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Barrel Gardens Produce Veggies and Flowers

Don't have a lot of room for gardening, but would still like to raise some veggies and/or flowers?

Would you like to raise vegetables and/or flowers without all of the tilling it takes for a flat ground level garden? Want the beauty and not all of the work for all that landscaping?

Here is an idea from Grand Valley Lakes resident Bill Anderson that is awesome!

“This is my barrel garden. I ran across it on the internet and thought it might be something I could try.”

Following on Page 2 is the “recipe” for the potatoes that you are looking at in the picture above.



These are the potato plants from a little bit of distance.

They are so beautiful and all contained in their barrels which raise them from ground level and you can grow all you want in a small space.

Looks like fun and really creates a nice look!

Materials:

2 each 30 gallon barrels cut in half,

2 large bags potting soil (has fertilizer in it),

5 lbs seed potatoes (buy at hardware store that sells plants).

Directions:

Fill barrel halves with potting soil to within 6 inches of top. Cut eyes off potatoes (get 2 eyes with each piece). Set aside 3 days.

Plant 3–4 inches deep, 4 inches apart. Needs plenty of sun. Keep soil damp.

These pictured were planted the last week in April. Go on line and Google for more information.

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Your Community Calendar for July, 2019

Thursday, July 4th @ 4:00 p.m Boat Parade starts at the Marina – Disney theme and Fishing
Directly after the Boat Parade – Paddle Boat and Kayak races!
Fireworks begin @ 9:00 p.m,

Friday, July 12th @ 6:00 p.m. The Grand Valley Lakes' Ladies' Club will sponsor our
Quarterly Potluck dinner at the POA. Bring your favorite dish (salad, entrée, dessert
– your choice) and share it with your neighbors and new friends while meeting new
friends. The turnout for these shared dinners is getting better and better and the food
never disappoints. Come join us and stay for the Board Meeting!

Friday, July 12th @ 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the Property Owners'
Association will meet at the POA Lodge. We will be conducting the business of the
Valley. All property owners are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Saturday, July 13th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet at the
POA Lodge to make plans for fund raisers and improvements in the Valley as well as
for a good breakfast and fellowship. All men of the Valley are encouraged to come
join us!

Saturday, July 13th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club will meet at the
POA Lodge. – everyone plan to attend as we review and move forward with fund
raising plans and as well plans for social activities. Come and join us! We will be
having our “kitchen shower” after the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, August 17th – Ladies, we will be having a “Dirty Bingo” Night. Linda
Parkinson, our hostess, tells us it is a cross between Bingo and Dirty
Santa. Sounds like fun – Ladies mark your calendars!

Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club June Meeting

The Ladies' Club met on Saturday morning June 15th at the Lodge for their regular monthly meeting. The discussion included plans for three fundraisers scheduled this year. Mark your calendars!

“Dirty Bingo” is Saturday night August 17th at 6:30 P M at the lodge. All over the age of 21 are invited! Bingo cards will be \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. You can win prizes and refreshment will be available for purchase. There will be plenty of laughter and all funds will be used for improvements in the Valley. If you have questions you can contact Linda Parkinson, Valerie Cowan, or Jean Harrison (901-351-5907)

The second fundraiser is the Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge, Saturday morning, August 31st from 8:30-10:30 A M (Labor Day Weekend). Tickets are Adults \$7.00, ages 4-7 \$5.00 and children 3 and under are free. For tickets contact Linda Johnson, Barbara Parkhurst, or Jean Harrison (901-351-5907).

Saturday, October 5th we will host a Fashion Show and Luncheon at Lone Oaks Farm at 11:30.A M. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Models will feature Fall fashions from local and surrounding businesses. Select stores will have booths where merchandise can be purchased.

The Ladies' Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Lodge. The next meeting will be on July 13th at 10:30 A M. Please come and join us!

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Congratulations to Jim and Sandy Gehringer for their Yard of the Month for June! Here's a perfect example of the importance of the home as a backdrop for the landscaping!

No wonder they were awarded the June Yard of the Month by the Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club!

Earl Butler is working on the picnic gazebo.



Men's Club on the beach---

The GVL Men's Club has been busy sprucing up the beach. It's not quite finished but progress is being made rapidly. Here's a couple if pictures of some of the work being completed.



Jerry Parkhurst is power washing the play ground equipment!



This issue of the Grand Valley News is sponsored in part by the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club.

The Men's Club is a hardworking, fun-loving bunch of men who meet every second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the POA Lodge. These members have quickly become a creative force and a work force within our community.

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Quite a crowd came to the organizational meeting of the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department held at Lone Oaks Farm on May 18th. By-Laws and Officers were approved/elected.

Pictured are the newly elected Board Members for the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department (l-r) Vice-President Jess Bebee, Secretary Kat Sones, Treasurer Lona Coffee, President Bill Richardson, Board Member Keith Clanton, and Chief Tom Wein. These officers were elected at the Department's organizational meeting held at Lone Oaks Farm on Saturday, May 18th.



The first annual meeting of the Grand Valley Area Fire Department was held Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at Lone Oaks Farm. Fifty-seven members of the General and Firefighter Membership attended to finalize the By-laws and elect their Board of Directors. Donna McClarin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our host, Scott Cagle, Manager of Lone Oaks Farm. She introduced the ladies who checked members in: Dee, Linda, Wanda, and Nancy. Jean and Barbara greeted the folks attending the meeting. We appreciate their help!

Our Firefighters were introduced. Chief Tom Wein and firefighter Keith Clanton were in attendance. Barry Joyner and Mauriceo Beauregard were unable to attend.

The By-laws approved by the members at the organizational meeting were finalized. The only change will be additional wording where the term “non-residential (business/commercial/other than residential living unit)”, will be further explained by saying “non-residential (business/churches/commercial/other than residential living unit/all other)”.

The Board was elected by the members. They are: Bill Richardson, President; Jess Bebee, Vice President; Kat Sones, Secretary; and Lona Coffee, Treasurer. Keith Clanton was elected Director. Tom Wein is Fire Chief and a non-voting member of the Board.

A work day for the Fire Station was scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd. Show up at 8:30 so we can work on things Bill and Tom need to have done. A free lunch will be provided. We'll schedule another day if we can't get everything done that day. A list of what you can bring to help with the work will be distributed. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and help!

Property Owners' Association June Board meeting covers many topics...

- Ron Scott reported there is a court date of June 27th regarding the Lodge roof suit.
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- Jug Fishing using Bill Anderson's rules was approved for a 90 day trial.
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- The helipad is poured and in final stages of construction.
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- Our new web site is under construction.
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- The Board approved purchase of another security vehicle not to exceed \$6,000.
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- Geese removal permit has been approved. Capture and relocation to begin immediately.
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- We are going to undertake an overall accounting of all GVL assets.
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- Board is reviewing priorities and will ask residents to help complete them.
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- We will be updating the interior of the lodge with help from the Ladies' and Men's Clubs.
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- Jerry Parkhurst is working on a Marketing Plan. Volunteers to help Jerry please leave your phone number at the office.
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- The Board is looking at blighted properties in our community and the best way to clean up abandoned properties.
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- The Board is considering construction of a community parking area for boats and trailers. Earl Butler and Jim Gehringer are looking for suitable property for construction.
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- The restrooms at the beach are closed and locked until a system to fight vandalism is found.
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- Ron Scott reminded residents there is a 9:00 p.m. curfew for four-wheelers on Valley roads.
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- Ron Scott asked residents with ideas to improve our community to please call Margaret in the GVL office and she will e-mail those to the board for consideration and action.



Remember this?

It was a real motivator for the Men's Club to take action!

The new sign by the POA took a lot of planning work, and money. Most of the construction was completed by Men's Club members.

Here's (l-r) Earl Butler, George Harrison, Randy Powell, and Jerry Parkhurst getting ready for the lettering.



And the Men's Club finishes another great project!!!

Take time to drive past the new signs! They are beautiful! The signs at the POA and foot of the entry street hill are now complete! All basic signs in the Valley are now of the same design.

Thanks to the Men's Club for their time, energy, expertise from Cat Fish Fundraiser to installation of the finished products! It's going to be hard to top these improvements but stay tuned! Other projects are being planned!!

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Jerry Parkhurst (left) and Jim Cowan pose by the new sign at the foot of the Valley's entry street.

They, along with George Harrison, Earl Butler, Randy Powell and Terry Surratt put the final touches on this phase of the Men's Club sign project.

Finished!! After a long time of planning and lots of work here's our new POA sign!

WOW! Final touches were provided by (l-r) Jerry Parkhurst, Chris Reisedge, Jim Gehringer, Jim Cowan, and George Harrison. Unbelievable what a difference this makes to our POA Lodge appearance!

Just WOW!!!!



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Scott Cagle is the manager of Lone Oaks Farm. He has been very helpful to our community by allowing us to use the Lone Oaks facility! GVL gratefully thanks him for his generosity and his personal time spent helping our community efforts be successful!

The fundraiser kept lots of folks from Middleton and Grand Valley busy pulling, chopping, and packing BBQ including GVAFD volunteer Wanda Bergloff (front left).

. Lots of folks enjoyed the food, fishing, and fun!



Here's just a tiny portion of the crowd attending the GVAFD fundraiser BBQ. Participation by residents of Middleton and the Grand Valley area made this a really successful event!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR A FUN FUNDRAISING DAY!

Lots of food and fishin' ! That was the theme of the day when the Fire Department participated in the First Annual Lone Oaks Farm community event. Lone Oaks asked us and the Middleton Fire Department to participate and use this as a fundraiser.

Tom Wein smoked 200 pounds of his world famous pork for us and, along with the pork cooked by the Middleton Fire Department, we had plenty of sandwiches to go with the cole slaw (Thank you David Parkinson for the coleslaw and Debbie Bowden for the containers), chips and lemonade (Thank you Scott Cagle). We also need to give Scott a huge Thanks for the facilities and opportunity to be part of this Lone Oaks Farm program to get to know our community.

Lloyd Coffee, Don Burke, Earl Butler and Ron Scott met folks at the gate and guided them to the Sales Barn and Lake where folks spent most of their day. Cameron Sones, Kaydee Moore, Izabella Moore and Emma Bebee did an excellent job selling bottled water to the folks fishing. I mean who can resist them, right? They're all so darn CUTE !

Louise Watkins, Nancy Burke, Donna McClarin, Jean Harrison and Lona Coffee furnished cookies, cakes, brownies, rice crispy treats and cupcakes. The apple fritters were gone in about 10 minutes! Sure hope nobody's name was missed.

Bill Richardson, Nancy Scott and Bill Stone helped gather the money and made sure folks had their drinks. Kim Howard and Wanda Bergloff started folks out with their sandwiches and Debbie Bowden and Donna McClarin made sure they had their cole slaw and chips. Nancy Burke worked constantly on getting pound servings and pans of Tom's BBQ ready to take home and they sold like crazy.

Lots of folks helped make sure this would be a memorable event and it was! The Ladies Club and Men's Club participated along with Fire Department Members. Next year we hope to get more folks that don't live in The Valley to participate. As we get to know them during this next year, we can make sure to make them a part of this event.

Again, sorry to the folks whose name was missed – there were many involved.

That day we made \$934; mostly by selling the BBQ by the pound and the desserts. Nancy took the few remaining cookies to the next POA Board meeting and made \$15 more.

Thanks to all for helping and participating in a great community activity and fundraising event for the Grand Valley Area VFD.

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