



# The Cherokee CHATTER

## OCTOBER 2024

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## MESSAGE

*from the Manager*

Hello Lake Cherokee family. Am I the only one who feels that this year has flown by? My granddad must have been right when he said the older you get the faster the years pass. Summers came and gone, all the fun events of Fall are here, and we'll be decorating for Christmas before you know it.

We are wrapping up what I am proud to say was a very successful year at Lake Cherokee. This ends my first full year as your General Manager, and I want to say thank you for your trust and all the support I have received. I am very proud of this lake community for coming together and mending so many fences between the CWC, Board of Directors, Lake Patrol, and each other. But rest assured, I am not finished yet. There are still many improvements coming this next year. Myself and all the staff at the CWC will continue serving this community with the highest standards and trust you deserve, but we can't do it without you. We all must continue to work together, be sincere about communication between all, and most importantly have the desire to make a difference. It's one thing to say it, but it's another to be steadfast in our responsibility to guarantee it happens. As I have said many times before, I have an open door policy that works so much better than social media. You can come by, email, or call me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

One Last Thing: Its duck hunting season so here are a few of the laws and CWC rules that must be followed.



**Kevin Jones**

General Manager, Lake Cherokee

CWC: VIII. HUNTING

B. WATERFOWL:

1. Waterfowl hunting is limited to the area upstream from the southern end of Geronimo

boat road where signs identify the hunting area. Waterfowl may only be hunted from a boat.

2. All waterfowl hunting shall be governed by the State and Federal game laws that govern such hunting.

State Law: Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

We do ask that if you are hunting from a boat with a "mud motor" that you respect the shareholders who live West of Silvey Bridge and minimize the noise made by these motors. I ask that once you approach Silvey Bridge, slow your speed down from there to the hunting area. By doing this, the engine noise will be greatly reduced, and the shareholders don't have to be woken up at 4 or 5am every morning by the noise.

Respectfully,

*Kevin Jones*

## Lease Renewal Reminder

The annual lease renewal is here. Payment of \$1,625 is due on the first day of October and is considered late on the first day of November. Everyone should have received a communication to renew your lease. If the split payment option is chosen, the first half (\$825) is due on October 1st and will not be accepted after October 31st. After November 1st, the split payment option is no longer available. The second half of the split payment (\$825) is due on the first day of April, 2025 and is considered late on the first day of May. Your new privilege cards and decals will be mailed to you upon receipt of all required items.

After November 1st, a \$100 late penalty will be issued and assessed each month until payment is received. If you need assistance with your lease renewal, please contact the CWC office.



## Cathy Hite

*CWC Office Manager*



Reminder the Shareholder Portal went live Monday, August 19th

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.

Effective Monday, September 23rd Online Lease Renewals went live. 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.

We will not store your payment information on our database. We will utilize your credit card or bank information only to process your online payment and then the information will be deleted. You still have the option to bring or send a check in the mail for your payment.

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.

You have until November 1st to pay your dues.

If you have any questions or issues with the Portal, please reach out to the office so that we can assist you.

# CWC Fall Clean-Up

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> -  
Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>

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.



## 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 September 19, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

**Gary Mapes, President**  
**Thomas Merritt, Vice President-absent**  
**Randy Graves, Treasurer**  
**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.

Dee Rea made a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, August 15, 2024, and August 19, 2024. Seconded by George Steele. 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. As of today, about one third of the project is complete. Final completion is expected in 3 Weeks.

2. The Preservation Club President, Deanna Kalmus and Darrell Wolven presented to Cherokee Water Company a donation of \$35,000 to rebuild the water-side deck known as the Wedding Deck located at the office. Total cost of the project will be slightly less than \$75,000. Completion of the project hopefully will occur prior to Chili Fest.

3. Contract to build the new Carp Fence at the dam was given to Coby Mize. Construction began this week with the driving of new pylons.

4. The engineering firm of Terry Winn has turned in its plans for sealing the pipe under the dam to TCEQ. Once they approve the plans, bids will go out to seal the pipe with concrete.

5. Kevin discussed a low-cost insurance program offered by Christus Ambulance service with helicopter transportation from the lake area to any of their hospitals. This program provides substantial savings to the user. To receive more information, contact the lake office.

6. Cathy Hite announced that starting September 23, 2024 lease renewals may be accomplished online. Also, she mentioned that October 1, 2024, is National Night out.

### Treasurers Report:

We are 11 months into the fiscal year for the 2023-2024 CWC budget. That equates to 92% of the fiscal year's budget. Income is currently on target at 93.43%. Expenses are running under around 10% at 83.68%.

A motion was made by Randy Graves to certify the bills paid for the month ending August 2024. Dee Rea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Graves to approve reporting of Financials for August 2024. Paul Oberthier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Rules, Policy & Variance Committee:

**Paul Oberthier, Chairman of the Committee presented variances to the Board for consideration:**  
Variances:

**NF 32**, to demolish an existing boathouse and build a new boathouse greater than 50' into the lake. The new boathouse will extend 124' into the lake. The committee visited the site. The water depth is 3'6" at 50', 4'7" at 75', 5'4" at 86', 5'8" at 90' and 11'5" at 124'. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended denying the request to build the new boathouse 124' into the lake. Paul Oberthier made a motion to deny this variance request. Rhonda Bullard seconded the motion. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

**NG 30**, to replace an existing wood retaining wall with a concrete retaining wall and install a 6' privacy fence on top of the new retaining wall. The committee visited the site. The total height will be 9'. The adjacent property has storage buildings higher than 9' that will be next to the new fence. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended approval of the request at NG 30. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance request. The motion was seconded by Randy Graves. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

**NG 48**, to build a new vinyl retaining wall that will extend 2' into the lake at its furthest point. The extension is needed to protect the root system of two existing trees and was recommended by an Arborist. The committee visited the site and both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. The motion was seconded by Seleta Davis. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

**SF 11**, to build a new metal shop building that will have a 3:12 pitch roof and will not have 12" overhangs. There will be gutters installed and will drain to an existing drainage system.

The committee did visit the site and both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

**SG 55**, to build a swimming pool closer than 75' to the lake. The new pool will be 17'6" feet from the lake and will have no vertical structures. The committee visited the site and both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. The motion was seconded by Seleta Davis. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

**SP 22**, to build a new carport closer than 50' to the lake road. The new carport will be 40'6" from the lake road and adjacent to an existing garage at the same distance. Gutters will be installed and drain to an existing drainage system. The committee did visit the site and both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. The motion was seconded by Seleta Davis. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

**SR 13**, to build a covered parking area closer than 75' to the lake. The new parking area will be 22' from the lake and will attach to the existing house at the same distance. The water runoff will be directed to an existing drainage system. The committee did visit the site and both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. The motion was seconded by Randy Graves. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

**ST 54**, to build an outdoor cooking area on an existing concrete patio that will be closer than 75' to the lake. The total height will be 6' high. The committee did visit the site and both adjacent shareholders have signed off.

The committee recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

**SL 73**, to demolish the existing boathouse and build a new boathouse that will be 210' into the lake. The water depth at the existing boathouse is 1'8" at 50', 2'4" at 75', 3'2" at 100', 4'2" at 125', 4'9" at 150', and 5'1" at 160'. The existing boathouse currently extends over the adjoining lot line with SL 72. The new boathouse will be moved to the west to be within the SL 73 lot lines. The water depth at the proposed boathouse location is 5' deep at 185' from the shore. The committee did visit the site, and the adjoining shareholders have signed off. The committee recommended denying the variance request to go 210' from the shoreline. Paul Oberthier made a motion to deny this variance. The motion was seconded by Dee Rea. The motion passes with unanimous consent.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

ATTEST:

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Dee Rea, Secretary

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## GREGG COUNTY

### Early voting begins October 21<sup>st</sup>

**MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION:**

Gregg County Courthouse 101 E Methvin St, 1st Floor, Longview, TX 75601

**WEEK 1:**

Mon, Oct 21 – Fri, Oct 25 8 AM to 5 PM  
Sat, Oct 26 7 AM to 7 PM

**WEEK 2:**

Sun, Oct 27 10 AM to 4 PM  
Mon, Oct 28 – Fri, Nov 1 8 AM to 5 PM

**BRANCH EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

Polling Location	Address
Broughton Recreation Center	801 S MLK Jr Blvd, Longview 75602
Elderville Community Center	10450 HWY 349, Longview, TX 75603
Greggton Community Center	3211 W Marshall Ave, Longview, TX 75604
Judson Community Center	1129 FM 1844, Longview, TX 75605
Longview Community Center	500 E. Whaley St, Longview Tx 75601
Meadowbrook Country Club	1306 Houston St, Kilgore, TX 75662
Pine Tree Community Center	1701 Pine Tree Rd, Longview 75604
White Oak Community Center	1103 S White Oak Rd, White Oak Tx 75693

## RUSK COUNTY

### Early voting begins October 21<sup>st</sup>

**HENDERSON EARLY VOTING LOCATION:**

Rusk County Elections Office 204 N Main Street Henderson, Tx 75652

**WEEK 1:**

Mon, Oct 21 – Fri, Oct 25 8 AM to 5 PM  
Sat, Oct 26 7 AM to 7 PM

**WEEK 2:**

Sun, Oct 27 9 AM to 3 PM  
Mon, Oct 28 – Fri, Nov 1 7 AM to 7 PM

**KILGORE EARLY VOTING LOCATION:**

Kilgore Chandler Street Church of Christ 2700 Chandler Street Kilgore, Tx 75662

**WEEK 1:**

Mon, Oct 21 – Fri, Oct 25 8 AM to 5 PM  
Sat, Oct 26 7 AM to 7 PM

**WEEK 2:**

Sun, Oct 27 9 AM to 3 PM  
Mon, Oct 28 – Fri, Nov 1 8 AM to 5 PM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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**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](mailto:barbara@lkcherokee.com)

**Save the Date**

**CWC Board of Director Candidates Meet and Greet**

Please mark your calendars to attend the Meet the Candidates at 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 10th. It will be held in the Board room at CWC office NK20 Lake Cherokee.

To help you make informed choices for representation on the CWC Board of Directors, please attend the Meet and Greet for the 2024-2025 candidates?

**LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT AUGUST 2024**

**FACILITY CHECK: CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS:**  
1442

**OPEN DOOR:** 7  
10

**SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON:** 238  
7

**WELFARE CHECK:** 2  
1

**ASSIST SHAREHOLDER:** 2  
16

**ISSUE TREE PERMIT:** 3  
19

**ANIMAL ASSIST:** 4  
12

**ALARMS:** 2  
2

**WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW:** 4  
8

**ASSIST AGENCY:** 4  
1

**BURGLARY/ THEFT:** 1

**UPDATED for WINTER**

**2024 FUEL CENTER HOURS**

*(Weather permitting)*

**STARTING OCTOBER 1st**

Tuesday  
Open 2- 6:00pm

Saturday  
Open 12- 6:00 pm

Sunday  
Open 2- 6:00 pm

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

*Welcome to Lake Cherokee*

*August 2024 Transfers - 13*

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](mailto:misty@lkcherokee.com)



**Family Fun Fest 8/31/24**



## The Lake Cherokee Online Store

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



7 PIECE PIT MASTER BBQ SET IN CARRYING CASE

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](mailto:myemail@lkcherokee.com)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month following Board Mtg

### Fishing Club

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

### First Friends

Roxanne Lane-Brink  
Gail Fowler  
Lunch 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

### Photography Club

Holly Treadway  
Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

### Bridge Club

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Crappie Tournament	October 5
Board Candidate Meet and Greet	October 10
Fall Bass Tournament	October 19
Fall Clean up	October 18—20
Chili Fest	November 9

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All Shareholders are urged to contribute articles, event news, photos, inquires and information of interest to residents of Lake Cherokee for publication in The Chatter.

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### NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY,  
**OCTOBER**  
**16**

## "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

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## CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

As fall is approaching and the leaves are beginning to fall, I thought now would be a good time to review CWC rules on permitting the removal of timber and pulpwood. The rules are as follows:

A. Removal or cutting of trees shall be limited to the extent necessary for clearing the foundation site for construction or to the extent reasonably calculated to improve the appearance of the lot.

B. A shareholder must secure a permit from CWC before cutting trees from any CWC property.

1. All trees that are requested to be removed shall be clearly marked with a bright colored ribbon. Access to the property by CWC personnel shall be provided for inspection of the trees requested to be removed.

2. Trees requested to be removed by permit for new construction will only be issued in conjunction with the obtainment of the construction permit.

3. Trees that are damaged or diseased or those that could cause damage to property or that could cause injury to persons may be removed by obtaining a permit from the CWC. Rev: 7/22/24 22

4. Trees cannot be removed from a property line unless they are



*Tammie Sanders*  
CWC Code Compliance Officer

described in article #3. Trees on property lines may be removed by mutual consent of adjacent shareholders and approved by CWC.

5. No permit shall be issued for tree removal purposes if one has been granted for said Lake Cherokee Lot within the five (5) year period immediately prior to the date on which application for a permit is made. For landscaping purposes, no more than twenty percent (20%) of those trees having a diameter of ten inches (10") or greater, thirty inches (30") from the ground shall be removed from any Lake Cherokee Lot. Trees smaller than ten inches (10") in diameter, thirty inches (30") from the ground, may be removed without restriction.

6. Any tree removed from CWC property without securing a permit will result in a fine being issued to the shareholder in the amount of \$500.00 per tree.

To request a permit, you may call the office or with the new Shareholder portal you can send us a message via the request portal. There is no charge for a tree permit. The trees you want removed need to be marked or you will need to be home for the permit to be issued.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

### Variance Deadlines

Only One more Variance meeting during 2024. The next Variance deadline is October 28th. The Variance Committee will meet on November 4th. This is their last meeting until January 2025. Please keep this in mind for planning purposes.

**Variance Deadline** | **Board Meeting**

October 28th | November 14th

Permits	
August 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	5
Boathouse - New	2
Boathouse - Repair	3
Demolition	0
Dirt Work / Drainage	2
Driveway / Walkway	1
Fence	2
Home Repairs / Additions	6
New Construction	0
OSSF	2
Other	2
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	3
Retaining Wall	0
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>29</b>



## Saturday, October 26th, 2024 5th Annual Lake Cherokee Trick-or-Treat

**Trick-Or-Treating will start around 5:00 PM**

**Participants:**  
Please text Lot # to 903-720-9108

**We will post a complete list of participating lots on the Lake Cherokee Shareholder Facebook page closer to October 26th.**

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This is the 9th in a series of articles on our U.S. Armed Forces. Each month highlights a different branch. It will culminate with an article on our veterans coinciding with Veterans Day.

## U.S. Military Veterans

**“The moon gives you light, and the bugles and the drums give you music, and my heart, O my soldiers, my veterans, my heart gives you love.” – Walt Whitman**

Over the past 7 months, we have written this series of Chatter articles to inform Lake Cherokee residents about each branch of our military. In this small way, we hope to have honored the legacy and storied history of each branch. As we wrap up this project, we now sharpen our focus on the men and women who built those legacies and made that history: US Veterans.

This month, we have finally arrived at our veterans and their life AFTER service. Each veteran had a unique experience while serving, and each veteran's transition to civilian life will differ. Some call it “the battle after the war.” Our aim this month is to describe the history of our nation's care for its veterans; in next month's article, we will take a step back and let our veterans speak for themselves.

The US has given back to its veterans since the American Revolution, when pension laws required states to distribute benefits to wounded or injured soldiers. In 1789, the Federal government took over the responsibility of claims from within the War Department. As beneficiaries increased, so did the work, leading to the transfer of the Bureau of Pensions to within the Department of Interior in 1849. The Bureau ballooned after the Civil War and those benefits continued until 2020 when the last pensioner, a daughter of a Union soldier, died at age 90. After WWI, the staggering number of US veterans, combined with veterans from previous wars, required the US Government to consolidate offices and form the Veterans Administration in 1930.

Returning US servicemen and women were treated differently depending on the era. While WWII veterans were fully supported at home and glorified



Steve Alpert, “Legacy,” depicting foot soldiers from eight different eras of the U.S. Army. <https://www.stevealpertart.com/artwork/legacy>.

in Hollywood movies, Vietnam Veterans had a tougher time. Because the US involvement in the Vietnam War was a result of executive action (with Congressional backing) but not a formal declaration of war, services available to veterans of other wars were unavailable to Vietnam vets; Congress even rebuffed calls to amend regulation and policy to improve the situation. Furthermore, veterans could not rely on the support of the American people. Protesters against the war largely targeted soldiers who had been drafted to fight rather than the politicians who supported the ongoing draft and war in the first place! The 1970s were a low point in veteran history, with many Americans, disillusioned and mistrustful of the government, directing their anger at the government's most visible agents: veterans.

A change occurred in January 1981, when American hostages returned from Iran. Americans rejoiced at returning hostages and somehow, were now able to hold discussions on the issues of the Vietnam War that were repressed in the 70s. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1982 and is still the most visited site in Washington, DC. Vietnam veterans were finally beginning to get the homecoming deserved from service during an unpopular and mismanaged war.

Contemporary American society has a different attitude towards veterans. Returning forces from recent wars and conflicts are welcomed and thanked by the government, businesses, and individuals. Hollywood (ever a meter of societal emotion) has reversed its image of service by

portraying the realities of battle and home life. Social media brings us to tears with videos of returning service men and women surprising their children in school. Americans are generally prouder and recognize that a strong fighting force needs a supportive country backing it.

Regardless of which conflict or war, the emotional and psychological toll of military service is a major focus of veteran's groups. Poorly understood and widely considered a psychological issue, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) was originally called shell shock during WWI, with some men in the British army being jailed and executed for desertion and cowardice. New evidence supports a wide array of mental health issues connected with military service, including traumatic brain injury from impacts of explosions. Another social issue facing veterans is homelessness. It is estimated that 13% of the adult homeless population is made up of veterans, and the VA estimates that on any given night, 107,000 veterans are homeless. The cause is multifactorial with most homeless veterans also living with mental illness, alcohol and/or substance abuse, and other co-morbidities.

Veterans' groups are organized to help the transition from military to civilian life. The Veterans Administration (VA) is by far the largest organization, but other non-profits fill in gaps. The VA's mission statement is “To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors.” It offers benefits to veterans and their families including health care, disability compensation, education and training, careers and employment, pension, housing assistance, life insurance, and burials and memorials. The organization employs 24,000 people in Washington, DC alone and has 56 regional offices. Annually,

## Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Progress Report



Lake Cherokee Veteran's Memorial plans are gaining great momentum! The current goal is to have a groundbreaking around Veterans Day (Nov 11)! Request for Bids for Phase 1 (Flagpoles) and Phase 2 (Dedication Wall) are out thanks to prep work by Thomas White. Bids will be reviewed by the Lake Cherokee Community Foundation who will manage the funding. Bids will be evaluated based on price, quality, and service. Funding is 94% complete for Phase 1 with \$53,000 received in pledges and collected donations. All nine flagpoles have been underwritten which allows us to break ground and get this first Phase complete. Any donations over the Phase 1 cost will be carried over to Phase 2.

### Lake Cherokee Community Foundation News!

Mark your calendars for the first annual Lake Cherokee Community Foundation Gala benefiting the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Nov 16th at the Cherokee Club. Underwriting is available for the Gala by contacting Rhonda Bullard ([rcb0613@yahoo.com](mailto:rcb0613@yahoo.com)) or Christy Bussey ([christybussey0420@gmail.com](mailto:christybussey0420@gmail.com)). The Gala will raise funds for the Dedication Wall, lighting and landscaping around the Memorial (Phase 2). A fun evening celebrating veterans and raising funds will include food, beverages, music, dancing, auctions and a dynamic speaker. Ticket information will be released soon. To find out more about the Foundation, go to [www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org) or attend the Gala!

it distributes \$135 billion in benefits to 6 million veterans and their families. Locally, both Longview and Tyler have VA clinics, and the closest VA hospital is in Shreveport.

The American Legion is a non-profit organization that was federally chartered in 1919. The Legion acts locally to help veterans, but also acts nationally to lobby on behalf of the interests of veterans and service members. Among its accomplishments includes championing the “G.I. Bill” in 1944 which helped 12 million WWII veterans advance their education and receive low-interest home loans. The proposed Lake Cherokee Memorial follows the guidelines established by the Legion. The Legion website is an excellent source of information about Flag protocols.

Locally, the East Texas Veterans Resource Center in Longview offers resources

to veterans and their families including housing for those who are at risk for homelessness, mental health support, and peer support. They are always looking for volunteers to serve those who have served [www.helpforvets.com](http://www.helpforvets.com).

Next month: Our Veterans.

How many veterans live on Lake Cherokee? We don't know! Please email [Katheryn kacourville@gmail.com](mailto:kacourville@gmail.com) and let me know about your service.

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### Calculating Relative Weight

Relative weight is a calculation that can be made by taking the length and weight of a fish caught and comparing it to what that fish should weigh based on the standard set by the standard weight equation. This process is described in more detail below:

1. Weigh and measure the fish caught
2. Pull up a standard weight chart for that species
  - a. These Charts can be found by googling "standard weight chart for "crappie, bass, catfish, etc"
  - b. We can also provide an excel sheet with these charts upon request
3. On the chart locate the length and corresponding weight for that length
4. Divide the weight of your fish by the weight on the chart
5. Multiply by the result by 100 to get the relative weight %

Example:

1. A bass caught weighs 1.8 pounds and is 16 inches long
- 2 and 3. The standard weight chart for a bass at 16 inches says it should weigh 2.25lbs.
4. To calculate relative weight divide  $1.8/2.25\text{lbs} = 0.8$
5.  $0.8 \times 100 = 80\%$  relative weight. This tells us that the fish caught is 20% underweight and is therefore not "healthy."

This form of evaluation is available for almost every freshwater species in North America but calculations for bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish are the most common.

### Visual Assessments

The downside to the relative weight equation is the time consumption with weighing and measuring each fish. Visual cues, although far less accurate, are another tool for evaluating the rough "health" of fish. Visual assessments are also very important as the average person considers fish around 85% relative weight as healthy.



The bass on the left is 24 inches, 5.7lbs, and 70% relative weight, which means this fish is very unhealthy and needs to be harvested.

The bass on the right is 22 inches, 8.2lbs, and 128% relative weight, which means that this fish is healthy and growing optimally.

Observing the two fish above visually you will notice that the unhealthy fish is long, narrow, and the same width or skinnier than the head. The healthy fish is tall, thick, and significantly thicker than the head. If bass caught are not significantly thicker than their head with a large belly, they are not healthy.

### Community Fish Management Tool - Click to Join

We are starting a shared fish management log to improve the fishery at Lake Cherokee, send a message to the email below to receive access to the document.

For more information on fish health and management contact:  
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Meeting 9-19-24 Minutes

Preservation Club met on Thursday, September 19th following the board meeting. Deanna Kalmus called the meeting to order and presented the Treasurer's report.

Everyone agreed that Family Fun Fest was a big success... Thanks to Megan Moore for taking the lead on this year's event. Everyone thought the time frame of 11-2 was perfect not only for the attendees but also for the volunteers. Thank you to Clayton's for donating the hot dogs and Kristen Bates for the ice cream. We couldn't do it without volunteers – Thank you to all the volunteers that came out and supported the event.

CWC maintenance completed the installation of the hand dryers for us in time for Family Fun Fest. The feedback was positive and appreciated. In addition, the floors have now been redone in both restrooms and look

fantastic. If you get a chance, stop by the island and take a look.

Reminder that Chili Fest is our next event taking place on Saturday, November 9th at the CWC office. We need chili teams to sign up. There will be a bake sale so if you like to bake, the Preservation Club would appreciate you sharing your skill and baked goods. Everyone likes something a little sweet after tasting all the chili. The entry form is included in the Chatter. The Usual Suspects Band will be our entertainment this year.

The Preservation Club presented a \$35,000 check to CWC tonight at the board meeting. Wet and Wild Boat rally is our fundraising event each year. These funds go towards projects around the lake to improve or add amenities for the community. These funds will be to help rebuild the water-side deck (referred to as the Wedding Deck) at the CWC Office location. This deck is used for weddings, fireworks watching and our band at Chili Fest.

If you have ideas for other projects by the Preservation Club, come to the next meeting on October 17th at approximately 6:30 pm.



*Preservation Club President Deanna Kalmus and Darrell Wolven presented \$35,000 check to Kevin Jones, CWC General Manager to support the rebuild of the "water-side" deck at the CWC office location.*

**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](mailto: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
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  - People's Choice (overall)
  - Judge's Choice (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place) – traditional contains meat (red, venison, etc)
  - Judge's Choice – non- traditional contains no meat
  - Best in Show – costume and décor
  - Realtor's Gold award



# Cherokee Fishing Club

Cherokee Fishing Club (CFC) News October 2024

By Bryce Tawney – Treasurer

CFC had 29 members who attended our September Meeting. We welcomed two new members, Steve Wester and David Cravey, to our meeting. We were pleased to have Phil Works as a guest for the evening. Thank you to Pete and Carol Staiti for the great meal featuring pot roast, carrots, and potatoes. Also, thanks to our cookie people this month who were Pete and Carol, Genia Holland, Larry Willis, and Gwen Kozeluh.

President Genia reminded members that the entry forms and tournament rules for the upcoming CFC Crappie Tournament on October 5th are in the September Chatter. The CFC Fall Bass Tournament is on October 19, with rules and entry forms in the September and October Chatters.

Gary Lindsey, Hatchery Director, updated that the pond holding the bream is again full and other ponds will be filled to curtail weed growth. Gary needs volunteers to assist with hatchery activities, so please contact Gary or Genia about how you can help.

George Steele, Habitat Director, was not available. Gary Lindsey reported that a group of club volunteers worked two days in August to place 35 brush tops on 10 existing brush piles. Special thanks to volunteers Gary Lindsey, Don Anderson, Jim Barton, Bob Graham, James Patterson, Bob Tippet, and Rod Diehl.

This month CFC did not host a program. Genia welcomes ideas and suggestions for future program presenters and topics.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month: Solid Pawn Gift Bags by Robert Cummings and Dawson Jaskiewicz, a Shirt/First Aid Kit by Don Anderson, and a Gas Can by Christian Godwin.

The Club encourages everyone to attend our next meeting on Monday, October 14th.

## CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

### CFC BASS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### A. General Rules

- 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.
- 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.
- No alcohol or drugs are allowed while fishing in the tournament. Violations will result in disqualification.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- No Fishing is allowed within 100 yards of the tournament weigh-in location
- Fisherman must be in the Weigh-In line no later than the designated time of the end of the tournament.
- 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.
- Entry fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is canceled or postponed by the CFC President or Tournament Director.
- 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

- Must be a minimum of fourteen (14)" or greater in length.
- Bag limit five (5) per boat.
- No dead fish allowed at the weigh-in. Dead fish will

- be assessed a weight penalty.
- No more than two people per boat.
- \$50.00 per boat entry fee.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.**

**Updated August 2024**

# 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.

### Shareholder/Privilege Cardholder Information

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CFC Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to Hatchery: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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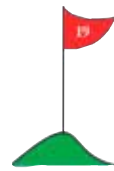
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**NEWS FROM THE  
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by Rebekah Taylor

The Pro Shop hours for OCTOBER are 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed when the temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

COLUMBUS DAY – October 14th: course is open for scramble 9:00 am.

The next tournament date is October 12th @ 9:00 am. **FOUR PERSON SHAMBLE.** FOUR-person team, 6 holes of scramble, 6 holes of best ball, 6 holes of “take the best tee shot and then play your own ball”. \$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 @ 9:00 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 October 10th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.



Last month’s **STRING TOURNAMENT:** Winners – Tammie Spicer, Mark Taylor, Bill Owens and Phil Porter. 2nd place team – Mike Erwin, Bob Thompson, Dan and Sharyn Rust. Congratulations to both teams!

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

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First Friends had a "tea party" at the Empress Tea room in Kilgore on September 19, 2024. It was a lovely setting and so good to be together again after our summer break. Cathy told us a little history about "tea" and it was very interesting - who knew?. Door prizes were fall mums and winners were Susan Deeds and Barb Robar.

Attendance: Cathy True, Brenda Carlton, Judi Morgan, Gail Fowler, Patty Keen, Lisa Goettle, Penny Dant, Jeanne Collins, Barb Robar, Debbie Hobson, Nan Henderson, Nancy Ruff, Carol Ehl, & Susan Deeds.



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# Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The September gathering of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts opening reception for our "Life at Lake Cherokee" photography exhibit. The reception was well attended and we thank all who came. The museum did an awesome job hanging and featuring our work, as well as providing beverages and treats of all kinds. If you were not able to attend the reception, please stop by during business hours through the end of December. (I was there today and people attending another meeting were walking through our exhibit, and I heard many complementary remarks.) Awesome job artists! The Museum is located at 215 E Tyler St, Longview and is open Tuesday-Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2.

Our next meeting is October 8, 2024. Weather permitting, will have a Photo Safari by boat. (12 max for Captain Craig's boat, or may need a second one.) Please Text Holly at 903-399-0066 by October 1, 2024 if you plan to attend.

WE WILL LEAVE FROM THE OFFICE PIER AT 5:00 PM DUE TO SUNSET AT 6:54 PM. NOTE TIME CHANGE! We

were out about 2 hours for the spring safari.

November 12 will be a matt cutting demo and hands on experience by Allan Franklin. Please plan to attend. It is a good skill to have if you frame your pictures or art work.

December 10 Holiday  
January 14, 2025 Marc Bailey  
Photography presentation.

We have included learning activities as well as fun, self directed activities this season. We encourage all lake photographers to join us and bring your knowledge and skills. We have beginning to advanced photographers and most use phone cameras these days. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM at the lake office downstairs. You can e-mail Holly, group coordinator, at greytbiker@yahoo.com for questions, just introduce yourself as a Lake Cherokee photographer, or text me at 903-399-0066. Better yet, just come to a meeting and see what we are all about.



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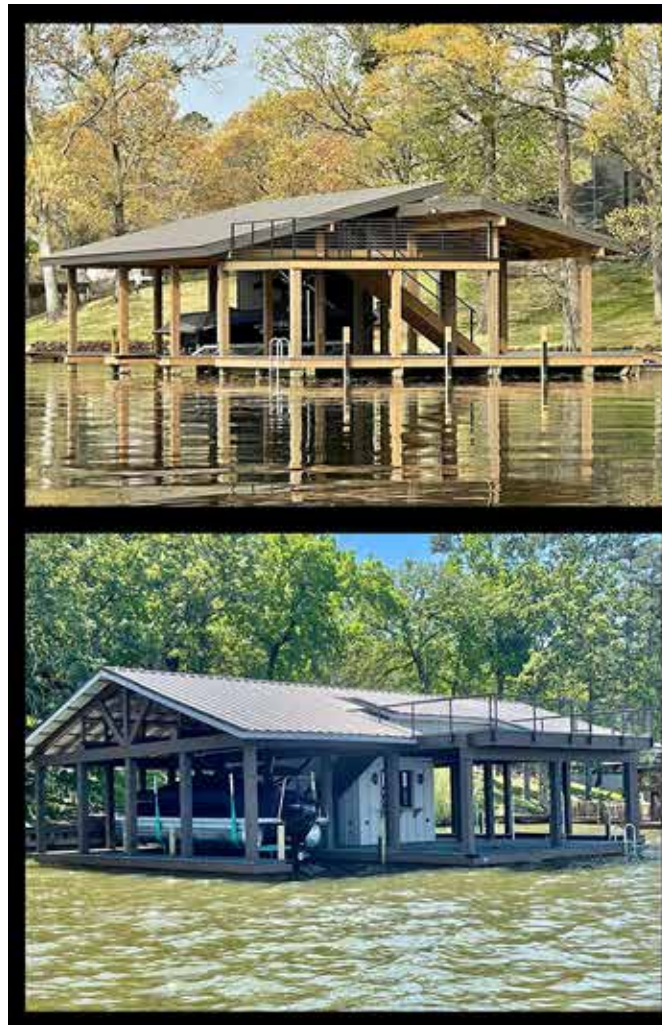
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# BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

In the recent August edition of the Chatter, Martina Navratilova was quoted as saying "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table." I now have first-hand experience with the truth of that statement! My husband and I recently went on a cruise and were lucky enough to find a group to play bridge with on one of the 'At-Sea' days. We had two tables: two players from Yorkshire, England, two from India, one from Ohio, and three from Texas (us two from Longview and one from Houston). It was interesting to note some of the slightly different practices; i.e., the couple from England would say 'No Bid' rather than 'Pass', and they also had lower value requirements for bidding 'No Trump'. We all had good laughs and cooperated through the processes, and spent several delightful hours together.



David and Jeanne Collins at Prince Edward Island, Canada

If you would like to 'make new friends', please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. Our group is very informal, and 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".

We look forward to meeting you!  
Jeanne Collins



Photo by Jennifer Uppendahl on Unsplash

## Raccoons

Raccoons are particularly bad this time of year and create quite a mess at times. Make sure you have cleaned out the old baits and such from your boats and boathouse and wash down fish cleaning areas. Don't leave pet food out as this attracts them. Make sure that any access to any crawl space or attic is sufficiently blocked so no one tries to make it their home for

the winter. Having skunks under the house is not pleasant. Some animal control folks have recommended a product called "Critter

Ridder" that is supposed to help with not only raccoons but skunks, squirrels, and cats too. You can find it and other products online. We suggest reading the reviews to see how it worked for others.

## Critter Season

It is critter season! During the fall, we see an increase in the requests for traps and other animal calls. All the varmints are getting busy trying to forage for the coming winter which makes them more visible



Photo by Profimaximus

and sometimes more destructive to property.

Lake Patrol has live traps available on a first call, first served basis. If Lake Patrol sets a trap on your lot, you must monitor the trap and call when something has been captured so the officers can get the animal released in a timely manner. One of the frequent questions is what the officers do with the animals? They do not release the animal across the road from the lot where it was captured. The animals are taken to CWC owned woodlands, away from the residential lots and released.



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

# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Daylight Saving Ends</b>		<b>Election Day</b>	Bridge Club Luncheon			<b>Chili Fest</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Fishing Club <b>Veteran's Day</b>	Community Gardeners Photography Club	Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	Annual Shareholders Meeting 7pm Golf Course Board Meeting		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Bridge Club	First Friends		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Bridge Club	CWC Office Closed <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	CWC Office Closed <b>Black Friday</b>	

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