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As of this writing, we know that The Biscuitry in downtown Bolivar (next to the Luez Theater) will be open for breakfast and lunch (beginning Monday, May 4th) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. They will be complying with social distancing rules as will any other restaurant that will be opening. Their tables will be rearranged and only half of the booth seating will be in use (every other one), There is no bar seating.

Big Wave (does curbside service with a plate lunch special or menu items) and Joe's (doing curbside service) have not announced anything as of yet. The same with J & J Fish House, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Subway, who all have drive-through service open. No announcements or signs from Lucky's, Common Grounds or other eateries.

We do know that Merle Norman and the attached hair salon are opening, but will have only a limited number of clients at one time and everyone will be masked and gloved.

Another "new" normal?

A Message from the Board of Directors

It is April 5th, a beautiful sunny Palm Sunday. What a Glorious day we are experiencing. Yet we all know that we are at war with an invisible enemy. Every news report highlights the devastating effects of the Covid 19 virus. Everyone is affected by the “New Normal”, causing many a great deal of anxiety about the future.

We also see a caring concern for each other, reaching out to assist when possible and just being there as a friend. We have seen that over and over at Grand Valley Lakes. Thank you to all as we come together during this pandemic.

As most of you know Grand Valley Lakes has not gone unaffected by this virus. As a result the Board has made some decisions that affect our community. The board is doing our best to communicate as quickly as possible about mandatory changes. Here are some highlights of our recent actions:

Extended Payment Plan: The Board made available additional options for payment of dues for anyone who notified the office by March 21st.

Postponement of the Annual Meeting: Based on the Governors guidance concerning gatherings our annual meeting has been postponed. A new date has yet to be established due to the fluid situation and new guidance from the CDC and Federal, State and local governments. As soon as a new date is established, the annual meeting packet will be sent out to all property owners.

Cancellation of the April Board Meeting: The April 10, 2020 regularly schedule board meeting was cancelled due to the guidance from both the Federal and State government. If you have an issue that requires board action such as a variance or special request, please contact the POA office with a written request. The board will act as quickly as possible to address the request by email, or teleconference.

Communications is Key: Fast, reliable communications to all GVL property owners is vital during these rapidly changing times. We have and will continue to use various methods to communicate including the GVL newsletter, the website, Facebook, the Next-door application, email and standard mail as necessary. However, **the Board has a special request: Please provide an updated email address as one key part of your contact information.** Your email will be used to disseminate critical information as necessary. It will not be provided to others at any time.

Please continue to reach out to your neighbors, follow the guidelines published by the CDC, stay safe and wash your hands.

Ron Scott, President,

Board of Directors

Your Community Calendar for April, 2020

Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class would have been held each Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. *Did you exercise anyway? It makes you feel better which is a morale booster!*

Friday, April 10th @ 7:00 p.m. The Grand Valley Lakes POA Board of Directors would have met. *Did you call a friend or family member to talk a while – or text someone a funny picture or an “I love you”?*

Saturday, April 11th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men’s Club would have met. *Did you call a shut-in neighbor to see if they needed help or were okay? Did you offer to mow someone’s yard?*

Saturday, April 11th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies Club would have met. *Did you send a friend a card to say “thanks for being you”? Did you watch a movie at home complete with dark room and buttery popcorn? Did you turn up the stereo and dance like no one was watching or sing like you meant it?*

Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ladies’ Bunko Night! We did not meet! *Did you try a new game on your phone or computer to see if you could beat your best Score? Did you play “Words with friends” with some friends? Did you schedule a game night with friends to watch the same games on GSN and compare scores?*

Friday, March 27th beginning at 7:00 p.m. SPRING BREAK PARTY!! – It was cancelled! *Did you make up some snack foods and have an outside game night with prizes for the kids? Did you set up a joke telling competition to find who the funniest was and send the sound bite to Grandma and Grampa?*

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 18th At the POA Lodge- Annual Business Meeting and Election! CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Saturday, May 16th @ 10:00a.m. at the POA Lodge – Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Annual Meeting! *Has been cancelled until further notice!*



My version of what Easter traditions could actually mean:

1. The Easter Egg: The egg is the beginning of life for all creatures. Humans, all other mammals, birds, fish, reptiles. We all start out as eggs. The Easter egg therefore is representative of our new life in our Resurrected Savior

2. The Easter Egg Hunt: The quest for peace and tranquility in our lives.

3. Baby Chicks and Bunny Rabbits: Physical evidence of new life.

4. Easter Baskets: Gifts as in the gift God makes available to us.

5. Special Easter Clothes: Symbolic of resulting new personality.

Just sayin',

..Ernie Kelly

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Grand Valley Lakes Geese Anti-Feeding Ordinance

February 14, 2020

GVL has been working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to find ways to decrease the number of geese in our community safely. Fecal waste deposited by geese can become a health hazard affecting the safety for swimming and also the enjoyment of beaches. This anti-feeding ordinance is to raise awareness and stop casual feeding of the geese. To those who feed the geese, the following citations will be given.

Consider this policy a WARNING.

1st offense - \$100 fine

2nd offense - \$200 fine

3rd offense – cut-off water at home of resident

Failure to pay the fine within 15 days will result in the cut-off of residents' water. This policy goes into effect immediately. For further education go to:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/geese-management-program

www.lakebarcroft.org/association/governing-documents/goose-management

[www.runvanlakeinc.com/Goose management](http://www.runvanlakeinc.com/Goose%20management)

Thank you for your cooperation as we all strive to keep Grand Valley a safe place to live.

GVL Board of Directors



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.

I HAVE A VERY BIG BEE IN MY BONNET!

First, let me say that Jesus is the epitome' of all the fruit of the Spirit, including kindness, so look to Jesus and how he demonstrated kindness...then do what he did!!! Where does it say we should "perform" "random" acts of kindness on a certain day or week? And what about that word "random?" If you look up the definition of the word "random," used as we are using it, it does not make sense.

I say the appropriate word for an act of kindness is "spontaneous.!" It is not limited to a day or week: Then it loses its' spontaneity! Think about it...yes, think about it!

Following is a perfect description of a spontaneous act of kindness. It happened to me almost 72 years ago and I have never forgotten that day.

A TRIBUTE TO BUDDY BATES

In 1948, our 4th, 5th and 6th (I was in the 4th) grade students were preparing to celebrate May 1st, otherwise known as May Day and the winding of the maypoles with ribbon. We were also bringing our favorite doll for a contest...ugliest, prettiest, cutest, most unusual, best overall, etc. Lunch would follow in the school cafeteria. All our parents were invited, the dads built 3 sturdy Maypoles, one for each grade. And we practiced winding the maypoles to a recording of Spring music.

So, we practiced the routine for days and then the day before the celebration the dads attached ribbons of crepe paper streamers to the top of the poles with about 3 extra feet of streamer laying on the ground. We were all so excited; it was a big deal for us, and we could not stand still.

TaDa! The music started and everything was going perfectly, but we did not know it had misted during the night. The second time around the pole, as I ducked down to bring my ribbon under the ribbon in front of me. My streamer came loose at the top and fell to the ground and the teacher literally jerked me aside to stand next to her and watch with tears streaming down my face. I was so embarrassed! Then next thing I knew, Buddy Bates "spontaneously" dropped his streamer and came and took my hand and stood with me. He kept saying, "Everything is okay." And it was, because of you Buddy Bates!!!

(As a side note, my dad was there as President of the School Board (and as my dad) ...it was a small school. He could not stop shaking Buddy's hand and he scolded the teacher for her poor handling of the situation.)

PS. Fred Thayer, a full-blood Cherokee Indian, won best overall doll. He brought his life-size Bugs Bunny doll, including the carrot!

--submitted by Dotty Fulgham

Jug Fishing in “no wake zone”:

The following rules were approved by the Board of Directors in their February meeting:

1. Monday through Friday during daytime
2. No holiday fishing
3. Eight (8) jug limit
4. Two fishermen in same cove, only four (4) jugs each
5. No more than two (2) fishermen in same cove at same time
6. Identification **MUST** be on jugs
7. Owner **MUST** stay with jugs at all times. If owner leaves they **MUST** pull up all jugs
8. No jug fishing near property owner's docks



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The Grand Valley Happy Hatters had a great time on Tuesday, March 10th as we met for good food and visiting at J & J Fish House in Bolivar. We gave ourselves plenty of time to enjoy dinner.

Then it was on to the Arts Council Theater to enjoy the 41st annual presentation of “Hee Haw” which benefits the Hardeman County Cancer Society. The show, which includes so much local talent I can’t list it all here, is put on each year in March. We red hat wearin’ gals make it an annual event to attend.. This is one of the many times through out the year that we invite guests, family and spouses to join in our celebration of being alive!

Pictured above, left to right on the front row are Ruby Deel, Dot East (our oldest member at 94 who brought her daughter, Debbie and great granddaughter, Beth who chose not to be in the picture – 3 generations of ladies from one family!) and Louise Watkins. In the second row from left to right is Helen Nixon, Gelene Keithley, Ann Castleman, Diane Lanier and Helen Maloy. On the back row, let to right are John Houser (a frequent guest with our group), Maggie Barrowclough and her husband, Gary (also a often invited guest). Those that attended with us, but are not pictured were Bill Stone and Mary Wynn

...and a good time was had by all!

As a postscript to this event – it was our last meeting due to COVID-19. We are working on celebrating our 15th Birthday/Anniversary as a Red Hat group in June – our birthday is actually in April – so our celebration is delayed! Tuesday, June 16th is the chosen day—we will be sending invitations, but set aside the day!

Burn Pile



One of the things that we have as an amenity at Grand Valley Lakes is an area to dispose of yard waste such as leaves, limbs, and brush. It's very convenient to be able to drop these items at the burn pile on Welcome Ussery Road. The maintenance staff is very good at using the bulldozer to pile everything up and burn it.

Unfortunately, there are some members of our community who choose to abuse this privilege by dumping household items, trash and even furniture at the area designated for ONLY brush, limbs, and leaves.



The Property Owners Association and our maintenance staff is struggling to figure out a way to make sure that we aren't violating health regulations when people continue to ignore the clear signs that are posted at the burn site. If this continues to present a problem the alternative will be to close down the site, and none of us want that to happen.

So please be respectful of your neighbors and only use the burn pile for its intended purpose. If you see or know of someone who is abusing this privilege please remind them of the purpose of this area. If anyone has a need to transport items to the Hardeman county landfill we can help. Please call the office and we can arrange for help through the Men's club or by other means.

Thanks for your help in keeping our community safe, healthy, and a great place to live.



Good Going, Ladies!

Grand Valley Lakes resident Helen Nixon (pictured here in the passenger seat) along with her daughter, Donna, as driver are all masked and gloved ready to go out and spread a little cheer by delivering “goodies” to neighbors and friends in the Valley.

I think they did GOOD and helped a lot of people and lifted spirits everywhere they went!

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6pm Worship

WEDNESDAY: 7pm Bible Study & Prayer

We are located 10 minutes from GVL gate.
Go west on Lake Hardeman, left on Callahan Rd. And right on Saulsbury Rd.

If you have some special events or services at your church that you would like for us to publish in the newsletter, just send the info to Bill Stone @ billstone36gvl@aol.com.

Grand Valley Area Volunteer FD Gets Grant Money

Just wanted to let you know that, due to Keith's hard work, we got an \$11,900 Grant from the State of TN for Personal Protective Equipment for our Firefighters. State Representative Johnny Shaw called Keith to congratulate us on getting the Grant. This means we will have more funds left after paying bills to maintain any items not included in the Grant. Because of all the work involved in getting Grants, he has already begun to work on Grants for next year.

Stay safe !

Thnx, Lona Cofee

Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department “GVA-VFD”

Due to the Covid-19 regulations, the Annual meeting regarding the “GVA-VFD” that was scheduled for May has been canceled until further notice.

Our fiscal year is from June 1, 2020 through May 31,2021.

Residential dues in the amount of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) for services of the “GVA-VFD” are due by the end of May, 2020. Dues may be left at the Lodge in the payment box **OR** you may leave your dues with the Guard at the Grand Valley entrance. You may also, mail your dues to “GVA-VFD” at 7175 Lake Hardemen Road, Saulsbury, TN 38067.

If you have not received the above information by the end of April please e-mail vfd@gmail.com.

Also, should you need additional information regarding the above please e-mail your questions to feedbackforvfd@gmail.com .

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

If you've heard this once you've probably heard it a thousand times! If you haven't heard it (where have you been):

Corona Virus Safeguards: (Just common sense rules of social engagement)

1. Wash your hands often!!
2. Cough/sneeze into your elbow/sleeve!!
3. Don't touch your mouth, face, eyes!!
4. Wash all surfaces you may come in contact with using germicidal wipes!!
5. Maintain safe distancing!!

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