



Grand Valley Lakes News

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Winter Dinner & Dance
Saturday, February 1, 2020
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. @ the Lodge with Music and Dancing beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Music will be by Small Shack who will play until 9:30 p.m.
Call the POA Office to reserve your place!

Dinner is free to those who reside in Grand Valley Lakes
Dinner/Dance is \$15.00 for outside guests

Board of Directors' Meeting for November, 2019

Board has short November meeting....

Aside from the normal requirements such as reading the minutes and financial reports, the November Board meeting was a short one. Ron Scott reported general consensus from attorneys was the lawsuit was nearing an end since the other party had failed to provide the court with requested information.

Jim Gehringer reported an orientation flight and in-service for local EMS, first responders, GVL Maintenance, and Security was scheduled for November 9th.

Ladies and Men's Club reported no regular meeting on the 9th but there would be a Valley wide Clean-up Day instead. Volunteers would meet at 9:00 art the POA and after project completion the Ladies would supply lunch.

Jean Harrison announced the date for the Annual Grand Valley Winter Dance would be February first. Additional information will follow as we get nearer that date.

Ron Scott reported Mom's Restaurant had been sold. The new owner is Jody Wilson.

Valley resident, John Houser, won the rifle the Fire Department raffled off as a fundraiser.

Security reported we have been having some property damage through vandalism and one perpetrator has been identified. The Sheriff's Department will be brought in for further action.

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Your Community Calendar for December, 2019

Saturday, December 14th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet to wrap up their year of activities and discuss what projects and fund raisers will be coming in the new year! All men of the valley are invited and encouraged to attend.

Saturday, December 14th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies Club will meet to review the year's events and to begin to schedule activities fund raisers for the coming year! Every lady in the Valley is welcome to attend!

Wednesday, December 25th – MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Tuesday, December 31st – NEW YEAR'S EVE – GOODBYE TO 2019/HELLO TO 2020!

Monday, January 6th - Daughters of Encouragement non-denominational Bible Study will meet @ 9:45 a.m. This first meeting will be at the home of Dotty Fulgham at 70 Browning Knoll Cove here in the Valley. Please call Dotty @ 678-230-3650 for more information. The study will meet each Monday through March 23, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, February 1st @ 6:00 Winter Dinner/Dance at POA Lodge Be sure To call the POA Office to reserve your place.

WINNER, WINNER! YOU CAN SHOOT YOUR CHICKEN DINNER!

The Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department sold tickets for a chance to win a Henry Golden Boy .22/S/L/LR rifle valued at \$500.00.

The drawing was held on November 8th at 10:00 A.M. at the Fire Station.

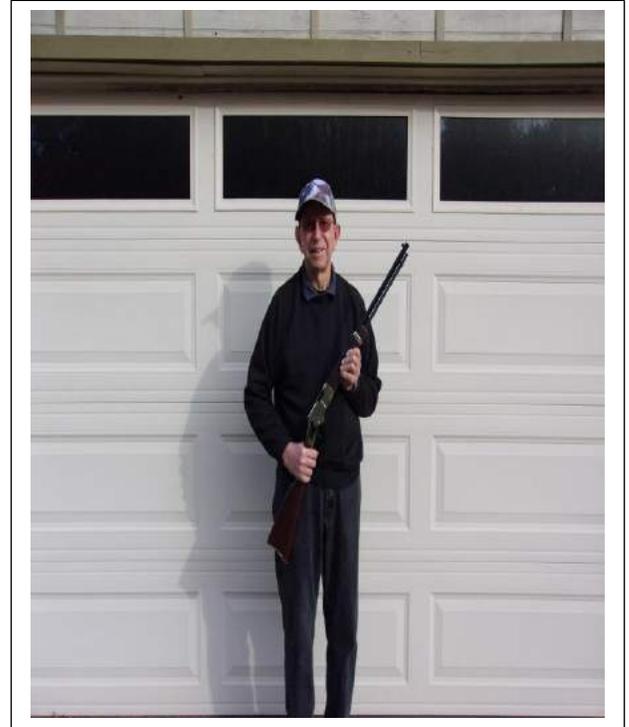
The winner was Mr .John Houser of Grand Valley Lakes!

While Mr. Houser is a sportsman, golf is more his game and he stated that he would not be hunting that chicken or turkey dinner!

Congratulations!!

By the way, John only bought one ticket!

Thank you to everyone that participated!



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Did you know.....

According to Coca-Cola, Santa used to look a lot less jolly – even spooky. Google early images of Santa to see what I mean. It wasn't until the beverage company hired an illustrator named Haddon Sundblom in 1931 to create images of Santa for magazine advertisements that we got the warm and friendly Santa we know today.

According to legend, we hang our stockings by the chimney with care thanks to a poor man who didn't have the money for his three daughters' dowries. Generous old St. Nick (remember that is his trademark!) dropped a bag of gold down their chimney one night, where the girls had hung their stockings to dry by the fire. That's where the gold ended up, and allegedly how the tradition began.

Turns out, we didn't originally go dashing through the snow for just Christmas. James Lord Pierpont wrote a song called "One Horse Open Sleigh" and performed it as his church's Thanksgiving concert originally. Then in 1857, the song was re-published under the title it still holds today, and it eventually became one of the most popular Christmas songs.

Nine days before Christmas in 1965, the two astronauts aboard Gemini 6 suddenly sent an odd report to Mission Control that they saw an "unidentified flying object" about to enter Earth's atmosphere, traveling in the polar orbit from north to south. They interrupted the tense report with the sound of "Jingle Bells" with "Wally" Schirra playing a small harmonica and accompanied by Tom Stafford with a handful of small sleigh bells they had smuggled aboard for that very occasion.

If you have ever watched Clark Griswold try to decorate his house in "Christmas Vacation" (or any number of other holiday mishaps), it probably doesn't come as much of a surprise that Christmas decorating sends almost 15,000 people a year to the ER. In fact, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 14,700 people visit hospital emergency rooms each November and December from holiday related decorating accidents. Please, be careful when you're decking those halls!

--From Good Housekeeping – 25 Interesting Christmas Facts You Probably Didn't Know Before This Second



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.

Outbreak of vandalism in our community....

Please note all of the new signs in our community. Add class and good looks to GVL don't they? It's obvious these cost a large sum of money. They also required many, many man-hours of volunteer work on the part of men's club members to build them. It required just a few minutes for some unappreciative vandal(s) to damage them!

How about strewing just delivered resident mail in the street? Yes, it's been happening. Are you aware that's a Federal crime? I really don't think the feds care if the vandal is a juvenile.

I constantly hear residents moaning about amenities. We, as a community, spend considerable money and hours of labor repairing damage to the beach restrooms. The men's Club had volunteers repair all of the children's play equipment and rebuild the picnic shelters just this past year. Recent vandalism damaged the restroom doors and plumbing.

There have been some other minor acts of vandalism. Damage in these cases has been somewhat minor but bothersome nonetheless.

Since I started and publish this newsletter I pretty much can say what I please. If you don't like it, simply don't read it. I'm adding my phone and e-mail. If you wish to respond, have a go at it.

Here's my personal opinion on this situation. Any resident of Grand Valley who finds it necessary to deface or damage things in our community, MOVE! We don't need you and I, for one, don't want you here!

We have a solid minority of residents who participate in community activities, service, and improvement. If you are in the non participating majority, would you at least keep your eyes open and if you see something, say something? It IS your community too! Want to join us in our efforts to improve our community? You are needed and welcome. Just show up! If crime, vandalism or squalor doesn't bother you, move to Memphis. They got just what you need.

The Men's Club invited all male members of the community 12 years or older to join them in community activities. This was advertised in the newsletter AND I personally handed a written invitation to each male student as they got off the school bus. NOT ONE bothered to join. Hey, Dad, maybe you could show a little civic leadership by joining, participating and bringing your son?

Board of Directors, PLEASE take the strictest path to correction you can take! Repayment for damage and even some jail or juvenile detention. Stop and think. If we allow these acts to slide, we have NOT done the responsible party a favor. In fact we do them a disservice that could have a detrimental impact on their entire remaining life.

These are my beliefs. I have not discussed them with and to my knowledge aren't the views of any other GVL resident.

Submitted by Bill Stone, Publisher

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Grand Valley Lakes Clean-Up Day!



On our Clean-Up Day Anne Castleman baked pies, muffins and breads to sell on our Clean-Up Day. The proceeds were donated to the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department. This lady baked all of these goodies that were sold. Her efforts produced a whopping better than \$150 donation! See what we could each do if we tried? THANK YOU, Anne!

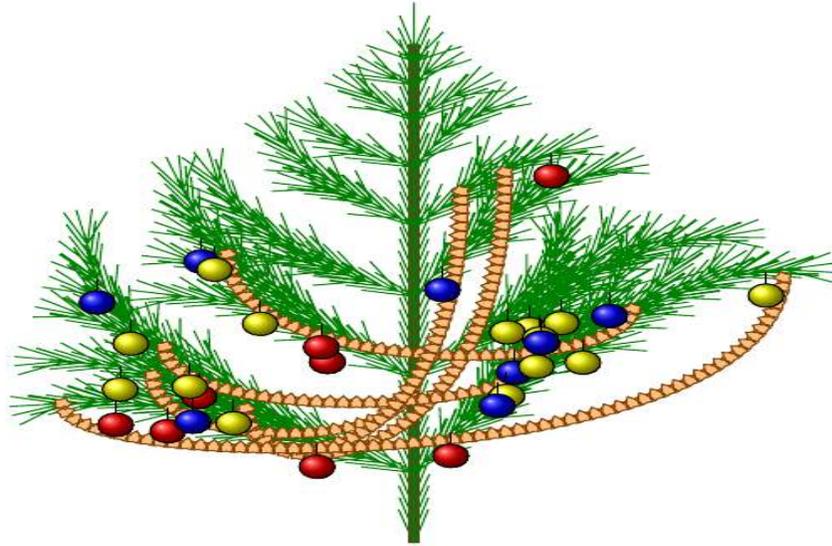
The Ladies planned their effort. They split into pairs and were assigned particular streets to clean.



The men gathered for sausage gravy and biscuits before planning their day. They divided into groups to patrol for larger debris. These guys work hard but always on a full stomach!

Jean Harrison and Nancy Scott worked well off the roadway picking up litter.





For the Grand Valley Lakes Children

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

By Lucy Wheelock

Two little children were sitting by the fire one cold winter's night. All at once they heard a timid knock at the door, and one of them ran to open it. There, outside in the cold and the darkness, stood a child with no shoes upon his feet and clad in thin, ragged garments. He was shivering with cold, and he asked to come in and warm himself.

"Yes, come," cried the children, "you shall have our place by the fire. Come in!" They drew the little stranger to their warm seat and shared their supper with him, and gave him their bed, while they slept on a hard bench. In the night they were awakened by strains of sweet music and, looking out, they saw a band of children in shining garments approaching the house.

They were playing on golden harps, and the air was full of melody. Suddenly the Stranger Child stood before them, no longer cold and ragged but clad in silvery light. His soft voice said, "I was cold, and you took Me in. I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was tired, and you gave Me your bed. I am the Christ Child, wandering through the world to bring peace and happiness to all good children. As you have given to Me, so may this tree every year give rich fruit to you"

So, saying, He broke a branch from the fir tree that grew near the door, and He planted it in the ground and disappeared. And the branch grew into a great tree, and every year it bore wonderful golden fruit for the kind children.

From: For the Children's Hour.

Submitted by Dotty Fulgham

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!



You can always count on Ruthie Fink and family to add color to the holiday season season!! Thank you, Ruthie, for submitting this. The December edition was published before many folks had decorations up so we will have more pictures in January.

Merry Christmas Grand Valley Lakes!!

A big thank you to Larry and Linda Johnson for decorating the trees at the front entrance!!

Beautiful Job!!



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Hospital Wing Visits Grand Valley Lakes

On Saturday, November 9, 2019 the Grand Valley Lakes helicopter landing site was officially used for the first time. The Hospital Wing arrived at 2:00pm in order to survey the pad and the surrounding area, and conduct an orientation with first responders.

The pad is officially recognized as an “alternate Medevac helicopter landing site” because it is not certified by the Federal Aviation Administration. Certification is very costly and not required for most helicopter operations, including Medical Evacuation (Medevac.) The new landing site was constructed because the old site was too small and had unacceptable obstructions to many approach paths. It also was located on property not owned by the POA.

Arriving to conduct the orientation were Hospital Wing membership coordinator Christy Chandler, Pilot Marc Fiedor, and paramedic Dustin Mckeel. The aircraft that was brought in is based in Selmer and is only a 10 minute flight away, which means a rapid response. On hand for the orientation were Jim Gehringer, POA Board member and project lead, Grand Valley Lakes Area Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Wein, GVL Security manager Keith Clanton, and local EMS members. A few residents came out to observe the event.

The Hospital Wing is a Mid South based air ambulance service and provides emergency air lift and inter-hospital transfers 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Airlift for Hardeman county residents is provided at no cost to the residents due to an agreement between the county and Hospital Wing. Visit their website to learn more about their mission and services provided <https://www.hospitalwing.com>.

GVL and area residents should rest easier knowing that a hospital is much closer due to the Wing and our new landing site.



New Men's Club Project Underway...

Be on the lookout for another improvement in the appearance and updating of our community brought to you by the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club!

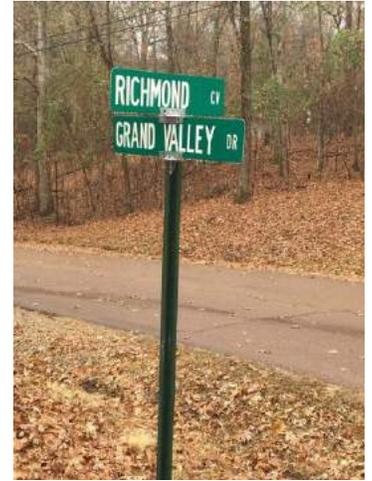
New street signs for all of the intersections along Grand Valley Drive have been ordered, received, and are being erected! Club President George Harrison could use a little help with that task. No doubt the regular members will be stepping up but if you are proud to be a member of the GVL community we would like to have you join us in the effort. Call George at 901-233-8236 and volunteer a few minutes of your time!

As you can see by the attached photos, the improvement is indescribable!



Out with the old!!! About time isn't it? The current signs were put in with the founding of our community and we sure got our money's worth! Faded, peeling, broken, leaning, unreadable and GONE!!

In with the new!!! Neat, tidy, readable! The Men's Club ordered signs to cover intersections on Grand Valley Drive. A continuation of replacements throughout the Valley will no doubt be a future project of the Club.



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