



The Cherokee CHATTER

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photos by Joe Thompson

Lease Renewals for 2024 -2025

Starting September 23, 2024 you can renew your 24-25 Annual Lease online via the Shareholder portal. Paper renewals will only be mailed out to those shareholders without Portal access.

Lease dues for 24-25 are \$1625. Split payment amounts are \$825 / \$825 including \$25 processing fee.

You will be able to process your payment online via Visa, Mastercard or Echeck/ACH. You can also send a check or come by the office to make your dues payment. Payment is due by October 31st to avoid a late payment on November 1st of \$100. An additional \$100 will be charged for each month thereafter. If the split payment option is chosen,

the first half is due between October 1st and October 31st. After November 1st, the split payment option is no longer available. The second half of the split payment is due on the first day of April, 2025 and is considered late on the first day of May. Neither the lease application nor the annual lease payment can be accepted or processed by the staff until all of your fines, fees and penalties are satisfied. For late payment penalty purposes, the application or payment is not considered submitted until the day that the fines, fees and penalties are paid.

Look for an email around September 23rd announcing that Lease Renewals are now open in the Portal.



National Night Out (in Texas) will be Tuesday, October 1st.

This is a community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. This generates support and participation in crime efforts; strengthens neighborhood spirit; police community relations; and lets 'outsiders' know we are organized and fighting back. During the event, residents are asked to turn

on their porch lights and spend the evening with their neighbors and patrol officers. Events such as cookouts or block parties occur simultaneously throughout the property, city and State of Texas.

Last year, we had 8 locations and over 250 shareholders participate in NNO event. Let's see if we can expand this in 2024. To do this, we need coordinators to help plan events, identify hosts and invite their neighbors.

If you are willing to be a coordinator this year, please let us know in the office and we can assist you with ideas and planning for patrol and others to stop by your event. Please call the office at (903) 643-3933.

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MESSAGE

from the Manager

Hello lake family, the kids are back in school, football is here, and fall is just around the corner! I hope everyone had a great summer here at the lake.

For this article, I wanted to talk about the decisions that are made and the thought process behind them. It must be said from the beginning, that most if not every decision that I or the board makes will not be met with unanimous support. I won't speak for the Board of Director's in this article other than to say their decisions, as are mine, are based on lengthy discussions, hours of thought, and ultimately what is best for the company. I never want to make a permanent decision based on knee jerk reaction or an idea that has not been thought through. Many times, it is forgotten that this lake is a for profit business. It is not an HOA, or anything remotely close to one, nor will it ever be.

The decisions and conclusions that I come to ultimately have to be based on what is best for the Water Company. I value and encourage shareholder opinions and ideas and there are times when those assist in the process. However, I can not come to a resolution based solely on those. One of the great things about this lake community is that there are numerous differing thoughts, opinions, viewpoints, and perspectives on how we should run the business. Within a management role, hard decisions are a part of the position. I try and make decisions with the long term in mind. That can make for a tough day when much of the world is wanting a decision based on the now. There will be decisions in the future that we, as a community, will have to meet head on. Some of those decisions will be difficult and costly but I can't keep kicking the can down the road and hoping that someone else at some other time will face them for me. One of the most important and costly



Kevin Jones

General Manager, Lake Cherokee

decisions will be rebuilding our aging roads, bridges, and culverts. This is one of the reasons a Strategic Plan was implemented in the last couple of years. By the time this article comes out, we will have started an important and much needed road rebuild on the South side of the lake. This will be a 3.1 mile stretch of lake road that will cost just under \$1.1 Million, and we rebuilt just under 3 miles of road last year for \$1.2 Million. We have an estimated 30+ miles of lake roads, so you can see that after this most recent rebuild, we are only at 20% of our total roadway. The next section of road rebuild will be on the North side in a much needed area.

These are some of the biggest decisions myself and the board have to make, but I will say that some of the smallest decisions are sometimes the most difficult. People in general want everyone to like them, and never want to upset or disappoint others, but when in a management or governing position, one will not be successful if they hold to that ideology. With many decisions come disbelief, dissatisfaction, disappointment, and even anger. I am one of those who would prefer that every decision be met with 100% agreement, support, and happiness, but I understand that is not the case in a leadership role. I will continue to base my decisions on does it positively benefit the company, is it the right thing to do and does it uphold my fiduciary responsibility to the company. I'll leave you with a great quote that I try to lead by, "stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible on your approach."

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM

Cathy Hite

CWC Office Manager



Effective Monday, August 19th the Shareholder Private Portal is live!

This is your one-stop shop for information relevant to shareholders. CWC will use this portal to communicate with you about events and important news. Lease Renewals will be done online via the Portal. You can communicate with CWC via this portal.

Your user ID is your email address. We have added email addresses for shareholders and spouses, if it has been provided. When you log on for the first time, enter your user id and select FORGOT Password. You will receive an email with a reset link to either have your password generated, or you can enter Password and hit save. Attached to this email are login instructions and instructions on how to save to your desktop or phone home screens. It is simple and will save you time in the future.

What's next?

Starting in late September, you will be asked to renew your Lease and pay your dues online.

By renewing online, your information will be updated / stored so that in the future, even more information will be defaulted to the form, preventing the need for you to enter the same information again.

This will be the primary tool for communications with Shareholders. We ask that you get familiar with the Portal and share with us your feedback and ideas for improvements.

If you can't access the Portal, we most likely do not have the correct email address on file for you. Call the CWC office at 903-643-3933 and we can assist you.

What can you find on the Portal?

- Key information we have regarding you and your Lot.
- Important updates / News
- Online calendar for events
- Ability to communicate with CWC staff and Board
- Download important forms such as Permits and submit them to CWC online
- Access to Key documents such as Rules, Bylaws, Strategic plan, etc
- Link to the Online Store
- Engage with other Shareholders via Groups / Clubs

We still have a Cherokee Water Company website at <https://cherokeewater-company.com>. However, it is targeted to the public. Information relevant to shareholders will only be shared via the Shareholders Portal.

Working to improve the Storage Lots!

CWC is working to improve our storage facilities. We are working to improve both the South and North side storage facilities not only for those that rent spots but those that live nearby.

If you currently rent a storage space, please read!

1. **Rates are increasing for 2024-2025 effective 10-1-24.**

Rent rates are as follows:

30 x 15 Unit	\$ 2,100.00/year
15 x 15 Unit	\$ 1,200.00/year
10 x 15 Unit	\$ 700.00/year
10 x 10 Unit	\$ 500.00/year
12x20 Trailer	\$ 115.00/year
12x30 Trailer	\$ 175.00/year
12x40 Big Trailer	\$ 225.00/year

2. **All renters will receive an addendum to sign when they renew for the upcoming year as well as a contract if one is not on file.** This new addendum addresses the items that may be stored at the facilities. The important change to note is that anything stored at the facility should be in working / mobile, operational order as in no stationary items to be placed on the ground.

3. On June 19th an email was sent out asking all renters to have **LOT IDS** on their trailers/ items by July 31st. Several of you have complied. Many of you have not. **You will not be able to renew your storage, until you are in compliance with this requirement. Late fees of \$50** are effective November 1st.

4. There are several spots that have non-compliance items that need to be removed from the facility such as non-operational jet skis, vehicles, appliances, etc. **The deadline for this cleanup is December 1st. A fine of \$50 per month will be charged starting December 1st.** Depending on your items, there are options for disposal locations. One recommendation is the upcoming Lake Cherokee Fall Clean Up the weekend of October 18th. You can reach out to the office for questions regarding specific items.

We realize change is hard and no one likes rate increases. However, CWC storage facilities are the best rates in town. Help us clean up the lots and keep them that way for you and your neighbors. Those of you currently renting will receive in September your storage renewal along with the necessary information we need from you to complete your storage renewal within the deadlines.

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.



Star Provider



Have you ever wanted to know more about the Lake Cherokee community to better serve your clients and expand your market? Lake Cherokee (Cherokee Water Company) is, for the first time ever, offering a course covering the rules, regulations and policies of Lake Cherokee.

Course curriculum is designed to provide professional service providers a better understanding and knowledge of the unique rules, regulations and policies that help make Lake Cherokee such a special community! After successful completion of the test, you will be recognized as a "Star Provider" for Lake Cherokee Shareholders. A list of Star Providers will be published and available to shareholders on the CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms. The "Star Provider" status and logo can be used in your individual marketing to let prospective clients know that you have an in-depth knowledge of the Lake Cherokee community.

The test will be offered online.

To register, come by the Cherokee Water Company offices at NK 20 Lake Cherokee between the hours of 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Fee for the course is \$250.00 - due at time of registration. For more information, call the office at (903) 643-3933

Fee covers:

- The instructional course and course prep materials
- 1 year of advertising in the Star Provider Directory on CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms used by CWC
- Email notifications throughout the year to keep Star Providers updated on any rule or policy changes that could impact service providers and shareholders.

CURRENT STAR PROVIDERS

Realtors

Abby Adkisson	903-431-5636
Clair Balliett	903-918-4605
Kristin Bates	903-808-2182
Alice Berryhill	903-738-4907
Alisha Bixby	903-445-9118
Kristina Coolidge	903-720-4838
Marian Freeman	903-331-7170
Lynne Hall	903-738-6080
Linda Howlett	903-746-0688
Michael Kalmus	469-964-1621
Melinda Leslie	903-576-7667
Lisa Lobue	903-736-5790
Beth Matlock	903-738-9624
Paula Parker	903-315-6913
Harriett Prine	903-238-3999
Stacie Rogers	903-985-2468
Brandi Russel	903-452-7524
Alan Scarborough	903-263-8443
Stephen Skinner	903-240-0168
Renee Wingo	903-424-4987
Bud Summers	903-240-0095
Dianne Swank	903-452-3504
Martha Weant	903-720-0936
Jessica Swank Waldron	903-452-2125



Contractors

AGLYN Number Four LLC	903-759-3985
Alliance Electric	903-643-7319
Clearlake Solutions	903-746-8181
Davidson Builders	903-736-7458
Expert Irrigation	903-407-0980
ETX Precision Detail	903-720-8649
Girls Next Door Restoration	903-720-4874
JOTS Rental	903-236-4019
Ricks Boat Maintenance	903-808-6399



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
August 15, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
Thomas Merritt, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer-absent
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge
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.

Gary Mapes made a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, July 22, 2024. Seconded by Seleta Davis. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

General Manager's Report:

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

1. Kevin gave an update on the south road project. Rayford Truck & Tractor won the bid at \$1,077,922 for the 3-mile project. Construction should start in the next couple of weeks.
2. The BOD's will meet next week to decide the path forward for the Hawk Island Project.

3. Land owned by Cherokee Water Company at the corner of Beaver Run and FM 2011 is being surveyed. Two lots, once the corners are marked and flagged, will go up for sale.

4. A contract with Illumination Fireworks for next year's show has been signed. The show will be at 9:30 PM on July 5, 2025.

5. Cathy Hite announced the Shareholders Private Portal and new Public Website will be LIVE on August 19, 2024. Communications will go out to shareholders with email addresses on Monday, August 19th. Shareholders may also attend any of the sessions below to learn more about the portal. Sessions are at the CWC Office.

Monday, August 19th 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 20th 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 21st 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 22nd 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Friday, August 23rd 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Monday, August 26th 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 27th 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 28th 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 29th 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Friday, August 30th 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Cathy recommended shareholders to get familiar with the portal in August as Online Lease Renewals will be open on the Portal on September 23, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the office 903-643-3933.

Treasurers Report:

Gary Mapes, President, presented the July 2024 Financials in the absence of Randy Graves, Treasurer. We are 10 months into the fiscal year for the 2023-2024 CWC budget. That equates to 83.64% of the fiscal year's budget.

Operating Revenue:

Total operating revenue is 84.62%, slightly above 83.3%. Several items under the operating revenue are greater than 83.3%. These are one-time items that are received annually. Example: Water rental charge to SWEPCO for the operation of their power plant. It is at 100% revenue for the year.

Expense:

Total expenses through July are at 74.25%, 10% lower than budget. Two items are significantly higher than 83.3% for the 10 months. Legal, audit and other fees are at 111% and Fireworks expense is at 102%.

Other Operating Income:

The gain on asset disposition is 351% for the year. This is due to the trade in value (equity) of several of the leased patrol vehicles returned and the sale of SJ-03.

Other Income: 66K

Oil and gas are 35.5% for the year, Timber sales are 68K for the year. Total other income is at 63.20% for the year, below the 83.3% for 10 months.

Thomas Merritt, Vice President, made a motion to certify the bills paid for the month ending July 2024. Seconded by Cory Eason. The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Merritt, Vice President, made a motion to approve the Financials ending July 2024. The second was made by Cory Eason. The motion passed unanimously.

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee:

Paul Oberthier presented variances to the Board for consideration:
Variances:

NJ 19 to build a carport on existing concrete slab that will not have 4:12 pitch roof. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. Side setbacks will be greater than 6'. Paul, Cory, Tammie, and Gary visited the site. Committee recommends approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve variance request at NJ 19. Rhonda Bullard seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

SB 16 to build a carport on an existing concrete slab that will be less than 6' from the property line and have less than 12' overhang. The carport will be 4' from the property line and have a 6" overhang. Gutters will be installed on two sides for drainage control. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. Paul, Cory, Tammie, and Gary visited the site. Committee recommends approval. Paul Oberthier

made a motion to approve variance request at SB 16. Seleta Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ST 54 to build a swimming pool that will be less than 75' from the water. The pool will be 38'4" from the water on one side and 50' from the water on the other side. There will be no vertical structures. Side setbacks will be greater than 6'. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. Paul, Cory, Tammie, and Gary visited the site. Committee recommends approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance request at ST 54. Cory Eason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BYLAWS CHANGE:

Cathy Hite presented proposed changes to the BY LAWS that related to electronic voting.

Cathy Hite, office manager provided an update on the decision to move Board of Directors Election in 2024 to online via the Simply Voting Solution. The transition to the online election will result in savings of \$5-6000 per election. Another benefit is the ease of voting for part-time shareholders. The move to online Board Elections requires an update to our bylaws – Article IV, Section 6, 7 and 8.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6

Current rule:

Election of directors will be on the Corporation's Official Ballot. Official Ballots with proxy designations will be sent by first class mail to each shareholder of record twelve (12) days prior to the first Tuesday in November of each year. A postage paid return envelope will be provided. Official Ballots shall be numbered with a unique number which will be registered only to the shareholder to whom it is addressed. Only original Official Ballots issued by the Corporation may be used and must be placed and sealed in an envelope by the voting shareholder, and either hand delivered to the Corporation's offices at NK20 Lake Cherokee, Longview, Texas 75603 or deposited in the U.S. mail using the envelope and postage provided. To qualify, the envelope containing the Official Ballot

must be delivered to the Corporation's office prior to 5:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday in November, which shall be the vote closing date.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6 is amended to read:

Election of directors will be on the Corporation's Official Electronic Ballot. Official Election notification with secured voting credentials will be sent to each shareholder of record seven days prior to November 1st of each year. To qualify, the VOTES must be registered on the Official online platform between November 1st and prior to 5:00 P.M. on the date of the Annual Shareholder's meeting which shall be the vote closing date.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 7

Current rule:

Upon delivery of the Official Ballot to the Corporation's offices, office personnel will place the unopened envelope containing the Official Ballot into a locked container which may be opened only at a meeting of the Election Commission. Only the Election Commission may open the envelopes.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 7 is amended to read:

Upon receipt of their voting credentials, shareholders may register their votes online via any device connected to the internet or via the kiosk located in the CWC office. Any shareholders assigning their vote by proxy must complete and sign the proxy form available from the CWC office no later than 7 days prior to the close of the election (5:00 pm on the date of the Annual Shareholders meeting).

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8

Current Rule:

Any shareholder may vote in person or by proxy at the annual meeting of shareholders provided that the Election Commission can confirm no other vote has been or will be cast on behalf of the shareholder. The Election Commission will examine all Official Ballots and make examinations of the Corporation's records as they deem necessary to ensure that all requirements of this Article are met. The Election Commission will tally all proxies and will announce all proxy designees, and the number of proxies

assigned to each designee at the annual meeting of shareholders. The Election Commission will distribute the Official Ballots to designated proxies, conduct the election, and count the Official ballots in a method they deem appropriate. The Election Commission will announce the results of the election when they have agreed upon the results. The Election Commission will hold the Official Ballots for ten (10) days in the locked box and then destroy them by burning or shredding.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8 is amended to read:

The Election Commission will oversee the creation and distribution of the Official Electronic Ballot and make examinations of the Corporation's records as they deem necessary to ensure that all requirements of this Article are met. The Election Commission will review, validate, and tally all proxies and will announce all proxy designees and the number of proxies assigned to each designee at the annual meeting of shareholders. The Voting system ensures votes are secure and confidential, tallies all votes and provides the results to the Election Commission. The Election Commission will certify and announce the results of the election at the Annual Shareholders meeting.

Paul Oberthier moved to approve these bylaw changes. The second was made by Dee Rea. Motion passed unanimously.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary

CWC Fall Clean-Up Friday, October 18th - Sunday October 20th

During this period, both the North Side and South Side roll-off container sites will be open between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sunday. The sites will be manned by CWC employees. Residents may bring up to two (2) pickups full (approximately 6 yards) of non-hazardous household waste to the container sites for free disposal. If you need more than six (6) yards, please call the CWC office, to make arrangements. All waste must originate from leased property at Lake Cherokee.

Rather than list what we will be accepting, let me list what we will not be able to accept. We will not be accepting any of the following:

- Hazardous materials of any kind
- Liquids of any kind (examples: paint, solvents, cooking oil, etc.)
- Items that contain PCB's (i.e., transformers)
- Yard waste such as trees, limbs, grass clippings, etc.
- Shingles and roofing materials
- Tires
- Mattresses
- Construction Materials

Many of you wish we could accept yard waste and tree limbs, etc., unfortunately we cannot. To help with this problem, the CWC has arranged for shareholders to obtain, from the CWC office, landfill vouchers to dispose of these items at the Pine Hill Landfill. These vouchers are good for two (2) trips per year. Please call us for details of this program.

Through special arrangements, we will be able to accept some items that are not allowed at the landfill.

These include:

- Some appliances including those that contain Freon such as air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers
- Vehicle batteries will only be received at the north side disposal site

To participate in the cleanup, you must bring the items for disposal and proof that you are a shareholder at Lake Cherokee to the disposal sites during the dates and times given above. Proof may be in the form of a Privilege Card showing you are a shareholder or shareholder's spouse. In addition, a valid DL or other photo ID is required. If the shareholder or shareholder's spouse will not be present (i.e., you have arranged for someone else to transport your material for disposal,) you will need to call the office and make arrangements. This cleanup is for household waste only from the shareholder's Lake Cherokee lot. No commercial disposal will be allowed.

Please take this opportunity to improve our environment, improve the quality of life for all of us on the lake and protect our community.



SPREAD THE WORD

Attention Food Truck Vendors

Saturday Aug. 17th	Back Street Grill and Ice Cream Guy
Sunday Aug. 18th	Black Dog Deli + Catering and 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 - Wild Honey Creamery
Sunday Sept. 1st	2 Step Cajun Cuisine and Sunsational Ice
Monday Sept. 2nd	Ak BBQ and Sunsational Ice

Permits	
July 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	3
Boathouse - New	0
Boathouse - Repair	2
Demolition	0
Dirt Work / Drainage	1
Driveway / Walkway	2
Fence	2
Home Repairs / Additions	9
New Construction	0
OSSF	2
Other	1
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	5
Total Permits	28

UPDATED for WINTER

2024 FUEL CENTER HOURS

(Weather permitting)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Closed

Tuesday & Thursday
Open 2:00 pm - 6:00pm

Saturday
Open 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday
Open 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Credit/Debit Card ONLY
Oil \$10 Seafoam \$13 Ice \$2.50

Welcome to
Lake Cherokee

July 2024 Transfers - 23

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



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THE CHURCH AT LAKE CHEROKEE

A Very Merry

MARKET

Holiday Shopping
10 am - 4 pm



Local Artisans & Boutiques • Bake Sale • Raffles
Lunch at the Church Lady Cafe

Located South of Lake Cherokee
at the intersection of FM 2011 and FM 1716

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www.thechurchatlakecherokee.com

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT

JULY 2024

FACILITY CHECK: 1270	CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS: 9
OPEN DOOR: 4	EXTRA PATROL: 53
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON: 10	DISTURBANCE: 2
WELFARE CHECK: 0	ALARMS: 13
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 13	WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW: 8
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 24	ASSIST AGENCY: 1
ANIMAL ASSIST: 10	BURGLARY/ THEFT: 1

CWC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you are unable to make it to the office during business hours, give us a call. We can help!

(903) 643-3933

barbara@lkcherokee.com

Variance Deadline | Board Meeting

September 3rd | September 19th

September 30th | October 17th

October 28th | November 14th

The Lake Cherokee Online Store

Use your camera to scan the QR code to go directly to the online store.



If you have any ideas for new products, let us know in the office either by calling 903-643-3933 or emailing us at myemail@lkcherokee.com

7 PIECE PIT MASTER BBQ SET IN CARRYING CASE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

“Life at Lake Cherokee”

An exhibit by the Lake Cherokee Photography Club at Longview Museum of Fine Arts September 3, through December 2024.

Museum hours:

Tuesday-Friday 10-4PM

Saturday 10-2PM

Reception September 10 5:30-7 PM

The Cherokee CHATTER

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Please send any correspondence related to The Cherokee Chatter directly to its dedicated e-mail, chatter@lkcherokee.com

This includes articles for clubs, submitted travel photos, submitted fishing photos, Shopper's Corner, Bulletin Board, and regular ads, and any other Chatter related questions or needs.

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NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER

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Lake Cherokee Groups and Clubs

We have several clubs that have been formed and led by Lake Cherokee Shareholders. You can find more information about these clubs in the Shareholder Portal. Key contacts with phone numbers are provided online in the Portal.

Preservation Club

Deanna Kalmus, President
Meetings are 3rd Thursday of each month following Board Mtg

Fishing Club

Genia Holland, President
Meetings are 2nd Monday at 7:00pm at CWC office

First Friends

Roxanne Lane-Brink
Gail Fowler
Lunch 3rd Thursday of each month

Photography Club

Holly Treadway
Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

Bridge Club

Norvella Skarda
Play every Wednesday at 11:30 am at NK21

SHOPPER'S CORNER

WANTED:

Retired Handyman to work part time on my hobby farm doing odds and ends.

Located near Lake Cherokee on FM 2011.

Call Ed Thieman: 903-987-4414

FOR SALE:

20' 2011 Suntracker Party Barge with 40 hp mercury, Bimini top, upholstery like new. 10K
At NP 92. Has never left the lake and runs great. Larry 903.808.1060

FOR SALE:

Minn Kota Edge 55 lb thrust 12 volt and Hummin Bird fish finder Pirana Max 4 \$300.
Total gym XLS system \$300
Call or text 903.918.8616



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An Introduction to Vegetation Management

A guide for the DIYer

Aquatic vegetation control is the number one problem in pond and lake management. Shallow or clear water combined with nutrient-rich muck and high temperatures creates the perfect recipe for an infestation of aquatic vegetation. This means that summertime, when everyone wants to be out enjoying the lake, is also the prime growing season for aquatic vegetation. As a result, understanding plant management is important for keeping undesirable weeds under control. This month's article is going to discuss the different forms of management and serve as a general guide for the "do it yourself" managers.

Management Options

Mechanical Control

Mechanical harvesting is a straightforward and simple management strategy utilizing the manual removal of vegetation. Mechanical harvesting can be performed with a rake, by hand, or with an amphibious harvester. This form of management is highly effective and beneficial in extremely overgrown areas (when using amphibious harvesters) or when weeds are marginal and easily accessed for removal by hand. Regrowth can be expected when harvesting unless the roots are removed with the plant material.

Biological Control

Biological control is the use of living organisms to control vegetation. There are several biological control agents used in aquatics such as grass carp, tilapia, and a few insect species. Biological control methods are being used currently on Lake Cherokee in conjunction with chemical and mechanical harvesting. The biological species used on Lake Cherokee are grass carp, which aid in the control of submerged plants such as the invasive hydrilla, coontail, bladderwort, slender spikerush, and southern naiad. At the moment, no other biological control species are needed on Lake Cherokee but tilapia can be used in private ponds in Texas to assist with algae control and several insect species can be acquired from the state for controlling invasive plants such as water hyacinth and salvinia.

Chemical Control

The use of aquatic herbicides for controlling vegetation is the most complex form of management. There are 14 active ingredients available for controlling aquatic vegetation in Texas, all with different functions. Choosing the correct herbicide and applying it appropriately is critical for successful and safe treatments.

Preventative Management

Preventative management encompasses actions taken prior to plant growth to reduce or prevent infestations of aquatic vegetation. These practices include: deepening shallow areas, nutrient mitigation through muck reduction or phosphorus binding, and sunlight inhibition through shading.

Generally, the best management plan includes multiple or all four of the potential management options.

Creating a Management Plan

Critical steps for implementing an effective management plan will be outlined below.

1. Proper Identification - the most important step to successful management.
2. Determine Available Control Options - Each species of vegetation has different control effective management options. For help determining what options are available and proper identification use the TAMU Aquaplant website or send us a message.
3. Choose a method(s) - Not all options listed as effective can be used in every situation. Be sure to choose a legal and cost effective plan. For chemical applications, evaluate the cost per treatment not cost per chemical. Herbicides have different durations of control. **Always follow the label and state/local laws**
4. Implement and Evaluate - Treatment effectiveness can be impacted by environmental changes so performing the chosen treatment during good weather and monitoring success to make changes as needed is always good practice.

For plant ID help, professional treatments, or DIY treatment help send us a message: garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

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MIA / POW

Missing in Action / Prisoners of War

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President Calvin Coolidge once said, “A nation that forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten.” September 17th is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The day commemorates those who were captured and taken as prisoners of war (POWs) and those who were lost in battles and missing in action (MIA).

More than 81,000 servicemembers and embedded citizens are unaccounted for (missing) from WWII (72,000), the Korean War (7,500), the Cold War (126), the Vietnam War (1,575), and the Gulf War/Libya Operations (6). Approximately 41,000 are suspected to be lost at sea and about 4,100 are from Texas. Each missing person has a story, and their families are most likely anguished simply by not knowing.

To find them, it takes historical documents, family interviews, eyewitness reports, and the ability to physically find remains that may be at sea, in the jungle, or atop mountains. It's a humanitarian mission that takes a team that includes military personnel from all branches of service as well as civilian specialists, especially forensic anthropologists.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) was established in 2015 with the merger of three offices that were working separately. By consolidating personnel and sharing talents, DPAA has returned to home 1,453 service members and civilians. DPAA employs around 700 staff and contracts with other organizations as needed.

DPAA's mission is to “provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation.” DPAA starts with a master list of MIA but prioritizes “Last Known Alive” cases. Research and Investigation Teams (RITs), which include analysts, linguists, medics, and forensic anthropologists, establish cases for missing persons based on host nation archives and other reports and records. Once enough information has been gathered, recovery teams (which may include specialists in life support, communications, forensic photography, explosive ordinance disposal, mortuary affairs, SCUBA, and mountaineering) are deployed. The teams conduct an archeological excavation to send evidence back to U.S. laboratories for DNA, forensic, dental, and radioisotope testing. If evidence supports the identification of a service member, the team authorizes a disinterment of the remains. The family is then notified by a military Casualty Notification Officer and receives dedicated support from the Department of Defense until after all affairs of the case are concluded. A single case may take years to build, investigate, and resolve.

The *USS Oklahoma* was a battleship that was moored at Pearl Harbor and attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy on December 7th, 1941. The ship rolled over and sank,



trapping most of its crew in its upturned hull. Over 400 unidentified sailors died, and their remains were laid to rest in two cemeteries in Hawaii. In 2015, DPAA exhumed remains of crew and as of 2021, 346 have been identified using mitochondrial DNA and autosomal DNA analysis.

The history of Prisoners of War (POWs) is largely horrific and inconsistent since wars and combatants are varied. Throughout history, American POWs were subjected to psychological and physical torture including watching comrades die from starvation, disease, or exposure. In some cases, mistreatment of POWs stems not necessarily from policy but from inadequate preparation for taking on captured warriors. The Geneva Conventions of the 20th century recognized POWs as victims of events, not criminals, and mandated that they be treated humanely with opportunities to meet with representatives of neutral countries (such as Switzerland via the International Red Cross).

The National Prisoners of War Museum in Andersonville, Georgia is on the site of the former Camp Sumter which served as a stockade for captured Union soldiers. Of the 45,000 men who arrived in the 14-month period before the end of the Civil War, 12,920 died and are laid to rest in the now-named Anderson National Cemetery. The Museum was formed in 1998 with collaboration from American Ex-Prisoners of War, a congressionally chartered organization of ex-POWs and their families. The Museum interprets the role of POW camps and commemorates the sacrifices of all American POWs.

Next month: Our Veterans.

For the November Chatter, we want to capture the voices of our Veterans and their family. Please email [Katheryn Kacourville](mailto:kacourville@gmail.com) at kacourville@gmail.com and let me know about your service. I will ask you a few interview questions about your experience as a Veteran and what the Veterans Memorial means to you.

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Katheryn Johnston is a Lake Cherokee resident since 2004. She is a registered nurse and a retired Professor from UT Tyler. Her Father was a Navy veteran who served during the Korean War.

Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Progress Report



We are so blessed to live in a community that refuses to forget the sacrifice of our military service members and their families! At the time of this article's submission, we have raised \$38,000 of the \$57,000 needed to complete the flagpole Display. Our goal is to reach \$50,000 by the end of October so that we can start ordering components for the Flagpole Display. We have three \$4,500 Flagpole sponsorships left including the Coast Guard, Lake Cherokee, and American flagpoles. Each flagpole will have a plaque bearing the sponsor's choice of wording. Please help us get to our goal before Veterans Day – November 11th! Donation information is below.

The Friends of the Veterans Memorial are excited to announce that your donation dollars will now be tax deductible. The Lake Cherokee Community Foundation (LCCF) has been approved as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. LCCF is independent of the Cherokee Water Company and board members are made up of lake residents. The Veterans Memorial is the first project of LCCF and if you wish to donate, simply go on the LCCF website www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org then go the Giving tab to make your designated donation.

The Dedication Wall is on hold until we receive final bids for granite and engraving. The Wall will stand in front of the flag display (from the lake) and will have the words “Duty, Honor, Country” in large lettering in the center. On either side, there will be spaces for 126 veterans' names and their service dates. For those donors wishing to honor a family member or friend who is a veteran, you may want to wait and become a Dedication Wall Donor. More information on this will be coming soon. In the meantime, you may add your veteran to our virtual Wall of Honor on our website for free.

Save the Date!

LCCF is hosting a gala for the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Nov 16th at the Cherokee Club. Our event coordinators are working on speakers, entertainment, and auction items to help us raise any further money needed for the flagpole display, the Dedication Wall and landscaping.

Donation Information

For information on the Memorial, go to www.LakeCherokeeVeteransMemorial.org

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The Preservation Club met on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Final details were discussed regarding our upcoming Family Fun Fest. All fingers are crossed hoping for cooler temps!!

Our next event is Chili Fest which will be held on Saturday, November 9th. You will find more information and an entry form included in this Chatter. Get your teams together and start finessing your recipes!!

As you know our Club's main charge is to find ways to make life better for all our Lake Cherokee neighbors and families. We have several projects in the works for 2024 and will be very excited when they are completed. Keep on the lookout!

Please consider joining us at our next meeting directly following the CWC Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19th. We look forward to meeting you!

2024 Lake Cherokee Photography Contest

Upload your best photos of Lake Cherokee scenery, wildlife, sunsets, island fun, and anything else that is a stand out picture!

KIDS ART CONTEST

“Lake Cherokee through my eyes” Drawing or painting of what Lake Cherokee looks like / means to them!

In September, Shareholders will have an opportunity to vote!

Fan Favorites will be featured in our next calendar!

Email entries to abbyadkisson@gmail.com

This contest is open to any Lake Cherokee shareholder or immediate family and photos must be taken on CWC property.

Please only submit recent photos taken from this year (no repeats from previous year's entries, please)

Landscape photos are preferred Please feel free to submit multiple entries throughout the year as you take those awesome photos (limit of 5 total)

Call or text Abby for questions or if you run into any technical difficulties (903) 431-5636



Lake Cherokee Chili Fest

Sponsored by the Preservation Club

November 9, 2024

Team Name _____

Team Captain _____

Cell # _____ Cell # _____

Lot # _____ Email _____

Team Members

2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

6. _____

Return Entry by October 1, 2024

Turn in entries to Lake office or Email: Dkalmus@lisd.org

If you have questions please call:

Deanna Kalmus @ 469-964-1765

- Recipe can be of team choosing but 15 lbs of meat required for each batch of chili
- Free entry for maximum 6 team members
- Trophies for:
 - People's Choice (overall)
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Cherokee Fishing Club

Fall Crappie Tournament Entry Form

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Event Start Time: 6:30 A.M.

Event Weigh-in Time starts 12:30 P.M. through 2:00 P.M.

Must be in weigh-in line no later than 2:00 P.M.



Cherokee Fishing Club (CFC)
News September 2024

By Bryce Tawney – Treasurer

CFC had 29 members who attended our August Meeting. We welcomed one new member, Carl Davis, to our meeting. We were pleased to also have Davis, Kallie, and Beth Swindell as guests for the evening. Thank you to Pete and Carol Staiti for the great meal featuring pork loin and mashed potatoes. Also, thanks to our cookie people this month who were Pete and Carol, Genia Holland, Larry Willis, Davis Swindell, Gwen Kozeluh, Lori Kump, Bonnie Hegeman, Anna O'Brien, and David Wilson.

President Genia mentioned two new fish feeders were installed at the megastructure. The entry forms and tournament rules for the upcoming CFC Crappie Tournament on October 5th will be in the September Chatter. Forms and rules will be available on the CFC Facebook group in September as well. CFC will also be having our Fall Bass Tournament on October 19. Genia also announced Gary Lindsey will be the new CFC Hatchery Director. Gary will have responsibility for managing the brood ponds. The role also has the title of Vice President of the CFC with limited duties. Gary welcomes volunteers to assist with hatchery activities when needed. 3000 Florida bass fingerlings have been released into Lake Cherokee and will be less than 8 inches long, therefore small bass of this size should not be harvested. 3000 additional fingerlings will be released each year in 2025 and 2026.

Bryce provided the Treasurer's update for the last two months. Bryce has a new stock of two styles of CFC caps, which are available at monthly meetings or can be purchased directly from Bryce.

The program was provided by Garrett Stampport from Pristine Pond Solutions. Garrett provided information on how managing the aquatic food chain impacts decisions on fish slot limits and fish harvesting recommendations. Sunlight is the energy source for three beneficiaries: phytoplankton, algae/plants, and fish. The key is finding the best balance for the lake. Algae and plants have less of a direct

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Team Members

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

I have read and understand the tournament rules and also agree, I am responsible for my team and actions of the team. In the event of injury, death or property damage, I the undersigned do fully release and discharge the Cherokee Fishing Club, its officers, members and the Cherokee Water Company, its board of Directors and employees from any and all claims, demands, and/or causes of actions, including court cost and attorney fees.

Shareholder/Privilege Cardholder Information

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Total Fee: Bass - \$50.00 boat/2-member team, add \$25.00 for each additional person

CFC Membership: _____ Donation to Hatchery: _____ Entry Fee: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Mail forms with payment to Cherokee Fishing Club, SD 14 Lake Cherokee, Henderson, TX 75652. Must be received by Thursday, before the tournament. Entry forms may also be dropped off at the CWC, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday before tournament.

Any questions prior to tournament; Call Genia Holland 903-738-2444.

CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

CFC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. General Rules

1. All Texas rules of the Texas Water Safety Act will apply to all tournaments. The CWC Lake Patrol will enforce the CWC Rules, TP&W Rules and Regulations, and Texas Water Safety Act.
2. A USCG-approved life vest must be worn by each boater any time the main motor is started or running. Inflatable life vests are permitted, provided they are worn at all times.
3. No alcohol or drugs are allowed while fishing in the tournament. Violations will result in disqualification.
4. Any person found to be cheating or endangering watercraft, its occupants, or the property of others will be disqualified and may be banned from all Cherokee Fishing Club events.
5. All weigh-in results of the Tournament Scale are official. Any protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director at the time of weigh-in. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.
6. All participants must display good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including cheating,

harassment, or verbal/physical interference with tournament weigh-in or with other participants, will result in disqualification.

7. No Fishing is allowed within 100 yards of the tournament weigh-in location
8. Fisherman must be in the Weigh-In line no later than the designated time of the end of the tournament.
9. The Cherokee Fishing Club does not provide tournament weigh-in bags and all fish must be placed in a tournament bag, with sufficient water to keep the fish alive during the weigh-in process.
10. Entry fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is canceled or postponed by the CFC President or Tournament Director.
11. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.

B. Crappie (White, Black or Black-Nosed) Tournament

1. Registration Fee is \$50.00 per boat for two people and \$25.00 for each additional person in the boat. The team sponsoring shareholder or one person in the boat must be a current paid-up CFC member.
2. Only rod and reel fishing is allowed with live or artificial bait. No nets, traps, or other methods are

permitted. Each Participant is limited to no more than 2 poles with not more than 2 baits on each pole in the water at a time.

3. Start time is 6:30 a.m. and Weigh-in time is 2:00 p.m. Participants may weigh in any time after 12:30 p.m. until the final weigh-in time, or in-line line by 2:00 p.m. Late arrivals will not be allowed to weigh in.
4. Bag limit is five (5) Crappie per boat and must be alive at weigh-in. A penalty of .5 lb per dead fish will be deducted from the total weight for any dead fish presented at the weigh-in.
5. Must be a minimum of ten (10)" in length
6. The total weight of the eligible crappie will determine the winner. The heaviest total weight wins. Ties will be awarded to the participant who weighed in earliest.
7. Prizes awarded and paid to the winning Tournament Registrants based on a boat team and not as an individual. The Tournament Director or designee will determine the number of winning places to be paid.

Fishermen may retain all legal fish or share them at the weigh-in for survey/harvesting.

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impact on the food chain. Phytoplankton is the foundation and critical to a high-quality fishery and production should be maximized. East Texas lakes have low alkalinity, that reduces or restricts phytoplankton levels, and Lake Cherokee is no exception. Alkalinity and pH can be improved by adding dolomitic lime or agricultural lime which improves phytoplankton levels, though it takes large quantities of lime for a lake our size. Never use hydrated lime or quick lime. Phytoplankton level can be measured via carbon content. The minimum level in a quality environment is 20ppm and 50-150ppm is ideal. Garrett measured Lake Cherokee at 27 ppm.

Because of the challenges and scale of improving water quality, it is even more important to manage the fish population, the top-level consumers in the food chain. Fish survey data to determine the Relative Weight (RWA) of various species has found Lake Cherokee bass to have an RWA of 88%. The optimal level would be 90% and above. Crappie are prolific spawners and survey data indicates they are also below optimal RWA.

Recommendations include: 1) Avoid copper-based aquatic herbicides and 2) Add lime to improve water quality to increase phytoplankton production. 3) Harvest limits of bass less than 3 lbs., crappie of all sizes, and catfish. 4) Remove any gar and bowfin, especially the large ones. All shareholders who fish are encouraged to adopt a family science project to record RWA data (weight and length) for bass and crappie. RWA data survey sheets are available from Cherokee Fishing Club. The RWA survey data provides direct feedback for fishery improvement or decline.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month: Two Solid Pawn Gift Bags by double winner Davis Swindell, Cash by Rod Diehl, Gas Can by Bryce Tawney, and Dry Bag by Don Anderson.

The Club encourages everyone to attend our next meeting on Monday, September 9th.

Cherokee Fishing Club

Fall Bass Tournament Entry Form

October 19, 2024

Event Start Time

Bass 6:30 A.M.

Event Weigh-in Time

Must be in weigh-in line by;

Bass 3:00 P.M.

Team Members

Name: _____ Name: _____

I have read and understand the tournament rules and also agree, I am responsible for my team and actions of the team. In the event of injury, death or property damage, I the undersigned do fully release and discharge the Cherokee Fishing Club, its officers, members and the Cherokee Water Company, its board of Directors and employees from any and all claims, demands, and/or causes of actions, including court cost and attorney fees.

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Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Total Fee: Bass - \$50.00 boat/ 2-member team or single fisherman fishing alone

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11. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.

B. Tournament Species length and bag limits for Bass - BLACK, FLORIDA, OR SPOTTED BASS IN ANY COMBINATION

1. Must be a minimum of fourteen (14)" or greater in length.
2. Bag limit five (5) per boat.

3. No dead fish allowed at the weigh-in. Dead fish will be assessed a weight penalty.
4. No more than two people per boat.
5. \$50.00 per boat entry fee.
6. Prizes will be awarded based on a team, not as individuals on the heavy stringer. The Tournament Director may have individual prizes based on heaviest Bass, 2nd Heaviest Bass, and additional levels of Heaviest Bass.
7. Winning places to be paid will be determined by the Tournament Director and in the absence of the Tournament Director, an officer of the CFC.
8. The Cherokee Fishing Club does not provide tournament weigh-in bags and all fish must be placed in a tournament bag, with sufficient water to keep the fish alive during the weigh-in process.

Generally, Fishermen may not retain any Bass brought to weigh-in. All Bass brought to weigh-in will be released back into the lake unless the Tournament Director elects a Harvesting option.

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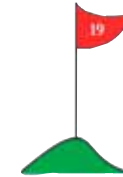
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Any member of the shareholder's family should present their shareholder's card for one FREE round of golf, including the use of a cart.



NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Rebekah Taylor

The Pro Shop hours for SEPTEMBER 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.

LABOR DAY: course is open for scramble 8:00 am.

The next tournament date is September 14th @ 8:00 am. FOUR PERSON STRING. FOUR-person scramble, string is 10 feet long, can save a putt on any hole, cut off the length that is used to make the shot, then can use the remaining string on the following holes for however long it lasts. \$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 September 12th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS – everyone is invited to come by and see our remodeled club house. The project is 90% complete and looking great!! Foundation work, new flooring, new paint, and new umbrellas, too! Thank you to all who worked on the club house with special thanks to our project manager, Dave Stokes. Also, the club is planning to open the 8th green shortly for play!

Last month's PAR THREE TOURNAMENT: We had an exciting tournament with every team finishing under par! The top two teams were 6 under par, and after lunch proceeded to the 18th hole for a live playoff. After 6 holes of sudden death, the team of Mike Erwin, James Patterson, Phil Porter, and Phillip Works came out with the victory over Tammie Spicer, Robbie Nodine, Myron Foster, and Mark Taylor. What a fun and exciting day!

Our esteemed friend Steve Robers finally reached his golden years and has moved up to the forward tees. Please see his fully equipped walker!

Please call the Pro Shop with any questions. (903-643-3571)

Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The August meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was August 13, 2024 at the Lake Cherokee office.

We made final preparations for our upcoming exhibit at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts. All pieces are to be delivered Monday, August 19, between 10-2:00, as early that day as possible. We are very excited about this opportunity to feature our lake in an exhibit called "LIFE AT LAKE CHEROKEE". We have collected 46 images from 9 group members. The museum will have information on pricing if you wish to purchase. The exhibit will be September 3, through December 2024. There will be an opening reception on September 10, 2024 from 5:30-7PM, with beer, wine and some charcuterie provided by the museum guild. The museum is located at 215 E Tyler St, Longview. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2.

The second order of business was planning programs and activities for September through January.

September 10: Opening reception at Longview Museum of Fine Arts

October 8: Photo Safari by boat, weather permitting (12 max or need another boat)

November 12: Mat Cutting Demonstration and group participation

December 10: Holiday

January 14: Marc Bailey Photography presentation

We are still working on filling February 2025-August 2025. If you have a topic you would like to share, or ideas for topics, please let me know.

We welcome all Lake Cherokee residents who are interested in photography, (I know there are many out there), to join our



group. We meet second Tuesday of the month, usually downstairs at the Lake Office at 6:PM. I hope you will join us in pursuing photographic goals. We are quite informal and have many phone photographers in the group. Please EMAIL me at greytbiker@yahoo.com for questions or information. Just introduce yourself as a photographer and I will get back to you by phone if you include it. Thanks, Holly Treadway, group coordinator



Group photo: James Treadway
Flower: Holly Treadway

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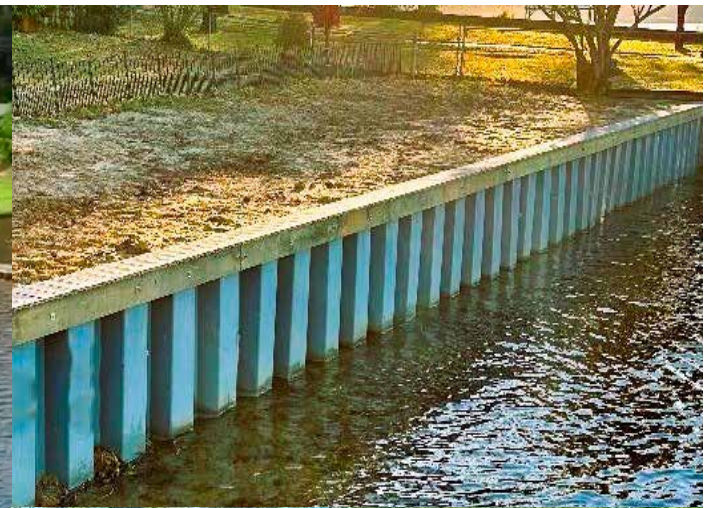
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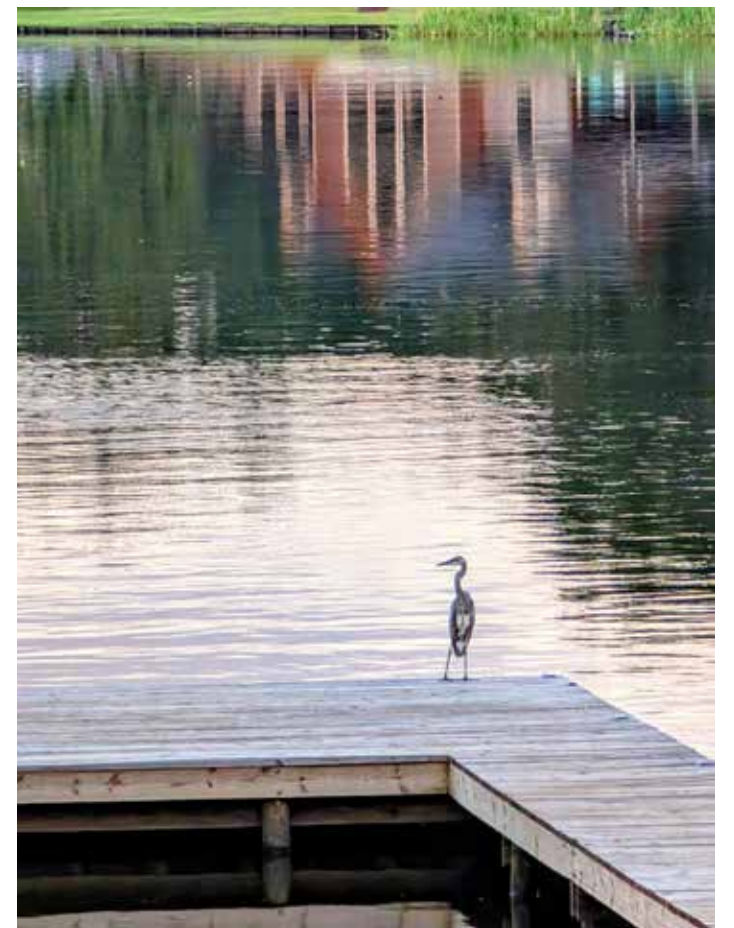
CLUB
 By Jeanne Collins

While visiting with friends is very enjoyable and is certainly a part of the social aspect of playing cards, extraneous talking can sometimes be distracting while playing the game. The CWC club has recently purchased some useful tools to help with the bidding process, and to help each of us remember the progression of the bids despite the distractions.

Attached is a photograph of a "Bidding Box". Each player has their own box, and will, in turn, pull out the card that represents their bid and place it on the table in front of them. Each subsequent bid will be placed on top of and off-set from the prior card(s) so that the previous bid(s) can be seen in order of play. This visual tool is extremely helpful for people with hearing loss and it is also very effective for the preparation of the Defense aspect of the game. Sometimes, when one is playing with a different group at a different location, it makes one miss this visual aid and realize what a valuable tool it is.

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. We play every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 am, and play four rounds, usually 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".

If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. We look forward to meeting you!



Jeanne Collins

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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
22 1st Day of Autumn	23	24	25 Bridge Club	26	27 Board of Director Candidate Filing Period Ends 4:00 pm	28
29	30 Variance Deadline					

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2024-2024 Annual Lease Renewal Due National Night Out (TX)	2 Bridge Club Luncheon	3	4	5 Fall Crappie Tournament
6	7	8 Community Gardeners Photography Club	9 Bridge Club	10 Golf Course Board Meeting	11	12
13	14 Fishing Club Columbus Day	15	16 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	17 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	18 Fall Clean-Up	19 Fall Bass Tournament Fall Clean-Up
20 Fall Clean-Up	21	22	23 Bridge Club	24	25	26
27	28 Variance Deadline	29	30 Bridge Club	31 Halloween		

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