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The Breeze Is Two Years Old!

It is hard to believe that *The Breeze* had its inaugural edition printed and mailed to Spring Lake residents in February of 2006. It was the first time that the community had a newspaper that was delivered to their homes, or mailed to out-of-town owners, that contained news and events related to Spring Lake. Thanks to the advertisers involved in Spring Lake, their support got *The Breeze* headed in the right direction.

With everyone getting the actual facts about what is happening in our community with people, projects and concerns, the "rumor mill" has been running on low. In spite of some organizations not wanting



to use *The Breeze* to communicate with their members, getting news and information from those who want to share with their neighbors has not been a major problem.

It is our hope that groups and individuals will realize *The Breeze* is the perfect place to share news and will start to get involved. This is a wonderful tool for everyone to take advantage of.

If you have news, stories or pictures, simply e-mail them to the District Office at slid115@embarqmail.com or drop them off at the office. Also, don't forget that *The Breeze* is available on the District Web site each month.

Happy Birthday to *The Breeze*.

57th Annual 12 Hours Of Sebring

The 57th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, presented by "Fresh from Florida," takes the green flag at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21. Gates open Wednesday, March 18 and remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday. The race is the oldest and most prestigious sports car race in North America. Sebring's 3.7-mile circuit is a spectator-friendly track, offering numerous viewing, camping and parking options.

Six supporting events, vintage racing and several activities for race fans round out the 2009 Sebring classic. Sebring Supertickets are available at advance purchase prices; for



Sebring Raceway

more information simply go to their Web site at www.sebringraceway.com.



Hand & Foot Card Club

The Hand & Foot Card Club, that gets together the second and third Monday, joined with the Country Club Villas



Left to right: Jo Sink, Marilyn Redenbarger, Marg Acker, Judy Marquardt, Janice Ables, Dotti Blackwell. Seated: Shirley Olnhausen, Pearl Bradford. Not pictured: Ruth Ann Payne, Juanita Turner, Betty Price, Lucille Dalian and Bernie Ray

Garden Club to help the Sportsmen Association with their annual kids' shopping spree. For 26 years Sportsmens has collected money to give local at-risk kids, ages 7-17, a chance to buy some necessities.

On December 23rd, the youngsters went to K-Mart, where they received a 10% discount and did not have to pay sales tax. The shopping spree is reserved for buying daily living needs, but at a Christmas Eve event held in the community, the youngsters receive toys and other gifts.

Team National Wins 2008 Bagger Vance

By John Delaney

Twenty-eight men from several different states descended on Spring Lake Golf Resort the weekend of Dec. 12 to challenge an equal number of golfers representing Spring Lake. It was a wonderful few days of renewing friendships, friendly competition and plenty of food and drink. This was the fourth annual event and when all the matches were completed on Saturday, Team National defeated Team Florida for the first time; the Bagger Vance Statue now resides in Indiana!

Prior to the golf matches all participants gathered to review the rules, sing the National Anthem, and receive inspiration from the opening Golfers' Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Augusta, Nicklaus be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on greens as it is on fairways. Give us this day our share of birdies, and forgive us our gimmies, as we forgive those who gimme against us; and lead us not into the deep rough and deliver us from the sand traps. For we drive for power and putt for glory, forever and ever, Amen.

The real winner of this event was Shawn Moore. Shawn is the son of Ryan and Kandi Moore of Indianapolis, Ind. Ryan was one of the players representing Team National. Kandi is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor and her future does not look encouraging with this terminal diagnosis. To show our love and support for the Moore family, Team National and Team Florida initiated an Educational Fund for Shawn. He is currently a second-grader and a very bright young boy; this fund will enable him to enroll in a higher education institution when he has completed high school. Team National will continue to support this fund with yearly fundraisers such as golf tournaments in Indianapolis. This weekend, with the support of all the players and members of Spring Lake Golf Resort, \$1,790 was raised to start this fund.

Most events similar to this one focuses on competition and winning. However, the Bagger Vance

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Shane Riley presents Team National captains Cubby Prchal and Guy Brouillard the 2008 BV trophy.

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First evening ceremony, 2009 Bucket Award winner Chubby Prchal (left). Past recipients – 2008 John Delaney, 2007 Nigel Bloom, 2006 Demy Godby and 2005 Steve Moore (not present)



Annual BVT ceremonial parade from the clubhouse to the staging area

matches are more about fellowship and the enjoyment of being with old friends and making new friends; doing so in a sociable, good natured and pleasant atmosphere that just happens to occur on the golf course. In our fourth year of this event, the organizers from both teams decided that it would be rewarding to choose a worthwhile and important charitable endeavor to benefit from our time together. Thus, this year the Shawn Moore Educational Fund was established. In the 2009 event, Team Florida will determine a beneficial cause to support.



Lou Guertin (center) recited the Golfers' Prayer.



2008 Team Florida



2008 Team National

Sebring Moose Lodge #2259

Thanks to a dedicated group of people, 50 families were fed during the holidays. Many Spring Lake residents donated canned and dry goods for the Christmas Food Basket Project.



Pictured left to right are volunteers: Ron Rice, Lou Price, Bill Johnston, Kenny Johnson, Charlie McWilliams, Dwight Demitz, Bud Frutchey and kneeling is Bob Berg. Missing from the photo is the person who started the program six years ago, Charlie Kenniston.

Property Association News

The Spring Lake Property Association (SLPA) would like to announce a spot in *The Breeze*.

There are some changes that will be coming to the SLPA. In recent years we have had member meetings with very little attendance. So, to accommodate the members a little better, the Board has passed a motion to eliminate the number of meetings that are held. There was no meeting in January, and the 22nd Annual Meeting will be held on February 9th at the Community Center, at 7 p.m.. At this meeting we will discuss the 2009 budget and election of Board members; there are currently two Board seats open for election. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board, please submit an application to the SLPA office.

There are a lot of exciting ideas being developed, including a decorating contest for the 2009 Christmas season. For your advance scheduling, a member meeting will be held on September 14, and the Annual Meeting on December 14; mark your calendars now.

A special thank you to all the people involved with the Christmas lights at the main entrance on Spring Lake Blvd.: SLPA Board members Tonya Mays and John Schroeder, and Improvement District personnel Randy Nelson, Brian Patrick, Buddy Heinly and Jim Pollard.

The SLPA hopes that all residents of Spring Lake enjoyed the holidays and always work to help keep Spring Lake beautiful and safe.

Spring Lake: Home To Pet Of The Year!

During the months leading up to the election, there was much debate on whether to vote for Obama or McCain. In Spring Lake, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of our own Governor Goose Gatsby! Who is the Goose you ask? He is the 2009 *News-Sun* Pet of the Year and the proud "parents" are Spring Lake's Gail and Leon Van.



Goose – Pet of the Year!

The *News-Sun* held a contest for several months and invited readers to cast their votes for dozens of pets that were pictured in the paper. Each pet received four votes for every dollar that was donated; all monies were then given to the Humane Society. Thousands of dollars were raised and Goose, as the runaway winner, is the cover pet for the 2009 *News-Sun* Pet Calendar. The other 12 pets selected are pictured on the various months.

Crystal McKee (pictured with Goose) who works at Spring Lake Golf Resort was Goose's campaign manager. Her strategy

was simple and very political; tell everyone what they want to hear, promise anything, give them a smile and wink, just get their votes so Spring Lake can be home to the #1 Pet.

Governor Goose Gatsby, known by all as just Goose, was born on November 23, 1997 and arrived at the Van household in Indiana on Valentine's Day, 1998. The Governor portion of his name is attributed to a neighbor's dog named "The Colonel," and the desire to be one level above the neighbors dog ... a governor! "Goose" is from Gail Van's prior hobby of collecting geese and ducks, and also for the Indianapolis Colts lineman named Tony Siragusa. In spite of being a Bears fan, it was Leon who suggested this part of the name. The "Gatsby" part was suggested by the Van's daughter.

Goose is registered with the American Kennel Club. Goose graduated from puppy preschool in May of 1998 and was at the top of his doggy obedience class later that year. Goose enjoys traveling and has made numerous trips between the Midwest and Florida. His favorite pastimes are golf cart riding and dining at McDonald's with Bryers vanilla ice cream for dessert. He performs many tricks when treats are involved.

Goose and the Van family would like to thank all the Spring Lake residents who supported him, with special recognition to Crystal. Thanks also to Linda at Arcade Pet Grooming for making him always look so handsome, and to Dr. Larry at the Sebring Animal Hospital for his wonderful care of Goose. Local merchants for Goose's victory donated many generous prizes, and all of his gifts are being shared with the Highlands County Humane Society.

DRIVE-THRU PETS OF THE MONTH

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Cookie

Gator

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Men's Golf Association

By John Delaney

The Spring Lake Men's Golf Association Christmas scramble was held on Saturday, December 6th on the Panther Creek Course at Spring Lake Golf Resort. Sixty-two golfers competed on 16 teams for this year's bragging rights. Numerous prizes were won, including the lowest 10 team scores as well as closest to the pin on six par-3 holes; there were "skins" on all 18 holes.

The day began in The Pub with coffee and doughnuts at registration. An 8:15 a.m. start made the first few holes a real challenge due to heavy fog that enabled some to hit it out of sight for the first time in their golfing careers! The fog cleared after a few holes and a bright and sunny day was enjoyed by most, if not all, of the participants. An occasional cheer and some laughter were heard on the course.

After golf, tournament stories were told in The Pub with meatballs and wings provided by the Resort, and beverages provided by the Men's Association. The Golf Committee made up of Rob Frederick, Bill Lawens and Leon Van, tabulated the final scores;

Jan Hard was in charge of the tournament and dinner fees.

The following evening, Sunday, December 7th, 80 guests, including golfers, spouses, meaningful others, and friends attended the Christmas Tournament Awards Dinner, hosted by the SLMGA and held in Michaels Clubhouse Restaurant. The decorations were bright and cheerful and set the stage for a buffet of broasted chicken, pork loin, and stuffed sole with all the trimmings. Rob Frederick arranged entertainment and the spirited music of the Southern Ridge country band was provided for dancing.

SLMGA President Leon Van presented awards to the following winners:

First Place: Bill Lawens, Paul Caverly, Larry Colclasure, Rob Frederick. Second: Jon Brower, Martin Francoeur, Svein Grimholt, Joe Smith. Third: Joe Austin, Ken Rohr, Paul Marchand, Bill Rentel. Fourth: Jan Hard, Pat Shatney, Bob Blackwell. Fifth: Bo Bohannon, Jay Reeb, Karl Olnhausen, Bill Johnston. Sixth: Mike Ryan, Dwight Demitz, Rich Eastep, Jay Payne. Seventh: Jim Baker, Bob Hinde, Ron Brochu,

Howard Weekly. Eighth: Ray Albert, Don Ray, Bob Berg, Wiley Ferguson. Ninth: Edd Vowels, Leon Van, Larry Miesner, Ed Clay. Tenth: Harry Lassiter, Gerard Burge, Charles Kenniston, John Schroeder.

The team of Bob Rogers, John Delaney, and Bob Marshall won a "skin" on hole #11.

Closest to the pin **team** winners were: #2 Will David, Jerry Ables, Ken Willey, Tony Flynn; #7 & #16 Edd Vowels, Leon Van, Larry Miesner, Ed Clay; #9 Gordon Robb, Bill Warner, Vern Hoffman, George Danser; #11 Ray Albert, Don Ray, Bob Berg, Wiley Ferguson; #14 Bill Lawens, Paul Caverly, Larry Colclasure, Rob Frederick.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association should simply stop by the golf course any Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. to meet our members and sign up. You do not have to be an exceptional golfer; just someone who wants to have fun, meet new people, and relax.

On behalf of the SLMGA, Happy New Year to all Spring Lake residents and friends.



Loving And Listening

By Pastor Katie Treadway, Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

It happens every year; school children make Valentine's boxes out of old shoeboxes and lots of red construction paper. Then, on February 14 (or the 13th this year since there is no school on Saturday) the whole class puts cute little cutout cards in everyone's boxes. For one day of each year, **everyone** feels like they have friends. Who could ever feel left out when they have a box of 18 or more cards asking, "Will you 'bee' mine?" Our culture has programmed us to buy and trade love only once a year. But, in truth, a boxful of heart-shaped papers with fanciful bees on them just doesn't make love real. Love, if we believe the Christian scriptures that tell us **God is love**, is something that existed long before us and will continue long after us. Love is something that we cannot make on our own efforts; love comes to us, surprises us, and changes us. Emily Dickinson wrote:

*Love – is anterior to Life –
Posterior – to Death –
Initial of Creation, and
The exponent of Earth –*

Love is a gift not to hoard for ourselves, but to offer to the world. And so, as Valentine's Day approaches, I urge the Spring Lake community to continue to practice love. People come into

our community because neighbors bend over backwards to help one another. When there is illness and sickness, when there is a death, love does not end. We need to keep the heart of this community alive as we reach out to our new neighbors. Perhaps they are new neighbors, or young neighbors, or old neighbors, or keep- to-themselves neighbors; but whoever they are, realize that they are a vital part of this Spring Lake community.

The Spring Lake Presbyterian Church wants to be your community church, serving **with** you as you reach out in love to your neighbors. We hope you will join us on Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship. We are located just east of Dollar General on Highway 98. If you are between the ages of 12-18, we hope you will join us at Roserio's from 1-2 on Saturday afternoons for free pizza and pop. Children 3-11 gather on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. for Faithweaver Friends. We are always excited to invite new friends to join us. We welcome you with open arms and hope we can live in such a way toward you that you too can believe that God is love.

Beginning February 25th and continuing Wednesday evenings into March, we will offer a free soup supper at 5:30 p.m. throughout the period of Lent, a time in the Christian church where we set aside all that fills our lives so that we can listen for God. We hope you will join us throughout the Lenten season. Peace be with you.

Golf News

The Third Annual Jim McFarling Memorial Tournament will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Spring Lake Golf Resort. The four-person scramble will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on the Cougar Trail course, and lunch will follow golf. The tournament is flighted, and cost to participate is \$25 for members and villa guests; \$50 public fee. Call the Pro Shop for additional details and applications. All proceeds will go to the Highlands County Sertoma Jr. Golf Tour Scholarship fund.



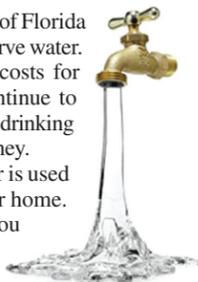
Calling the Pro Shop at 655-1276 and asking for the Director of Golf, Shane Riley, can secure information on the following events:

- February 1** Super Bowl Tournament
- February 21** Breast Cancer Tournament
- March 7** Women's College Golf Invitational

Daily Water Use At Home

Water Management Districts across the state of Florida are always marketing ways for residents to conserve water. Most communities continue to see increased costs for consumptive water, and local water plants continue to upgrade and improve their facilities to ensure safe drinking water for the future; all of which cost more money.

Here are some examples of how much water is used to perform standard and daily functions in your home. It is easy to see how the number of gallons you use, and have to pay for, are "going down the drain!"



- Garbage disposal 4 gallons per minute
- Dishwasher 12 gallons per load
- Toilet flushing 5 gallons per flush

- Bathing 36 gallons (full tub)
- Laundry 43 gallons per load
- Brushing teeth 4 gallons per minute
- Washing hands 4 gallons per minute
- Washing dishes by hand 4 gallons per minute
- Shower 5 gallons per minute
- Yard watering with hose 9 gallons per minute

A public hearing was held on Thursday, January 15, 2 p.m. at the Spring Lake Improvement District Offices to establish new water rates, fees, policies, and procedures. A full review of the new rates and fees will be published in March, as the public hearing was held after the February issue deadline for articles. You can also review the new rates and fees by going to the Web site or stopping by the office for a new brochure.

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