



Bowfin caught at SF8 by **Calvin Matlock**, nephew of Paul and Beth Matlock.



Sawyer Ward SR-26
8 yrs old first 5lb bass

“There’s no such thing as a bad day when you’re fishing.”

- John D. Williams



Emily and Jake Smith SK-66 Emily caught this 4.5 lb bass recently and it is her new personal best.



Dawson Jaskiewicz NF-01B
Night Fishing

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MESSAGE

from the Manager

Hello Lake family, I hope everyone's had a great summer so far and a great 4th of July weekend!

When I took over this business, almost 16 months ago, our community was torn. Between the shareholders, CWC management, board of directors and Lake Patrol, we were facing major turmoil. However, I believe we all have made tremendous strides and have brought much of this community back together in a much more positive, friendly, and caring way. There were changes in personnel, and primarily the way this business had been run for so long. If there is one thing I hate hearing, it's "well that's the way it's always been done." That thought process was eliminated as soon as I took over. April 2023 was a very tough time to start this

new career, but I knew if we all worked together, we could change this culture forever.

I want to commend all of our great employees here at the Cherokee Water Company, the board of directors and the shareholders who have worked so hard to restore this Lake family through constant communication, transparency, respect for one another, fairness and compassion for each other. There are still things that need to be done and some changes still to come. My sincere request is that before someone posts something on social media that they heard or don't have all the facts about, that you reach out to me or my office first. Most if not all the questions can be answered, and the facts given. With all of us continuing to work



Kevin Jones
General Manager,
Lake Cherokee

together, we can make this great place that we call home better than it's ever been.

Remember all the boater's safety rules that we have and please put them into practice. It's been a great summer, and we want you and your family safe on the lake.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM



July 18, 2024 photo by Scott Lee

Cathy Hite

CWC Office Manager

Some Privilege Card History



Why do we charge? To help cover the costs of extra security, increased waste management costs and additional maintenance for maintaining the island and / or boat roads.

So what's changing?

There has been a lot of talk about the cards and charge for accessing the island by land/ gate. Beginning with the next lease renewal, there will no

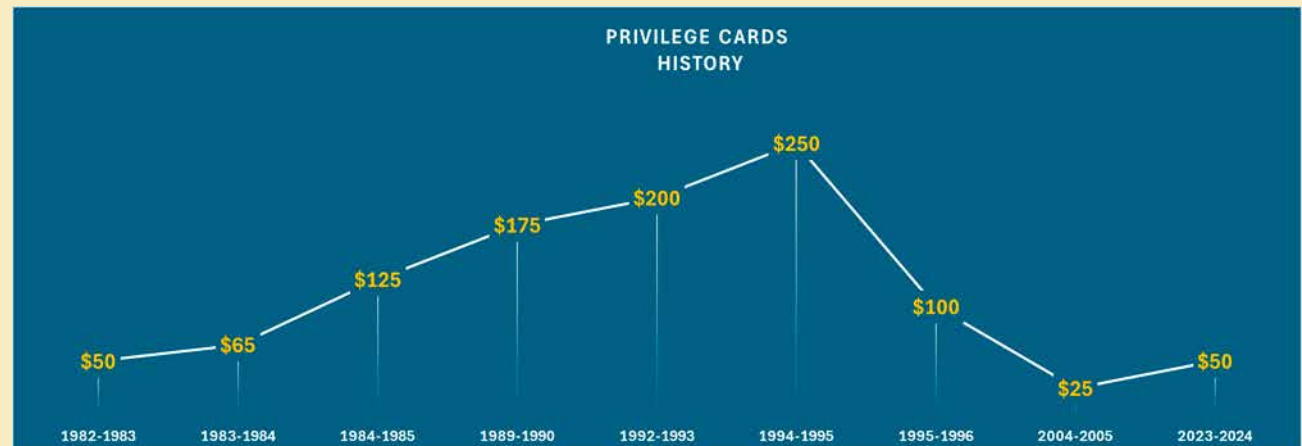
longer be a charge for accessing the island by land. We are in the process of converting the gate entry at the island to touchpad via a code vs the need for a special card. This will eliminate the expense for the island cards. Stay tuned for more details on this as we finalize the conversion.

Cathy Hite

While doing some research, I discovered some interesting facts about Privilege Cards.

The price of a privilege card is currently lower at \$50 per card than back in 1983 when the cards were half the annual lease rental. The price of cards in 1983 were \$65 and increased for the next 10 years when in 1994 the price was \$250 per card. In 1995, the cards were reduced to \$100 and remained at \$100 for 10 years when they dropped to \$25 in 2004.

So, when you think about it, additional privilege card holders have the benefits of using all of our amenities for \$50 a year. Doesn't sound like a bad deal to me.





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Warm Weather Patterns and Fish Kills

Summer heat waves bring on new challenges for the aquatic environment. Warm water holds less oxygen than cold water and extended high-heat periods create environments susceptible to oxygen-related fish kills. These fish kills can be localized (which occurred recently on Lake Cherokee) or total lake kills. This article will break down the processes involved with summertime fish kills.

Physiological Properties of Water

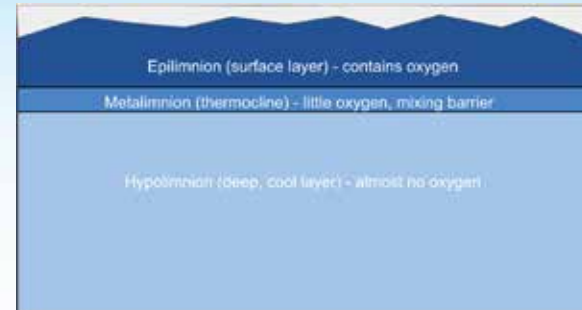
Water exhibits some of the most unique properties of all chemistries on Earth due to its strong hydrogen bonds. Of these unique properties oxygen carrying capacity and density are the most important when it comes to summertime fish kills. Warm water holds less oxygen than cold water, meaning that as water heats during the summer, less oxygen is available for aquatic organisms, leaving the ecosystem more susceptible to oxygen depletion.

The density of water is also impacted by temperature. Warm water is less dense than cool water, with water reaching its densest point at 39.2°F. When water is heated unevenly, the surface can become less dense resulting in the formation of layers, known as stratification.

Stratification/Thermoclines

Stratification is the division of water into distinct layers. The dividing line between the layers is commonly referred to as the thermocline. Thermoclines occur when surface water is heated by the sun causing it to become less dense and sit on top of but not mix with the cooler denser water below. It is similar to the phenomenon that occurs when oil is poured on top of water.

Once a thermocline forms, water in the warm surface layer maintains higher oxygen levels due to interactions with the atmosphere and production from photosynthesis while the denser water underneath becomes devoid of oxygen. Thermoclines can persist throughout the entire summer until natural turn over occurs from cooling temperatures in the fall or it can abruptly mix from high inflows of cool water such as heavy rain events.



Thermocline Disruption and Fish Kills

Heavy rain events in the summer are one of the main causes of summertime fish kills. The rapid influx of cold water causes the warm water on the surface to mix with the cool bottom layer, resulting in a "turn over." The mixing that occurs between the oxygenated and unoxygenated layers results in a dilution of dissolved oxygen across the water column. A rapid decline in oxygen levels can then lead to fish kills, with larger and more susceptible fish such as bass and crappie (compared to catfish) dying first followed by smaller and less susceptible species (if oxygen levels remain low for an extended period).

In large lakes, turnover events can be localized, while smaller ponds generally experience complete turnovers. Localized turnovers are typically seen in areas of high water inflow, such as creek mouths or in the case of Lake Cherokee, past the Silvy bridge and around Lee and Mud creek. This is why a majority of dead fish can be found near these areas.

Numerous lakes and ponds in the path of hurricane Beryl are experiencing the impacts of partial and total turnovers. However, in most scenarios complete fish kills are unlikely, and restocking is rarely needed. While Lake Cherokee did experience a small die off, damages will likely be minor and overall lake populations will be relatively unaffected.

For more information on turnovers and oxygen related fish kills send us a message: garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
July 18, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
Thomas Merritt, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge-absent
Rhonda Bullard
Seleta Davis
Cory Eason
Paul Oberthier
David McDaniel
Alan Koelemay
George Steele

President Gary Mapes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Dee Rea, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Dee Rea made a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, June 20, 2024. Seconded by Seleta Davis. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

Gary Mapes, President, reminded shareholders out of respect for all shareholders that may want to speak, each shareholder will be limited to 3 minutes of speaker time. If a shareholder feels like 3 minutes is insufficient amount of time to discuss their issue, they may contact Kevin or Gary and arrangements will be made to discuss their issue.

Gary Mapes, President, also stated that the board is going to be voting to approve the Capital budget and the Operating budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The operating budget includes \$150 dues increase. Following tonight's meeting, an email will be sent to all shareholders that will contain facts and data which led the board to approve dues increase.

Boat Rally Awards:

Misty Conway passed out trophies presented by Republic Services to shareholders winning in the Open Theme and

the Patriotic Theme Categories:

Open Theme Category:

First Place: Megan Hamner, Lot # NS

03, Theme titled Margaritaville.

Second Place: Maria Mills, NG 34,

Theme titled Hippie\Soul Train

Patriotic Theme Category:

First Place: Bart Owens, Lot # SN 30,

Theme titled USA Olympics

Second Place: Wilbur Yates, Lot # NI

19, Theme titled Crossing the Delaware

General Manager's Report:

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Other items mentioned:

1. A Road Counter has been obtained to measure the amount of traffic on sections of road around the lake. The report by the consulting firm on the condition of Lake Cherokee roads identified 2 sections of road needing maintenance. The amount of traffic on these sections of road will determine what exactly the maintenance procedures will be performed. This will be sent out for bids, and once obtained, construction will begin.

Treasurers Report:

- Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to certify the bills paid for the month ending June 30, 2024. Seconded by Dee Rea. The motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Graves, Treasurer, made a motion to approve the Financials ending June 30, 2024. The second was made by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Graves, Treasurer, made a motion to approve Critical Expenditures for the current fiscal year. (4 items) Patrol Cameras, Boat Ramp Booms, Street Sweeper, Boat Motor.

Alan Koelemay asked a question regarding adding the NK21 Generator proposed in the capital budget also be added to the approval. Gary stated the addition could be added in a subsequent month that the vote tonight would be only for the (4) items listed.

The motion was seconded by Cory Eason. Motion passed unanimously.

- Randy Graves, Treasurer, made a motion to approve the Capital Expenditure for 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Paul Oberthier. Motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Graves, Treasurer, made a motion to approve the 2024-2025

budget. The motion was seconded by Paul Oberthier. Motion passed unanimously.

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee:

Paul Oberthier presented variances to the Board for consideration:

Variances:

NG 59 - To build a porch closer than 75' to the lake. New porch will be 69' from the lake on one side and greater than 75' on the other side. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. Side setbacks will be greater than 6'. Due to inclement weather the committee did not visit the site, however, Paul, Tammie, and Gary did visit the site on the following day. The committee recommends approval of the request. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance request at NG 59. Seconded by Randy Graves. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

SM 15 - To build a carport that will not have 12" overhang. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. Gutters will be installed on two sides and there will be enclosed trim on the gable ends. The gutters will have a total of 4 downspouts directing runoff water to an existing drainage route down a sloped surface on the shareholder's lot. There will be no runoff from the gabled ends. Due to inclement weather the committee did not visit the site, however, Paul, Tammie, and Gary did visit the site on the following day. The committee recommends approval of the request. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance request at SM 15. Seconded by Alan Koelemay. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

NG 25 - To build a new boathouse that extends 120' into the lake. The existing boathouse will be demolished. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The water depth at 120' out is 7'4". The water depth at 88' out is 5'. The committee did visit the site and the shareholder was notified by the Compliance Officer that the committee would recommend denial of the request. The shareholder requested to appeal the committee recommendation, which he did on Monday, July 15, 2024, via Zoom. After the appeal meeting the committee continues to recommend denial of the request to go 120' out. Paul Oberthier made a motion to deny the variance request at NG 25. Seconded by Seleta Davis. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Rhonda Bullard presented the 2nd reading for the following rules changes:

Current Rule:

Construction Rules & Regulations, IV. Houses, Mobile Homes, and Other Buildings

- A. No more than one single-family dwelling shall be permitted on a CWC Lot without permission of the Board of Directors. Permission may be granted to utilize structures not normally designed for residential use, such as a shop or storage building, to be used as a temporary domicile while a primary residence is under construction, such occupancy not to exceed twelve months.

Proposed Rule Change

- A. No more than one single-family dwelling shall be permitted on a CWC Lot without permission of the Board of Directors. Permission may be granted to utilize structures not normally designed for residential use, such as a shop or storage building, to be used as a temporary domicile while a primary residence is under construction, such occupancy not to exceed twelve months. **In the event the Board of Directors approves the construction of a structure which is located on any portion of two or more adjacent lots, and for so long as the structure exists, the ownership of the CWC stock for both affected lots shall be maintained in the name of the same person. This requirement of consolidated ownership shall be released only upon removal of the structure.**

Rational: With only one single family dwelling per lot, placing the dwelling across adjacent lots requires consistency of stock ownership in the same name for as long as the structure exists.

Rhonda Bullard made the motion to the BOD to pass this resolution. The motion was seconded by Thomas Merritt. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary

Lake Cherokee Recycling Update

There is NO trash recycling due to the Kilgore facility fire. In the meantime, you may use the recycling dumpsters for bagged household waste. The only recycling available is can recycling. You may place your compressed cans in the metal boxes located around the lake.



Board Election Process to Begin Soon

This year, the applications for Board of Directors candidacy will be accepted in the CWC office from Monday, September 16, until no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, September 27. Application forms are available in the CWC offices beginning Tuesday, September 3rd from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any shareholder or shareholder's spouse who is in good standing may run for election as a Director on the Board if they are certified by the Special Election Commission. Examples of issues which may interfere with certification are such things as fines or assessments that have not been paid. Four people will be elected to the Board. This year, the three-year term expires for Thomas Merritt, Seleta Davis, Paul Oberthier and the one year term for Rhonda Bullard. Eight incumbent Board members who do not come up for election this year are: Gary Mapes, Kristina Coolidge, Randy Graves, Cory Eason, Dee Rea, David McDaniel, George Steele and Alan Koelemay.

Consider running for the board and volunteering your time for the Lake Cherokee Community.

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The Preservation Club met on Thursday, July 18th.

We are gearing up for our next event... Family Fun Fest that will be held on Saturday, August 31st. This is always a great day for our families along with their kids & grandkids. We will have 3 inflatables, face painting, spray-paint art, corn hole, bucket golf, hot dogs & ice cream!! We look forward to having a big turnout to celebrate the "end" of summer.

Chili Fest is just around the corner so start thinking of putting a team together!

Come check out what we are all about at our next meeting on Thursday, August 15th directly following the CWC Board Meeting.

Welcome to Lake Cherokee

June 2024 Transfers - 8

If you have any questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please feel free to contact Misty Conway at (903) 643-3933 or misty@lkcherokee.com





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Monday, September 2nd
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

Hello,
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and the sunshine! This month I have included rules for fences, driveways, retaining walls, dirt work and drainage. They are as follows:

- **Driveways:** All driveway entrances must be constructed at the same elevation as the existing roadway and shall be constructed with approved underdrain to carry the flow of water in drainage ditches. No drainage ditch can be blocked. (Section IV.J)
- **Fences:** May be constructed along the boundary lines separating shareholders' lots. Fences will not exceed four (4) feet in height at the water's edge at spillway level and must remain at four (4) feet or less toward the road for at least seventy-five (75) feet at which point it may be six (6) feet in height. Electric fences are prohibited. (Section IV.L)
- **Dirt work:** A permit is required before adding or removing any gravel, topsoil or fill dirt to or from CWC property. Shareholders will be required to install approved erosion and sediment control measures. (Section VI. A)
- **Drainage:** The shareholder will be solely responsible for all drainage problems on a leased lot including the cost of engineering, design, and necessary remediation (Section VI. B)
 - Shareholders may not expand lot surface area by encroaching into the lake using retaining walls or other devices. (Section VI. C)



Tammie Sanders
CWC Code Compliance Officer

Permits	
June 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	2
Boathouse - New	2
Boathouse - Repair	5
Demolition	3
Dirt Work / Drainage	1
Driveway / Walkway	3
Fence	6
Home Repairs / Additions	6
New Construction	3
OSSF	1
Other	0
Outdoor Enhancement	3
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	2
Total Permits	37

Variance Deadline	Board Meeting
July 29th	August 15th
September 3rd	September 19th
September 30th	October 17th
October 28th	November 14th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Family Fun Fest	August 31
Crappie Tournament	October 5
Fall Bass Tournament	October 19
Fall Clean up	October 18—20
Chili Fest	November 9

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT JUNE 2024

FACILITY CHECK: 1182	CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS: 14
OPEN DOOR: 9	EXTRA PATROL: 52
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON: 11	DISTURBANCE: 3
WELFARE CHECK: 1	ALARMS: 1
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 13	WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW: 2
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 23	ASSIST AGENCY: 13
ANIMAL ASSIST: 9	BURGLARY/ THEFT: 4

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**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE
AUGUST 14**

This is the 7th in a series of articles on our U.S. Armed Forces. Each month will highlight a different branch. It will culminate with an article on our veterans coinciding with Veterans Day.

The United States Space Force

“Semper Supra – Always Above”

The Space Force is the newest branch of the US military, having been established on December 20, 2019. While a distinct military branch, it is organized under the Department of the Air Force (just as the US Marine Corps is organized under the Department of the Navy). Indeed, for over six decades prior to the establishment of the Space Force, the US Air Force led the military component of America's space exploration and the nation's expansion into space. The US Space Force, now nearly five years old, is tasked with securing America's interests in, from, and to space. It is the smallest of the military branches, with only 14,000 personnel (called Guardians) spread across installations in California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, New Hampshire, and Greenland, but it is charged with an outsized mission: the Space Force defends the ultimate high ground. It protects United States satellites, supports military and humanitarian operations around the globe, and facilitates U.S. commercial launches into space.

The US depends on free access to space and Americans take as an assumption the capabilities available to them as a benefit of this access. Thus, military space operations which secure US access to space regularly impact the daily lives of American citizens. Military operations in other domains—including on land, at sea, in the air, and in cyberspace—all depend on secure communications with space-based technology as well. This is a complicated mission; at present, the Space Force tracks the constant movement of over 47,000 objects in the Earth's orbit while protecting no less than 31 satellites crucial to maintaining GPS alone! More than any other service branch, the Space Force's Guardians work hand in hand with private enterprise, supporting over 200 launches into space through rocket construction and programming as well as mission control and orbital trajectory de-confliction.

While Texas does not (yet!) host any Space Force Bases, all enlisted Guardians receive their basic training at Joint Base San Antonio. This is fitting, as San Antonio was the childhood home of General Bernard Schriever, the man who laid the groundwork for military space operations while in the Air Force. He is viewed by many in the Space Force as a spiritual father of the organization. Though the still-young Space Force may not have



A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket lifts off from launch complex 41 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station with a payload of a high frequency satellite https://www.washingtontimes.com/multimedia/image/ap_rocket_launch_68520jpg/

many Texans in positions of leadership at the moment—Major General Stephen G. Purdy, Jr. is the sole Texan among 28 active Space Force general officers—Guardians owe much to the countless Texans who came before them and worked in NASA.

Specialist 4 Ethan Nichols, USSF, calls Lake Cherokee his home. Originally, he was with the Air Force Honor Guard conducting funerary honors in Arlington National Cemetery, laying to rest over 300 service members from Generals to Tuskegee Airmen. “On August 30th, 2023, I joined the Space Force along with 15 other Air Force Honor Guardsmen to establish the Space Force Honor Guard. Today, I am responsible for representing our Space Force to hundreds of people every day. Our mission is one that I hope people research and understand, because it is vital to our daily modern lives and national safety.”

This series of articles on our armed forces was brought to you by Friends of the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial. Information came from official websites of the above-mentioned organizations. Are you active-duty or a veteran of any of the branches? Please let us know kacourville@gmail.com

Next month: Prisoners of War and Missing in Action

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Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Progress Report

We hope you have had time to read this month's article on the US Space Force. Next time you are on your boat at night with a dark sky, look up at the countless stars and think about the threats and dangers above us. We are fortunate to have our USSF Guardians protecting us. It's an unimaginable task.

It's only been a month since we announced the beginning of our pledge campaign and we've added just under \$10,000 to our existing \$10,000. Thank you! Wouldn't it be amazing to have \$80,000 by the end of October? Then we could announce the beginning of construction on Veterans Day, November 11th. We need your help! For more information on the Memorial and to make your pledge, go to our website www.LakeCherokeeVeteransMemorial.org

Donating money is one way to help, another is to organize your own fundraising event. Marc Bailey, a professional photographer and Air Force Veteran, has come up with a creative way to use his talents to raise money for the Memorial. He is holding a kids Photo Safari Summer Camp at the CWC office on Saturday, August 3 from 10am-1pm with lunch donated by Thomas White. Kids aged 7 and up are welcome. A parent or adult is required to attend with children 13 and under. Kids should bring their smartphone or tablet and be prepared to go on a Photo Safari after an introduction and technique instruction. Then, everyone returns to show off their work, debrief, and eat lunch. The registration fee is \$50 with 100% of proceeds going to the Veterans



Memorial (Thank you Marc!). Register at our website www.LakeCherokeeVeteransMemorial.org under Special Events. Cash and checks will be accepted on the day of the event. Checks should be written out to the Lake Cherokee Community Foundation (LCCF). Marc Bailey has over 40 years of experience with professional photography, working with kids, and FUN! As a Veteran of the Air Force, Marc is excited about raising money and awareness for the memorial while also instilling creativity in young students. We hope you can join us for this unique opportunity. Email marcbailey@prodigy.net with questions.

We sincerely thank you for your support!
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Saturday Aug. 3rd	Ak BBQ and Frios Pops
Sunday Aug. 4th	Back Street Grill and JEE JEEs Party on Wheels
Saturday Aug. 10th	Sir Bentleys and Sunsational Ice
Sunday Aug. 11th	Sir Bentleys and Sunsational Ice
Saturday Aug. 17th	Back Street Grill and Ice Cream Guy
Sunday Aug. 18th	JEE JEEs Party on Wheels
Saturday Aug. 24th	Black Dog Deli + Catering and Ice Cream Guy
Sunday Aug. 25th	Sir Bentleys and Sunsational Ice
Saturday Aug. 31st	Family Fun Day no food trucks
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WOW! What a great week we had again this year at Camp Lake Rats, an outdoor education and ministry week put on by The Church at Lake Cherokee. Camp was held at Firecracker Island again this year with right at 50 kids attending, ranging from kindergarten through 7th grade, and just over 40 adults, (we won't include their age ranges), volunteering their time, talents, and skills. Each day consisted of crafts, games, lesson time, music, and swimming/kayaking and ended with lunch. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Kevin Jones and the entire Lake Cherokee Office staff as well as Lake Patrol and the maintenance staff for your being such a pleasure to work with and for helping to make this such a great week. It is an honor for our church to have the opportunity to serve such a great community.



Keep your eyes open for the dates for next summer's camp in June and we look forward to seeing you on the lake soon.

Father Mike Maxwell
Pastor Bill Blanks



Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The July meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held July 9, 2024 at the Lake Cherokee Office, NK20. We addressed business about the upcoming exhibit at the Longview Museum of Art. The exhibition will be open to the public on September 3, 2024 and be on display through December. Works will be ready for pickup in January 2025. A rough count at this time indicates we may have 50-60 images of "Life at Lake Cherokee".

Holly needs your frame size, name of image and sale price (if you choose) as soon as possible for the master list the museum requests. Please email or text that information. Supply a bio, and artist statement by the August 13 meeting which is a week before the delivery date of the week of August 19. This will give the museum information that they can edit for their purpose in setting up the show. There is a detailed article in the July Chatter.

Following the discussion, we previewed a virtual study by David duChemin. We watched about half

of the presentation which had some interesting perspectives, but members felt it was not dynamic enough to hold attention for the full length. We will be looking for other resources.

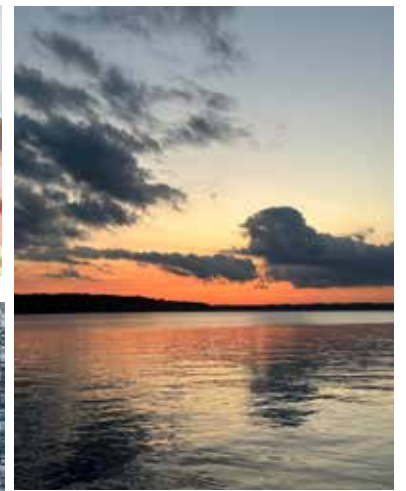
It is time to think about and plan our fall meetings. It would be nice to do something as a group before we lose daylight savings time. Any ideas? What topics are you interested in? Who has information or experiences to share? Bring your ideas to the August meeting.

This group is open to all Lake Cherokee Residents and we would love to see many of you who post on the websites to join us. We are mostly camera phone photographers with some members using more conventional cameras. We encourage photographers of all skill level to join, to share and learn.

Next meeting: August 13, 6PM downstairs at the lake office. If you have questions, please TEXT Holly at 903-399-0066 to introduce your question, as she does not answer unknown numbers.



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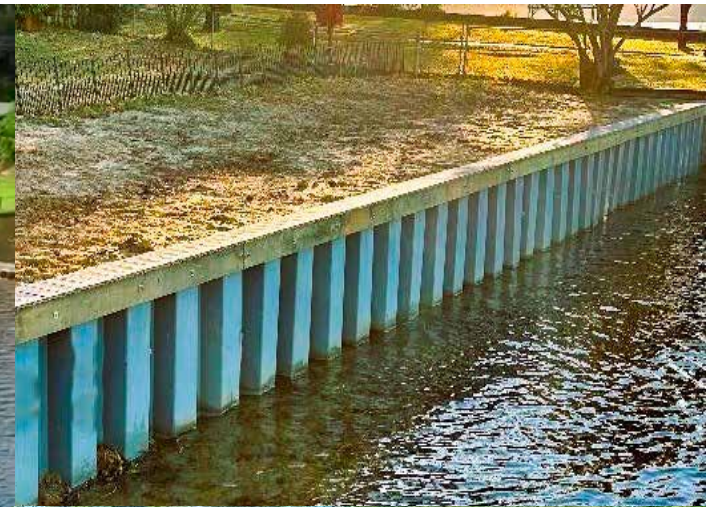
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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

August 2024

As you are reading this article in August, Tennis fans all over the world will have just finished several weeks in July of watching the Wimbledon Tournament in England, one of the most famous and longest-running tennis events. What does tennis have to do with Bridge you ask? One of the most famous and longest-running careers in tennis – and a multiple winner of Wimbledon - was that of Martina Navratilova - - who is also an avid bridge player! Traveling all over the world following the tennis circuit, she was quoted as saying, “No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table.”

The bridge players at Lake Cherokee don't have to travel all over the world to make new friends. We play every Wednesday at the CWC

Tennis legend and winner of 59 Grand Slam titles. On the topic of bridge, she has been quoted as saying “No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table.”

Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 am, and usually play four rounds, finishing around 2:30 pm. The person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name “On the Wall”.

Our group is very informal. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. We look forward to meeting you!

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Cherokee Fishing Club



By Bryce Tawney - Treasurer

Monday July 8 was the scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting was cancelled in anticipation of Hurricane Beryl and proved to be the right call. We hope everyone had minimal disruption from the storm.

Garrett from Pristine Pond Solutions was the planned program speaker for July, and has been rescheduled for the Club's August meeting. The program should be a great discussion.

A new order of Cherokee Fishing Club caps has arrived with two options available. Bryce will have some available for sale for \$20 each at the August meeting.

CFC members and shareholders alike are welcome to join the Cherokee Fishing Club private group on Facebook if you're not already a member. Answer three easy questions help the admins know

you are associated with Lake Cherokee. Please share photos of your latest catch.

August is a good month to fish for Crappie on the brush piles. Be sure to stay hydrated and wear sun protection!

The Club's next meeting is Monday, August 12 and we encourage everyone to attend!

NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

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by Rebekah Taylor



1st place – Phil Porter, Phillip Works, James Patterson, and Danny Matherne.



2nd place – Dan and Sharyn Rust, Bill Blanks, and Noah Blanks.

The Pro Shop hours for AUGUST are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed when the temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

The next tournament date is August 10th @ 8:00 am. **FOUR PERSON PAR THREE: FOUR** person scramble, every hole is a par 3, \$30 per person.

The **WOMEN'S** group plays every Tuesday morning usually @ 9:00 am or 10:00 am depending on

the weather. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for tee time.

Saturday Fun Bunch: every Saturday except for tournament days @ 8:00 am. It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. It is a 4-person scramble. Teams are picked randomly the morning of tournament so plan to arrive early.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday August 8th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all

are welcome to attend and ask questions.

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Step Cajun Cuisine Sunsational Ice	2 Ak BBQ Sunsational Ice CWC Office Closed Labor Day	3 Variance Deadline	4 Bridge Club Luncheon	5	6	7
8 Grandparents' Day	9 Fishing Club	10 Community Gardeners Photography Club	11 Bridge Club Patriot Day	12 Golf Course Board Meeting	13	14
15	16 Board of Director Candidate Filing Period Begins 8:00 am	17	18 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	19 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	20	21
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