

THE CHEROKEE CHATTER

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Mark Your Calendars:

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| Spring Bass Tournament | March 22, 2025 |
| Spring Clean Up | April 11—13, 2025 |
| Easter Egg Hunt | April 19, 2025 |
| Boater Education Course | June 7, 2025 |
| Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally | June 14, 2025 |
| Boat Parade | July 5, 2025 |
| Fireworks Spectacular | July 5, 2025 |
| Family Fun Fest | August 30, 2025 |
| Crappie Tournament | September 27, 2025 |
| Fall Bass Tournament | October 18, 2025 |
| Fall Clean up | October 17—19, 2025 |
| Chili Fest | November 8, 2025 |



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MESSAGE *from the Manager*



Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Welcome to 2025! Two thousand twenty-four was a great year for Cherokee Water Company and I hope it was for each of you. The holidays are over and it's time for us to get back to work on this year's business. This month, the Board of Directors and I will begin meeting again with every intention of being fiducially responsible and representing the best interests of the lake. We'll look at what we aim to accomplish in the coming year and strive to achieve every goal possible. The different committees will be

busy considering ways to improve the look, feel and way of life here at Lake Cherokee.

I'm excited about all that is to come this year and as always, I'm available if and when you need me. I hope everyone is safe this winter and looking forward to seeing you around the lake.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2024

FACILITY CHECK:

1795

EXTRA PATROL:

235

OPEN DOOR:

9

DISTURBANCE:

5

SUSPICIOUS

VEHICLE/
PERSON:

7

ALARMS:

4

WELFARE CHECK:

2

VEHICLE / BOAT
ACCIDENT:

0

ASSIST

SHAREHOLDER:

22

WATER

RESPONSE/
BOAT TOW:

4

ISSUE TREE

PERMIT:

7

ASSIST AGENCY:

6

ANIMAL ASSIST:

12

BURGLARY/
THEFT:

0

CLEAR ROADWAY

OF TREES

/DEBRIS:

9

Permits

November 2024

| Permit Type | # |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Accessory Building | 6 |
| Boathouse - New | 2 |
| Boathouse - Repair | 6 |
| Demolition | 2 |
| Dirt Work / Drainage | 0 |
| Driveway / Walkway | 1 |
| Fence | 2 |
| Home Repairs / Additions | 1 |
| New Construction | 0 |
| OSSF | 1 |
| Other | 0 |
| Outdoor Enhancement | 0 |
| Pool | 0 |
| Retaining Wall | 2 |
| Total Permits | 23 |



Cathy Hite
Office Manager, Lake Cherokee

I hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends. To kick off the New Year, I thought I would share some insights on how you can leverage the portal to "STAY IN THE KNOW" and engage with the office.

It starts with the Shareholder Portal. Log into the Portal.

Groups and Clubs

On the main page – left hand navigation bar, select "Groups and Clubs. You will see a list

of the Public Groups to join. Click the button (+ Join Group). You can now see Photos, Documents, Discussions, etc that the Organizers/ Moderators have posted. You can send messages to the leaders with questions or comments.

Calendar

In the Portal you also have access to the Lake Calendar. The calendar will have the meetings for these groups listed as well as other key events such as Board meetings, and other events.

Chatter

If you are interested in reading the chatter before it hits the mailbox, you can find the chatter online usually a week and a half earlier than the paper copy arrives.

Request Portal

Last but not least, if you want to communicate with the Office, you can send a message directly from

Cathy Hite

CWC Office Manager Article

within the Portal using the link – Request Portal.

Lake Cherokee Store

We have an "official" Lake Cherokee Store. If you go to the internet and search, you may not be directed to our store. Use the Link in the Portal. We have shirts, hats, accessories and a duffle bag. The items are made when ordered so the delivery can take a little longer but worth the wait.

Our official store address is store. lkcherokee.com

If you have any issues or have questions regarding the Shareholder Portal, contact the office and we can assist you.

Happy New Year,

Cathy



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End of Year Summary

Introduction

The 2024 season was a year of great improvement for Lake Cherokee. Our primary goals for this year were to improve the overall health of the lake by balancing aquatic vegetation coverage, improving fish size and health, transition to safer and more effective aquatic herbicides, and provide education and build community with shareholders around the lake. The data we collected at the end of the year survey showed excellent progress in these areas.

Herbicides and Vegetation Management

Managing vegetation issues was one of the primary goals for 2024. One of the key variables for improving vegetation control was implementing a dynamic chemical approach rather than a one size fits all. This year our herbicide selection was strategically planned out based on location, water quality, species of plant, and desired duration of control. Which is why we operated with multiple different spray tanks and were constantly alternating between different chemical combinations in each. We also understand that health and safety is a big deal for us, and everyone else who shares this lake. As a result, we opted away from using herbicides in the swim area and volleyball area, and instead used mechanical removal when needed. In non high traffic swim areas we targeted vegetation that blocked boat house entries, boat navigation lanes, and hindered bank recreation. We also made a point to preserve natural areas of vegetation to provide balance for both the recreational activist and the die hard fisherman. The balance may never be perfect but we will always work to serve both the best we can. Which is why we encourage all property owners to come out and meet us when you see us on the lake, and let us know what your goals for your personal area are, so that we may provide the best service possible.

We also transitioned away from copper based herbicides and algaecides that can accumulate in the sediments and kill off the beneficial bacteria that break down and recycle nutrients. This will allow healthy bacteria colonies to begin to properly break down old dying plant material and promote a healthier ecosystem.

These chemical management strategies combined with biological control via grass carp and mechanical harvesting in areas of severe weed infestation, resulted in some amazing outcomes for this year.

Hydrilla, an invasive and very problematic species, has not been seen by us on the Lake since March of this year. Instead, many native species such as coontail, which is more beneficial for fish and wildlife, have taken its place. Overall vegetative coverage has decreased from 2023 and is in a more ideal range of 8-12% total surface area

coverage. We plan to continue to optimize our management going forward and making improvements each year. Our goal for vegetation management is to free up swimming and recreation, while also promoting fishing and areas of natural beauty. We will continue working towards this goal in 2025.

End of Year Fish Data

Our end of year fish survey for 2024 showed some significant improvements from 2023. Over the last year we have encouraged the harvest of bass and crappie due to overpopulation issues causing fish to be underweight and slow growing. In just one year of making changes the following outcomes have occurred:

1. Bass relative weights (a measure of overall health) have increased from 87% in 2023 to 92% in 2024. This is a significant increase and far greater than we expected for just a single year.
2. Crappie relative weights also increased from 88% in 2023 to 89% in 2024. This is a normal rate of progression, especially for crappie due to how many offspring they can produce. Any increase in this short of time is amazing to see. Fisherman also report significant size increases on their average fishing day.
3. Forage fish populations for gizzard shad, threadfin shad, and bluegill are similar to 2024 but more large bluegill were collected this year than in 2023.
4. Redear and redbreast sunfish both increased from 2023 to 2024. This is due to less predation pressure. These fish are subject to rapid population decline when too many bass are present because they only spawn one time.

Some of these numbers may seem like small scale improvements but when you consider the size of Lake Cherokee and the amount of fish present in the lake, these are very impressive results for only one year. We encourage everyone to continue to keep crappie and small or skinny bass. Harvest every year will be the key to continued improvement in the health of the fishery and maintaining that health in the future. We plan to continue the current management strategies for the fishery since results so far have exceeded expectations. We will also be working to produce additional forage fish in the hatchery ponds and work towards a plan for improving the health of the entire lake even more with water quality enhancements.

Our goal is to create the greatest private lake in the country and meet the needs of each and every stakeholder that calls Lake Cherokee home. This first year has been exciting and we look forward to 2025. Please reach out to us with any questions or comments that you may have about management for next year.

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You can also post a picture of your pet on Facebook and ask others to be on the lookout. Make sure your pet has a collar with a tag that has contact information and/ or an IRD chip.

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If you have not already done so, place your vehicle decals on your vehicles soon.

As a reminder, replacement watercraft decals are \$50.00 so make sure to keep them in a safe place until such time they can be placed on the boat or PWC.



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Closed
November, December, January,
February
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2025

*Hello
New
Year*

Variance Deadlines

2025

- 1/2—1/16 Board Meeting
- 2/4—2/20 Board meeting
- 3/4—3/20 Board meeting
- 4/1—4/17 Board meeting
- 4/29—5/15 Board meeting
- 6/3—6/19 Board meeting
- 7/1—7/17 Board meeting
- 8/5—8/21 Board meeting
- 9/2 — 9/18 Board Meeting
- 9/30 — 10/16 Board Meeting
- 10/28 — 11/13 Board Meeting



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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

*Welcome to
Lake Cherokee*

November 2024 Transfers- 7
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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

January, 2025 issue

British author Dame Agatha Christie is one of the most prolific mystery writers of all time, with 66 novels and 14 short story collections, many of which have been made into movies, TV series and stage plays. Herself an avid bridge player, she also incorporated the game of bridge into many of her crime stories. One of her fictional detectives, Hercule Poirot, is a regular player and in Ms. Christie's novel, "Cards on the Table", he analyzes the playing style of one of the suspects to help solve the crime.

Each week, the CWC club members try to solve their own mysteries of the best way to play each hand dealt, and

the person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

Bridge play at the CWC club 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.

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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Lake Cherokee Photography Club



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The December meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held at the beautifully decorated home of Gay and Ken Kirkland. We enjoyed a plethora of appetizers, a wonderful meal and of course, many desserts from which to choose. It was a chance to socialize with club members and spouses. We had a white elephant gift exchange. Few gifts were "stolen", and many were quite interesting. (I have a feeling that some may make a reappearance next year!)

January 14, 2025 will feature Marc Bailey, professional photographer, who has presented to our group in the past. He is always informative and often has classroom assignments that require phone cameras for immediate feedback. I hope to see a large group and

some new members. This will be downstairs at the lake office at 6 PM.

February 11, 2025 There will be a matt cutting demonstration by Allan Franklin and assisted by Karen Franklin. After his demo and instructions he will have 4 cutters available so that there can be a hands on experience for all.

March 11, 2025 Deanna Harkness will demonstrate Photo Stacking. This meeting will be at her home. She has asked us to bring a macro subject like a leaf, flower or other tiny object for us to try the technique. She has black and white backgrounds. If you want a different color, it needs to be 12x12inches. There may be time to photograph the sunset as it will be about 7:30 PM.

April 8, 2025 To be Determined

May 13, 2025 Patty Stewart will present although her

topic has yet to be formalized.

Our exhibit at the Tyler Street Longview Museum of Fine Arts will be available until the end of the year. We have 46 images representing lake life. All images are for sale. Museum staff have a price list, or you can contact the participants directly. Jim and Holly Treadway, Teresa Davis, Karen and Allan Franklin, Craig Nichols, Carol Church, Patty Stewart and Ken Kirkland. TEXT Holly 903-399-0066 and I will forward message.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, usually downstairs at the lake office, NK20, at 6 PM. unless otherwise noted. We are informal so late arrivals are fine. If you have any questions, TEXT Holly at 903-399-0066 (Phone has call blocker, but texts seem to come in), or email me at greytbiker@yahoo.com. Please note in subject "Photo Club" and I will get back to you.

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Lucky New Year's Black-Eyed Pea Stew

Prep 15 m
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Ingredients

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 cups finely shredded Napa cabbage
1 (8 ounce) can sliced water chestnuts, drained
1 pound ham hocks
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 bay leaves
1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
salt to taste
1 quart chicken stock
1 (10 ounce) package frozen black-eyed peas
1 1/2 cups basmati rice, well rinsed
3 cups water

Directions

Heat the oil in a deep pan or stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir in the onions and garlic, and cook until transparent, about 5 minutes. Mix in the Napa cabbage; toss and cook until wilted, about 2 minutes. Add the ham hocks, cayenne pepper, bay leaf, Cajun seasoning, and salt, stirring for 2 minutes more. Pour in the chicken stock and black-eyed peas. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to low and cook uncovered for 2 hours. Meanwhile, place the rice and water into a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer until all liquid is absorbed and rice is light and fluffy, about 20 minutes. Before serving, remove the ham hocks from the pot. Coarsely chop the meat, and return to the black-eyed pea mixture. Serve hot over Basmati rice.



Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Update January 2025

2024 was an amazing year for the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial. At the beginning of the year, we had about \$7000 in the bank, a beautiful design,

but an empty lot. In one year, we made lots of friends, raised \$123,000, celebrated Veterans Day at the site, held a sold-out Gala, raised 9 flags, and built a wall! Better yet, we can now show (not just talk about) our gratitude to those men and women who in their small parts, protected and strengthened our nation.

And there's more to come. Thanks to "The Flag Guy" (Greg Murphy) we will have 10 additional 10' flags added to the site for 6 holidays. He volunteers for the Danville Masonic Lodge which uses proceeds for graduating seniors at Sabine and Kilgore High Schools. Give him a holler and thank him for his generosity. The Wall of Honor will hold 128 names of veterans who are important to our residents. How special for a child to see the name of their granddad or great granddad (!) engraved on the wall. The site will be accessible by land and by water and will become a park where visitors can reflect on Duty, Honor, and Country. The site will also be a place of celebration – not quite like a boisterous boat house party – but a celebration of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Add your veteran to the Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is a 4' high concrete wall in front



of the Flagpole display facing the lake. The face of the wall will be covered in sheer black granite. The center panel will display the large, engraved words "Duty Honor Country." The side panels will hold 128 names of veterans important to Lake Cherokee members. As of December 11th, 100 names have been reserved. If you want to reserve a spot for you or your veteran, email me soon.



If you have already reserved a spot on the Wall of Honor, you should have received email #1 from me around Christmastime asking to verify your veteran's information. If you have not gotten this email, contact Katheryn Johnston immediately kacourville@gmail.com. We will send all verified names to the engraver who will create a stencil for the wall. Mail #2 will be sent to you asking you to proof your veteran's stenciled name. It is important that all names are correct before we begin sandblasting!



Become a Friend of LCVM. Do you want to do more for our veterans and for the Memorial? Help with upcoming events? Help create content (photos, stories, etc.) for the website or a newsletter? Or, do you just want to be informed of happenings? Go to our website and become a Friend of LCVM. We promise not to sell your email address!

The Friends of LCVM wish you a joyous new year!

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2024 Lake Cherokee Community Foundation Gala
Benefitting the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial
November 16, 2024

Thanks for Giving!

The Lake Cherokee Veteran Memorial is fully funded thanks to the guests, underwriters, and sponsors at the first annual LCCF gala on Nov 16th.
If you see these folks, pass on your thanks for their generosity.

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Lynda & Mike Maxwell (American/POW-MIA flags)
Judy & John Morgan (Army flag)
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Cherokee Fishing Club

By Bryce Tawney – Secretary

January 2025

CFC's December Meeting with our annual Christmas dinner hosted 38 members and family. Pete and Carol Staiti prepared a wonderful dinner that included boiled shrimp, chicken, pork loin, roast beef, and sides of mashed potatoes with gravy and green beans. Desserts and additional sides were plentiful thanks to Cookie People Anna O'Brien, Genia Holland, Larry Willis, Gwen Kozeluh, David Wilson, Jerald Lewis, Linda Steele, and Bryce Tawney.

President Genia Holland thanked everyone who contributed to CFC's hugely successful food drive for Samaritan House of Tatum and our impactful toy drive for the Tatum Police Dept Blue Santa program. Cherokee residents' continuous generosity makes the holidays much better for many people in our community.

Genia reminded members that January will start a new membership year, renewals are very much appreciated, and new members are welcome. All members are encouraged to attend the first meeting of the year on Monday, January 13 which includes a member vote on the updated Constitution and Bylaws. March 22, 2025, CFC will hold the Spring Memorial Bass Tournament, including a post-tournament gathering featuring door prizes for tournament registrants and participants.

Once everyone had their fill of dinner and desserts, the evening was topped off with drawings for door prizes consisting of cash, gift cards, and Gift Bags. The winners of envelopes with cash or gift cards were: Carol Staiti, Mike Flenner, Don Anderson, Bob O'Brien, Terry Kozeluh, Tom Kelly, Gary Willingham, Darlene Lanias, Jane Lewis, Bryce Tawney, Steve Wester, Linda Steele and Greg LaCour.

Gift Bag winners: Dawson Jaskiewicz, James Patterson, Dana Wilson, Logan Lobue, Glenn Hanka, Jerald Lewis, Gwen Kozeluh, and Genia Holland.

Bubba 33 Gift Cards donated by East Texas ENT: Cathy Withers, Anna O'Brien, Brad Lanias, and Juanice Willingham.

CFC looks forward to seeing everyone on Monday, January 13!!

LAKE CHEROKEE FISH, SIZE AND DAILY BAG LIMITS 2025

| SPECIES | SIZE | DAILY BAG LIMIT |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Catfish (Channel and Blue) | 12" or greater | 25 |
| Opelousas Catfish (Flathead) | 18" or greater | 5 |
| Black Bass (Largemouth, Spotted) | Slot 10-14" | 20 (preferably Spotted) |
| Yellow Bass (Bar Bass) | No size limit | No limit |
| Crappie (White or Black) | No size limit | 45 |
| Bream (All Species) | No limit ** | No limit ** |

**Fishermen are urged to keep ALL Bream 8" or greater

Fishermen are urged to keep ALL Green Sunfish and Warmouth (Goggle-Eye)

Please remove any Gar, Common Carp, or Grinnell (Bowfin) that are caught



**CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB
Annual Membership Registration**

Name _____ Spouse/significant other _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Lot # _____

Email _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Below answers are optional:

*Do you live on the lake full-time (y/n) _____

*How long have you been a shareholder? _____

*How often do you fish? _____

*Preferred Species _____

*Program topic suggestions _____

Reason for joining our club _____

Additional Family Members

Name _____ Relationship _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Lot # _____

Email _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Lot # _____

Email _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Use reverse side for additional family members.

Bring this membership form to a monthly meeting or mail membership with a \$20.00 check for each adult member. Junior Fishermen age fourteen and under, \$10.00 each. Checks should be made out to the "Cherokee Fishing Club."

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The Preservation Club took a break from meeting this month due to the craziness of the holiday season. Whew...can we all agree about that?! As a whole the Club feels 2024 was a successful year. We hope our lake community feels the same. If you have not already grabbed a calendar, they are at the CWC office. Stop by and pick up a new 2025 Preservation Club Calendar. Go ahead and mark your calendars for these key events in 2025.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19th

Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally – Saturday, June 14th

Family Fun Fest – Saturday, August 30th

Chili Fest – Saturday, November 8th

We hope that the 2024 holiday season was wonderfully festive and full of love for all of you. Cheers to a happy 2025 !!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20th, directly following the CWC Board Meeting

Lake Cherokee Preservation Club Membership Application

(please print)

Membership Fee \$10.00 (per member) _____ Date: _____

Full name: _____

Spouses full name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Spouses number: Cell _____ Work _____

Email: _____ Spouses email: _____

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Age group: 20-30 _____ 30-40 _____ 40-50 _____ 50-60 _____ 60-70 _____ 70+ _____

Number of dependent children: _____

Lake resident: full-time _____ part-time _____

Lake or personal interests:

Fishing _____ Skiing _____ Kayaking _____ PWC _____ Boating _____ Nature _____ Golf _____ Hunting _____

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Please check if you would be interested in leading or helping with a Preservation Club event

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There, of course, were a couple of "Reindeer games" to kick off the holiday week and get us in the Christmas spirit of gathering, laughing and remembering the importance of just "being together"!

Door prize winners were Teresa Davis & Fredna Harris. Several game prizes were awarded as well.

What a fun day with our lake friends! If you want to join our group but have questions - call anyone in the group for details.



Some of our ladies have been doing "First Friends" for over 30 years!

In ALL the hustle bustle & fun- we forgot to take pictures so one late picture of the hostesses is all we have! Attending were Gail Fowler, Delores Toon, Karen Franklin, Teresa Davis, Lisa Goettle, Roxanne Brink, Penny Dant, Barb Robar, Nan Henderson, Lori Klump, and Fredna Harris.

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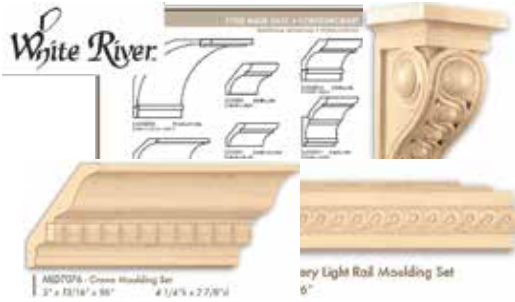
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NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

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NEW YEAR'S – The course will close at 2:00 pm on NEW YEAR'S EVE. The Pro Shop will open NEW YEAR'S DAY from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and the course will be open to the public depending on the weather.

Join us on JANUARY 11TH for our FREEZE YOUR FANNY Tournament. This will be a 4-person scramble format. The sign-up sheet will be in the Pro Shop and the cost of the tournament is \$30.

The WOMEN'S group play every Tuesday morning usually @ 9:00 am or 10 am depending on the weather. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for the 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 scramble format. Teams are picked randomly the morning of the tournament so plan to arrive early.

Board elections will be Thursday, February 13th. The two incumbents who will be running for reelection are Nan Friend and Danny Matherne. Ballots will be included in the December and January invoices.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 9th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Sadly, due to the weather CCGA was forced to cancel our Santa Surprise Tournament. Thank you to everyone who donated cash and toys for the toy drive benefitting Blue Santa of Tatum.

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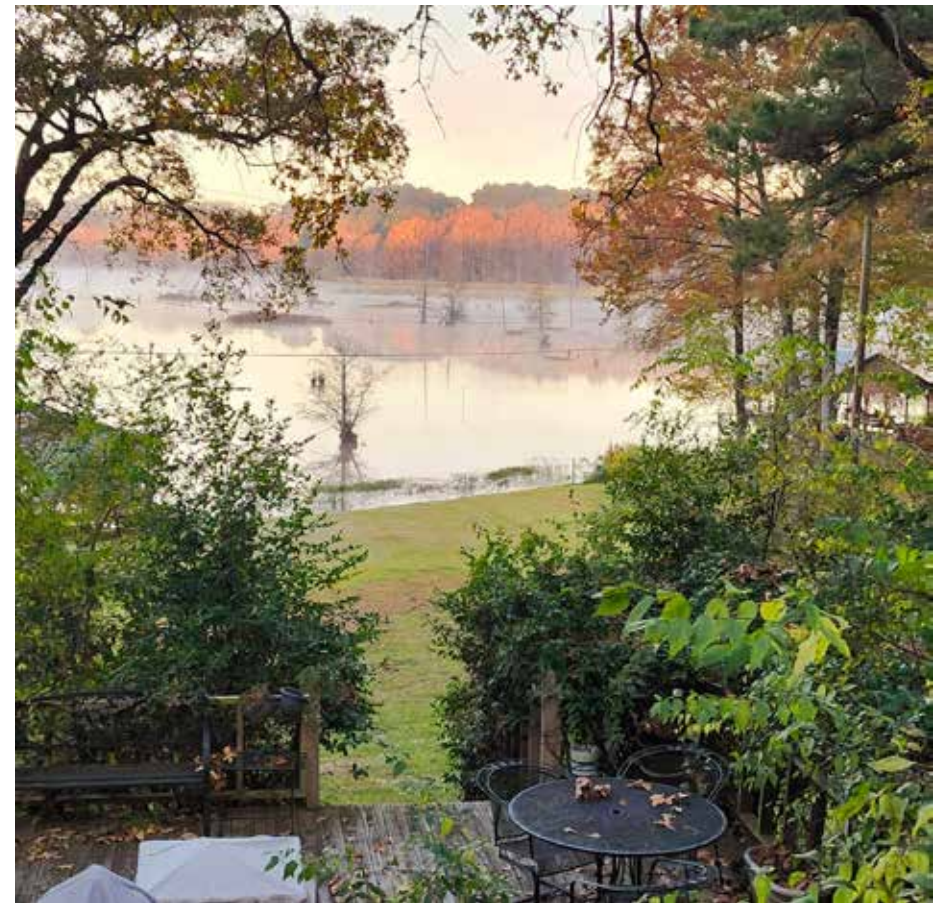


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Preservation Club

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

Lake Cherokee Community Foundation

Non-profit organization benefitting the community More information: www.lakecherokeecommunityfoundation.org



Tips to Be a Good Neighbor

One of the keys to having a good experience with your neighbors is to be a good neighbor yourself. Want to know more about how to get along and befriend the people around you? Check out these six tips. They can help you be sure that you're not only respected by the people who live nearby, but are also looked after by them, too.

1. Communicate

One of the keys to any relationship-but particularly the neighborly kind-is communication. It may be tempting to leave your neighbor be and stick to yourself, but if you want to be a good neighbor, it's important to communicate from the get-go.

Introduce yourself right after you move in; then continue to say "hello" when you run into one another. Some other important things to communicate about are times you'll be away from your home, or any other problems you might have with them.

By communicating with neighbors, you not only show them that you are a nice person who can be trusted, you also create an ally in your living space. Maybe you'll even make a new friend.

2. Be Social

Another great way to establish communication (and also establish yourself as friendly person) is to be a social person. Organize a potluck or picnic for everyone that lives in neighborhood. You can show your neighbors that not only do you want to know them, but you also want them to know each other, and that you're interested in fostering a community where you live.

3. Be on the Lookout

One of the best parts about a neighbor is that they can be around your home to help you out when needed, so you should be there for your neighbor, too. Always keep watch but respect boundaries.

Showing that you care about their space as well as yours is an excellent way to endear yourself to neighbors and to ensure you have someone looking out for your place and belongings as well.

4. Be Respectful

Everyone wants to live their own life, but it's important to be respectful of other people's time and space. That means don't have loud parties late at night and warn people who will be affected by noise from your home if you are planning to have a loud gathering.

Also, being respectful entails keeping your outdoor/shared space clean, and not using your space for anything dangerous or unpleasant.

5. Train Your Pets

Pets can be great additions to life, but they can also be a nuisance to other people. So, for your neighbors' sake, train your dog. Your pets shouldn't be noisy, and they should know only to go to the bathroom in designated spots. This is a good way to ensure your neighbor loves your pet and doesn't resent him.

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