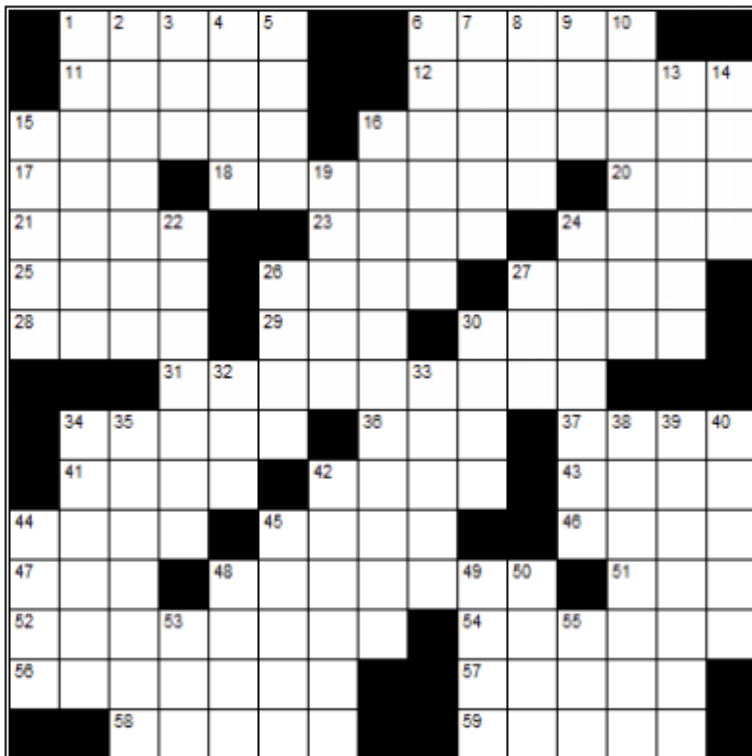
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ACROSS

1. Spring month
6. Failures
11. Pursue
12. Take up the cause
15. Barroom fights
16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps
31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

DOWN

1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building
39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
44. Fired a projectile
45. Holy person
48. Smile
49. Gorillas
50. English royal house
53. An uncle
55. Fifty-two in Roman numerals



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