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SNOWBALL

What is Christmas without a SNOWBALL? Illinois, Indiana, Virginia and West Virginia are hosting the December activities.

Saturday, December 1st is sure to be a success with all the homemade goodies at Complimentary Coffee Hour, 8:30AM

The Famous Steak Dinner, with all the trimmings, is scheduled on Saturday, December 8th, with BYOB at 5:00PM, Dinner at 5:30PM, and dance to Ernest, Litz & Margie from 7-10:00PM at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Come join the fun at the Salad Card Party, scheduled for Monday, December 10th, at 12:30PM at a cost of \$1.00. Bring a dish for the luncheon table.

On December 18th, remember to decorate your little vehicles for the Golf Cart & Bike Parade that will begin at 4:30PM, also the Home Decorating will be judged. So get your Christmas decorations out and light up Eagle Point! Let's do it and have fun!

Of course, what would Christmas be without the big dinner? Tuesday, December 25th, we will host BYOB at 3:30PM and Christmas Dinner at 4:00PM, Residents-\$3.00, Guests-\$5.00.

Chairpersons: Joyce Hassig & Phyllis Kuc

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR FOR ANY FUNCTION

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Only a few weeks away—our New Year's Eve Bash— December 31st. 7:00-10:00PM (clocks are moved ahead for Senior Citizens Midnight), BYOB & BYOSFYT (Bring Your Own Snacks For Your Table) and dance to our own Johnny Taylor—Sub will be served at Midnight—Prizes—\$10.00 per person! Hosted by Michigan.

Chairpersons: Don & Joanne Steward

DO NOT sign your name for a function without first purchasing your ticket!

Tickets for all functions are sold at Saturday Morning Coffee Hour & Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM

**Saturdays
8:30-?**

Coffee Hour was special on Saturday, November 17th. Mel & Opal Harms had family members from Iowa and Wyoming to visit for Opal's Birthday. They also donated the donuts. Thank you and Happy Birthday Opal. And on Saturday, November 24th,



donuts were donated by Chuck & Wynona Nitschke, celebrating their 59th Anniversary and Wynona's 80th Birthday. They are visiting out of town at this date, but Thanks!

THANK YOU

Thank You

How much more can we ask of the two best chefs in Eagle Point? Who cook whenever anyone asks them to? But we can say a huge **Thank You to John and Marilyn Hermann for their time and expertise, and their helpers**, for the wonderful meals on Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving! It was a great success and most of us are looking forward to Christmas Dinner!

After several years as leader of the 9:00AM Exercise Class, Donna Smith has retired! Thanks Donna

THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING!

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IN MEMORIAM



George Black #239—October 29, 2007
Bill Spence #165—November 12, 2007
Cynthia Franco #227—November 19, 2007

WELCOME HOME RESIDENTS

Just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who helped to remove the storm shutters from the Social Hall. They have all been taken down, cleaned and stored.

Just as a reminder to everyone—due to the time change and the time of year, it is getting dark earlier. Please be sure to have your flashlight with you and turned on!

Larry Strother
Safety Committee

We wonder if the "Mother Eagle" will decorate our center Flagpole again this year? Let's watch and see!

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair held Sunday, November 25th was a great success. We have a lot of handy folks who showed their expertise and talent.

The raffle table produced a number of tickets and the bake goods was an excellent highlight which was sold out before noon. We want to thank all of the vendors who had tables and all of many volunteers who helped.

To everyone, again, "Thank You"!

Karen Robert & Kathie Vail

WRECK ROOM NEWS

The Wreck Room is open to all residents of Eagle Point. We forgot to also THANK Helen Petty for her fine window treatments in our last issue. The room looks great!

We understand the room has been in use by the Bridge Players on Tuesday afternoons at 12:30. Each week there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Schneller, #128, or call (651) 491-3784. Thank you and hope to see more players!

Blood Pressure
10:00AM

December 17th in the Social Hall
Eva Montgomery

DIRECTORY UPDATE

QUILLEN, Garry & Nancy — #206A—639-2694
SANDUSKY, Rita — #248—575-6030

NEW RESIDENTS

GAGNE, Don & Linda—#183—Minn.
GAHIMER, Don & Barbara—#103—IN
TOLLE, David & EGER, Adam—#122



EAGLE POINT WOMEN'S CLUB

The Eagle Point Women's Club Meeting is scheduled for December 19th. Bring a \$2.00 gift for our Christmas Gift Exchange.

The Rummage Sale is scheduled for February 8th. If you have items that need to be stored, please call Peggy Allman or Pat Schneller.

The food items donated by our Eagle Point residents were delivered to the Salvation Army. They were very thankful to receive these items for their food bank. There are many homeless folks who need our help.

Carol Rhoades, President

TEXAS HOLD-EM



You just can't "HOLD" them that players down on Thursday evenings! We have been having three tables of players, which is just great and there is always room for more.

OUR Fall Tournament is well under way. You can still be a part of it as the standings can change from week to week. Our first four winners of the evening are awarded points, plus cash and on December 20th, the points will be added up to decide the first place winner who will receive a Tournament Bracelet (just like on the World Poker Tour Show).

The standings as of November 15th, are Mike Femrite, 7 points; Johnny Taylor and Chuck Gaston, 6 points each; Lois Bauer, 5 points; and Harvey Smith, Tom Chicano, Nancy Femrite, Bill Beal, Tom Bergemann & Demon Dawson, 4 points each.

It's easy to play and a lot of fun, so Come on Down to the Social Hall each Thursday at 6:45PM.

Johnny Taylor & Lois Bauer



CHARLOTTE HARBOR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

An invitation from C.H.E.C.—Are your holiday visitors looking for something different to do? Come to the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (just a half mile south on Burnt Store Road) and take a walk on the wild side of Florida. There are guided trail walks each weekday at 10:00AM, or for a personalized tour of the site, call Chet Lewis, long-time guide #168 at (941) 661-5850.

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Horseshoes

WANTED—HORSESHOE PITCHERS! We are practicing every Wednesday morning at 9:00AM. We need eight (8) pitchers for a team to pitch in the N. Fort Myers League. We don't want to have to take pitchers that don't live here to form a team, if we can get pitchers from Eagle Point! Please come join us for lots of fun and fellowship! Any questions, Call—**Mel or Opal Harms—639-3295**

Euchre Euchre is still going strong after a good summer. We had at least four tables all summer and now that people are coming back we are having 7 to 8 tables. We have room for more players. **Nancy Quillen** is back and has taken charge of Euchre. Please sign up by noon on Mondays and be at the Social Hall to play by 6:45PM. We would like to thank everyone that played during the summer and helped us keep it going.

Contact Mel or Opal Harms—639-3295.

Bingo Bingo is going strong! There has been over fifty people playing and we're sure, by the time you read this, there will be many more. The cost is five cents per card and ten cents for the 10th and 20th game. With our present number of players, the pots were \$16.75! Not bad! Thanks to all of you that came during the summer! We need to keep BINGO going, so our folks have something to do!

Hosted by Wanda Royer & Opal Harms



Shuffleboard

Monday afternoons at 2:00PM, shuffleboarding has been going great! We've been keeping scores only the last two weeks.

Dot Rittenburg has agreed to be Captain for the Wednesday morning 9:00AM shuffle. Please come out and play! We still need a Captain for the Friday afternoon, 2:00PM shuffle. Fred

& Ruth will be going north during the month of December, so please continue to play! Have a great Christmas.

Mel & Opal Harms &
Fred & Ruth Slager

EAGLE POINT BOWLING

We've had a great start to our bowling, especially since most of us haven't bowled since last season



<u>Handicap Games</u>			
<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
Mel Shook	243	Ruth Slager	241
Chuck Dooley	241	Lois Bauer	239
Bill Hart	240	Roberta Rittenburg	233

<u>Handicap Series</u>			
<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
Bill Hart	694	Bobbie Sager	653
Mel Shook	656	Karen Robert	651
Chuck Dooley	640	Ruth Slager	643

We can use more bowlers for the session that starts on **January 24th**. If you would like to bowl on a team or sub this session, please get in touch with us. We have a lot of fun and get some exercise at the same time—**come join us!**

Rhoda Reedy—575-8879 or Ann Bailis—575-1513

ALOHA—Blouse or Shirt or Hula Skirt??? SH-sh-sh-sh—Keep **APRIL 4, 2008 OPEN!**



E. P. LADIES GOLF

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On October 27th, Betty Disher, Maria Murphy, Joyce Hassig, Sharon Williams, and Char Flannery, along with four ladies from River haven and others, participated in a golf tournament at Port Charlotte Golf Club, hosted by The Charlotte Chorale for the purpose of generating some music scholarships for high school students. Sandy Genter, from River Haven, won a prize for "closest to the pin" shot. The course was in great shape and it was a good sun-less day with no rain. We were treated to a continental breakfast and good lunch. Many prizes were given and everyone had a great time.

Eagle Point Ladies Golf on Tuesday mornings at 8:00AM, at Blue Heron Pines. Come join us. Be sure to sign up each week on the sheet posted on the sports bulletin board in the social hall.

Char Flannery—639-2842

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TAKE THE HELM

The ballots for election of new Board of Directors will be out soon. Please hold your ballot until you meet all the candidates on January 8, 2008.

Nominations Committee

BOARD BITS

Occasionally, for one reason or another, we turn on the water and nothing comes out. **Things happen**—water lines break, emergencies arise and the water must be turned off without notice—but for whatever reason sometimes the water isn't there when we want it to be. However, we're confident that when the problem has been resolved the water will be restored to our kitchen sink, shower, dishwasher, etc. Just keep flipping that faucet lever and soon the water will come out.

But imagine how we would feel if there was NO water in the supply to come through when we flipped that lever. What if we simply ran out of water? **It's happening!** We read about it daily and see it on TV—each day there are more and more people, and each day there is less and less water. It doesn't matter if it comes from the city, from wells, from bottles, or from our pond, **water is water, and it is precious and necessary for our survival.** We can live an indefinite period of time without food. We can live only a few days without water.

So instead of turning on the water and letting it run down the drain or down the streets, **let's conserve it and save it and cherish it as though our lives depend on it. THEY DO!**

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Wednesday, December 26th, at 1:30PM.

Eagle Point Board of Directors

ALLIGATOR HUNT By Ken Germaat

It all started when I read an article about the State of Florida allowing hunters to help manage the alligator population, in February, 2007. I arranged a meeting with, John Gettle, an outfitter from Sarasota that has outfitted trophy hunts. Karen and I met with John and his wife and they showed us very impressive things made from alligator skin, plus a 14 foot gator hanging from their game room ceiling! After talking it over during the summer, I decided to do the hunt with John, but Karen said she doesn't like the thought of being food for the gator!

On October 23rd, we left Eagle Point at 4:00PM headed for Lake Okeechobee to meet John and a guide, Chris, a 42 year old native Floridian who has been hunting gators with a harpoon since he was 9 years of age, at a restaurant at the north end of the lake. We all had a nice dinner, (Karen hopes it's not my last), and at 6:30PM, Chris & John launch the airboat into the water. We push off at 7:30PM, with Chris sitting high in front with a bright light to spot the gators. He can tell by the head the approximate size and they want at least a 9 foot gator so to make a belt or maybe a purse for Karen. At 9:00PM, Chris makes a sharp turn around and we throw the harpoon that has a rope attached with a large ball on the other end. We're off and running, we have to put a second harpoon hook into the gator so we don't lose it—I still don't know how big it is, but Chris says, "It's a big one". We get the second harpoon set and now we have to pull the gator up to the boat. A 44 caliber shell attached to a 6 foot metal rod was used to knock the gator out and then the spinal cord is cut so it is unable to move. Now the work begins! The gator is almost 13 feet long—a trophy for sure! We really wanted a 9 footer, because the hide is too thick and tough on this big one to make anything. The group had two permits, so we're off again, looking to get a nine footer! About midnight, Chris spots one that he thinks will be good, as they have passed up smaller ones and we're about ten miles out. By the time we get this gator on board, it's 2:00AM and we still have to take the gators to be processed at a plant in Lake

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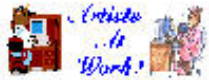
I got home about 4:30AM and **Happy**, but tired from an interesting and successful hunt! Karen was happy that I arrived home safe and sound! **I have pictures, just stop by #171, and I'll show you my trophy!**

A call from **Earl Heminger** said that he wished *everyone* in **Eagle Point** a **Happy Thanksgiving!** And the same to **you Earl!**

FROM YOUR EDITORS

Thank goodness for mistakes! They make us wiser! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks to all for helping make the *Screaming Eagle* a success!

January DEADLINE—December 21st



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