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#### **Christmas Eve 2023 Rainbows**

Cherokee Water Co. NK20 Lake Cherokee Longview, TX 75603

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# CHEROKE E WATER CO.

### CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

Since we are beginning a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to answer a few questinos that I continuously hear.



Tammie Sanders
CWC Code Compliance Officer

#### 1. Do I need a permit to install an OSSF?

In addition to any permit required by any state or local permitting authority, a permit is required from CWC to Construct, alter, extend or operate any OSSF on CWC property.

#### 2. What is required in order to get a Final Build Permit?

Receive a Pre-Construction permit to begin dirt work and site preparation. When concrete slab or pier & beam forms are set, contact The CWC Code Compliance Officer for inspection. A full construction permit will be issued if approved.

#### 3. When are permits required?

Landscaping or yard maintenance
Interior remodeling
Exterior painting
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Variance Request Deadlines					
Variance Deadline	Board Meeting				
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	January 18 <sup>th</sup>				
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	February 15 <sup>th</sup>				
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	March 21st				
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 18 <sup>th</sup>				
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	May 16 <sup>th</sup>				
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September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	September 19 <sup>th</sup>				
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	October 17 <sup>th</sup>				
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	November 14 <sup>th</sup>				

#### CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY NK 20 LAKE CHEROKEE-LONGVIEW, TEXAS 75603 **ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES PERMIT** PERMIT NO. 0341 This is your permit to install OSSF on your SHAREHOLDER LOT NO.\_\_\_\_\_, according to the provisions of your lease agreement and the Rules and Regulations published by the CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY. In addition to any permit required by any state or local permitting authority, a permit is required from the CWC to construct, alter, extend or operate any OSSF. 1. When construction, alteration or extension of the OSSF is complete, and prior to the system being covered by soil, the shareholder shall notify CWC and request a final inspection. (24 hour notice requested) 2. Upon notification, the CWC shall inspect the system and confirm that it complies with the design as approved by the CWC and has been installed in compliance with the CWC OSSF Rules. 3. CWC's inspection and approval is in addition to any inspection or approval required by the local permitting authority. DETAILS: Brand: ☐ Low Pressure Dosing System Aerobic with Subsurface Distribution Installation Company: Aerobic with Spray Distribution: Maintenance Contract: o On lot Starts: \_\_ o On CWC property Expires: o Other: Number of Spray heads: \_\_\_\_ CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY DATE This permit is issued according to CWC OSSF Rules and Regulations, III (C). Fines will apply for non-compliance. **VOID AFTER ONE YEAR FROM DATE PERMIT ISSUED**



# MESSAGE from the Slanager

Hello Lake Cherokee family, I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday. It's hard to believe that another year has flown by. With each new year we make resolutions and set new goals for ourselves to strive for with every intention to bring them to fruition. I hope everyone is successful in their new years journey. One of my goals is to keep Lake Cherokee moving forward in a positive and very successful direction for 2024. I will work along side each shareholder to continue rebuilding trust and to help lead this great community back together again. With your help we can make this happen. Thank you for the support I have been given during this past year.

On another quick note, I have had quite a few questions regarding our contract with the City of Longview and our water sales.

With the commitment to more communication from my office, I wanted to give some details that will answer many of the questions about this

We currently are in a contract with the City of Longview for the purchase of our water through 2035. The current rate we receive is \$0.25/1000 gallons of water. This rate increases every three years by \$0.02/1000 gallons. The next increase will be in 2025 and will remain at \$0.27/1000 gallons for three years. This sounds like a very small amount but when you consider that we sold approximately four billion (yes, with a B) gallons of water to the city last year, that adds up to approximately \$80,000 for every \$0.02 increase. The city pays the CWC monthly in the approximate amount of \$108,000 whether they are removing



Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

water or not. Our annual revenue is roughly \$1,300,000. This is obviously one of our biggest revenue sources.

I want every shareholder to remember my open-door policy. You are always welcome to call or email me to set up an appointment time for us to meet, or you can just drop by. Keep in mind though, if you drop by, you might have a line in front of you and have to wait a little bit.

Let's have a great 2024 together!

Respectfully, Kevin Jones, GM

#### RENEWALS PROCESSED

#### Renewals processed and Decals Mailed.

All lease renewals that were received have been processed and the requested decals for vehicles and watercraft have been mailed to the shareholder. This year the vehicle decals are green and the watercraft decals are red.

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.





## In case of EMERGENCY, please call 9-1-1 and then Lake Patrol at (903) 643-7321

#### CWC OFFICE HOURS

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

Extended hours:
3rd Thursday of the month
(Board Meeting night)
8:00 am - 6:00 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



Christmas Eve 2023 Rainbow photo by Mona Morris

#### **SALES PERMITS**

Is your property FOR SALE? Is there an active Sales Permit on file with the CWC?

It is the seller's responsibility to obtain a Sales Permit. Fines begin at \$500.00.

At the time of transfer or death in the family, it is important to have the original share of stock. The current transfer fees are:

Inherited Shares - \$250

Transfers between "immediate family members" which means a mother, fathers, and / or their children (but not grandchildren) and includes legally adopted children \$250

Transfers not between immediate family members or spouses but has been a shareholder within the past 12 months or is an existing shareholder - \$1500

Transfers not between spouses or immediate family members - \$3500

Transfers between spouses, estates of a deceased spouse and a surviving spouse: Fee waived

#### CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS SALE OF PROPERTY

Shareholder, or his/her duly authorized legal counterpart shall obtain a permit from CWC to sell, offer for sale, or advertise for sale the share of stock and leasehold improvements, if any, before contracting to sell the same. Said permit is required whether the shareholder contracts for himself or through an agent and before any "For Sale" sign is placed on CWC lot or lots.

The Sales Permit requires, in part:

- a. Specific wording on For Sale signage regarding the leasehold property and share of CWC stock.
- b. Septic system requirements.
- c. Lessee covenants not to list or permit Agent to list the share of stock and leasehold improvements with a Multiple Listing Service.
- d. Open Houses or Auction type sales promotions permitted by Board Approval only.



#### **SALES PERMIT**

CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY, LESSOR, by and throu		
following described leased LOT, on Cherokee Lawit:	ake property of LESSOR in	County. Texas to
This <b>PERMIT</b> shall be for the period throu	igh (ONE YE	AR)
LESSEE must provide a lot line agreement signed by the adjo agreement, by a licensed, certified surveyor. Lot corners will be LESSOR. Survey cost, if any, will be paid by the LESSEE pr	e marked only with markers approve	d and furnished by the
LESSEE shall furnish LESSOR the names of LESSEE'S Ag LESSEE'S share of stock and leasehold improvements on the		
Agent:		
Agents "FOR SALE" sign and listing to sell shall contain the find Improvements and share of stock in Cherokee Water Com of CWC)". If Agent's sign does not include this clause, LESS provided by CWC next to the Agent's sign. To obtain such a scash, which will be returned to LESSEE when the sign is returned.	pany (Transfer of lease on this LOTEE is responsible for obtaining and poign, LESSEE must provide CWC with	Γ is subject to consent osting a separate sign
If the home has a conventional septic system, LESSEE w the CWC from a licensed inspector assuring the septic s If the home has an aerobic system, LESSEE will provide	ystem is functioning and in good v	working order.
LESSEE will be responsible for the removal of all "FOR SAL necessary for the sale of LOT improvements. No "SOLD" or		
LESSEE covenants not to list or permit Agent to list LESS Multiple Listing Service.	EE'S share of stock and leasehold i	mprovements with a
No "OPEN HOUSE" type of sales promotion is permitted on	a leased LOT.	
No "AUCTION" type of sales promotion is permitted on a lea	sed LOT.	
This Agreement executed and PERMIT issued on LESSEE with all terms hereof.	, subject to	strict compliance by
MAILING ADDRESS OF LESSEE:	LESSEE	
	AGENT LISTED ABOVE	
CHEROKEE WATER C	OMPANY APPROVAL:	
BY:		
DATE:		

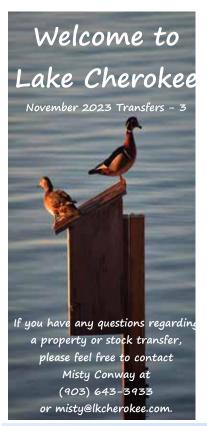




photo by Patty Stew

## LAKE CHEROKEE FISH, SIZE AND DAILY BAG LIMITS 2024

<b>SPECIES</b>	SIZE LIMIT	<b>DAILY BAG LIMIT</b>				
Catfish	12" or greater	25				
(Channel and Blue)						
Opelousas	18" or greater	5				
(Flathead)	Ü					
Largemouth	SLOT 10-14"	20				
(Florida, Kentucky)		(preferably				
		Kentucky Bass)				
Yellow Bass	No limit	No limit				
(Bar Bass)						
Crappie	No size limit	45				
(White or Black)						
Bream	No limit**	No limit**				
(All species)	5.00	- 10				
` * ′	**Fishermen are urged to keep ALL Bream 8" or greater					
Fishermen are	Fishermen are urged to keep ALL Green Sunfish and Warmouth (Goggle-Eye)					

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

## LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

FACILITY CLEAR CHECK: **ROADWAY OF** TREES/DEBRIS: 1753 5 OPEN DOOR: 8 SUSPICIOUS **EXTRA PATROL:** VEHICLE/ PERSON: 11 **DISTURBANCE:** ASSIST SHARE-**HOLDER: 33 ISSUE PERMIT: ALARMS: 4** 25 **INVASIVE SPE-**CODE CIES INSPEC-**VIOLATIONS: 2 TION: 13** FIRE CALL: 5 REMOVE ANIMAL FROM ASSIST TRAP/LOT: 2 **AGENCY: 6** 



November 2023	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	3
Boathouse - New	7
Boathouse – Repair	4
Demolition	2
Driveway / Walkway	2
Fence	2
Home Repairs / Additions	4
New Construction	2
OSSF	1
Other	3
Outdoor Enhancement	3
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	8
Total Permits	41

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#### **CPR TRAINING**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

8am - 12 noon
CWC - NK20 Lake Cherokee
Christus Health EMS Certified Instructors

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, CPR, is a skill that can mean the difference between life and death. Knowing how to perform CPR is vital for the safety and well-being of our family and friends. Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. You can make a difference and potentially save a life when it matters most!

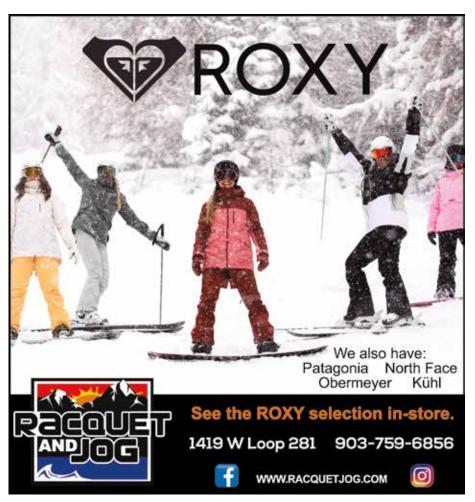
The CPR training course will include Adult CPR and AED, Pediatric CPR and AED, and Infant CPR. Each participant will receive a Student Manual.

Name:	Telephone:
Email:	

Cost: \$27.50 per person
Class Limit - 30 lay persons
Registrations must be received by February 2nd.

Mail registration form with check to Lake Cherokee Preservation Club, SN30 Lake Cherokee, Henderson, TX 75652.

Questions - contact Judy Owens 903-445-0047



## Lake Cherokee Photography Club



The December 12, 2023 meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was a holiday social event hosted by Ken and Gay Kirkland. We enjoyed the wonderful meal and the chance to gather and get to know each other better. No official business or plans were discussed.

The January meeting will be held at the Lake Cherokee Office at 6:00 P.M. on January 9, 2024 (Second Tuesday of the month). We will need to commit to doing a spring photography show. If so, the theme "Lake Cherokee" has been chosen. We will need to discuss preferred size of images, horizontal and vertical ones will work in this application. My recommendation is the print needs to be at least 8.5x11 for

that application, 11x14 would be better. If possible, bring images which you would consider for this project. It would be helpful to have information on framing materials, so search the internet for sizes and costs and bring that information for discussion.

All Lake Cherokee residents are welcome to participate. Remember, phone photographers are welcome as well as others who use DSLRs We look forward to seeing you in January.

If you have questions, text or call and leave a voice message: Holly Treadway at 903-399-0066 and I will get back to you promptly.





## **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:

Kristina Coolidge

Marian Freeman Lynne Hall

Linda Howlett

Michael Kalmus Melinda Leslie

Lisa Lobue

Beth Matlock

Paula Parker

**Harriett Prine Stacie Rogers** 

**Brandi Russel** 

Alan Scarborough

Stephen Skinner

Renee Wingo

- 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	<b>Bud Summers</b>	903-240-0095
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Alisha Bixby	903-445-9118		

903-720-4838

903-424-4987



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903-643-2828			
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903-985-2468	JOTS Rental	903-236-4019	
903-452-7524			
903-263-8443	Ricks Boat Maintenance	903-808-6399	
903-240-0168			



## Texas Du Season

#### What is the duck law in Texas?

For a hunter to legally hunt ducks in Texas, they must buy a license if they are 16 or older. Additionally, hunters much purchase a Migratory Bird Endorsement and Federal Duck stamp.

#### What time can you shoot waterfowl in Texas?

One Half hour before Sunrise to sunset except during the Light Goose Conservation Order and Special White-winged dove season.

#### How many shells can you have duck hunting in Texas?

A shotgun is the only legal firearm for hunting migratory game birds. Shotguns must not be larger than 10 – gauge, must be fired from the shoulder, and must be incapable of holding more than three shells.

#### How many mallards can you shoot in Texas?

5 mallards (only two of which may be hens) 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads

#### **CWC Rules and** Regulations:

Waterfowl hunting is limited to the area upstream from the southern end of Geronimo boat road. Waterfowl may only be hunted from a boat.

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



Nic Summers photos



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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 2023 was a successful, albeit sometimes wacky – yeah we see you Wet-N-Wild – year. We hope our lake community feels the same. We thought since most of you have received your 2024 Lake Cherokee calendar we would like to distinguish some Preservation Club-sponsored events that would be worth highlighting for next year:

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

(unfortunately did not make it on the calendar)

Family Fun Fest – Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Chili Fest – Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

We hope that the 2023 holiday season was wonderfully festive and full of love for all of you. Cheers to a happy 2024 and a cooler summer with a ton more water in our beautiful lake!!

Our **next meeting** will be on **Thursday, February 15**<sup>th</sup>, directly following the CWC Board Meeting.











Thank you to all of you that supported Preservation Club events over the past year. The Friends of Lake Cherokee Christmas Party was a blast. Usual Suspects Band was a hit as usual.

We hope you have a wonderful New Year.







Our monthly articles are behind a month or so in the calendar, but we just had to mention our October Halloween Party. We recently lost one of our longtime members. Donna Knox. and we have enjoyed her husband, Del, playing with us. Their daughter, Kneisha, put together a wonderful selection of snacks along with decorations for Halloween as shown in the picture. We enjoyed the 'Treat' and look forward to helping Del celebrate his 100th birthday in January.

Our players meet every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 a.m. and usually play four rounds, finishing around 2:30 pm. We play for fun, but we all enjoy the spirit of competition. The person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

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



Christmas Eve 2023 Rainbow photo by Mona Morris



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## NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by RebekahTaylor

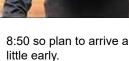
The Pro Shop hours for January are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Closed when temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance. Closed at 2:00 pm on New Year's Eve. Will open January 1st foranother choose-up style tournament like we have on most Saturdays @ 9:00 am.

The next tournament is the Freeze Your Fannie scramble on January 13th at 9:00 am. Sign up sheet is in the Pro Shop. Entry fee is \$30. Teams will be picked the morning of the tournament – a blind draw.

The WOMEN's group plays every Tuesday morning usually at 9:00 am or 10:00 am. Hours may vary so call the Pro Shop for tee time.

Saturday Fun Bunch: 9:00 am every Saturday except on tournament days. Teams are picked around 8:45-





The next board meeting is January 11th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Congratulations to Billy Tatum who made a hole in one on #10!!!

Michael Clark won the Birdie Jar on #16 and donated the proceeds to the club! Way to go AND thank you!

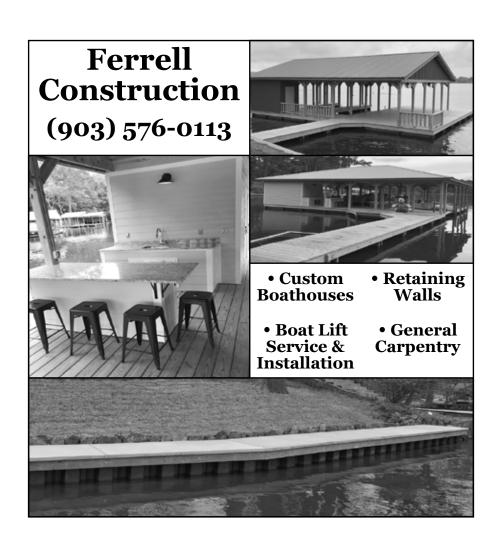
Congratulations to SM 10! You have won a green fee and cart



rental for 2 people to play 18 holes! We will be drawing a new winner each month!

Donations for CELIA TAYLOR MEMORIAL can be made in the Pro Shop.

Call the Pro Shop if you have any questions (903-643-3571)





Christmas Eve 2023 Rainbow by Jan Huckaby Smith



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# MELANISTIC WHITETAILS: HOW RARE ARE BLACK DEER?

May 16, 2022 By: Hunter Pruitt, National Deer Association



Each fall, deer hunters see or harvest albino or piebald whitetails and discuss what a rare occurrence that is. But an even greater rarity exists: melanistic whitetails.

Melanistic whitetails are a true gem of whitetail color morphs. With very low odds for this genetic mutation and low reported harvest, viewing a wild melanistic whitetail is a true rarity, even for deer biologists who work where they are most prevalent.

Melanism is so rare that little is known about it, but here are a few available facts.

#### What is a melanistic deer?

Melanistic deer lack distinct variations in color such as brown or white pelage. Most melanistic whitetails are black across their entire body with the exception of the hair around the ventral area under the tail.

#### Why does melanism occur?

Melanism is a random genetic anomaly. Changes in the coat color of mammals are believed to be mutations in the melanicortin 1 receptor gene (MC1R). The mutated gene that causes melanism is believed to be recessive, just like the gene responsible for some albinism and all piebaldism. Melanistic and normal whitetails do coexist in the same area.





Broker
Jason Murray
jason@murrayres.com

Facebook Page: Murray Real Estate Services LLC



Agent Hunter White 903.238.7205 aggieforester05 @yahoo.com



We had close to 60 member and guest at our December Christmas party.

Thanks to Pete and Carol for the wonderful meal they prepared for us. We may be small in numbers but we can certainly put the food away.

The cookie people this month were: Larry Willis, Charles Stone, Cathy Withers, David Wilson, Karen Franklin, Roxanne Brink, Rod Diehl, Gwen Kozeluh, Anna O'Brien, and Genia Holland.

We didn't have a program this month but Santa was in a giving mood and gave away lots of money. Our raffle winners were: Jim Barton, Charles Stone, Don Jones Scott Withers, Karen Franklin, Doug Klump, Anna O'Brien, Allan Franklin, Pete Staiti, Darlene Lanius, Dana Wilson, George Steele, Lian Beasley, Alisah Walthall, Juanse Willingham, Sannie Spedoski, Carl Warrick, Glen Stone, Mike Cherry, and Elizebeth Beasley.

We also had Mr. and Mrs. Claus visit our meeting. There are several pic-

tures that were taken with him.

I got to ell him what I wanted because I know I have been good all year long.

As most of y'all know we lost our club member "Wolfman", Steve Snider this month. He will be truly be missed by our club.

In January our dues are up for renewal. I will have membership forms at our next meeting.

Our next meeting in January 8, 2024. Our program will be Lance Vick who is a guide on Lake Fork.

Hope to see everyone on January 8, 2024 to start a new year off.

Genia Holland, President



Christmas Eve 2023 Rainbow photo by Jana Moore Kane



Santa and Mrs Claus with Elizabeth and Lliam Beasley



Jerald and Jane Lewis with Santa and Mrs. Claus

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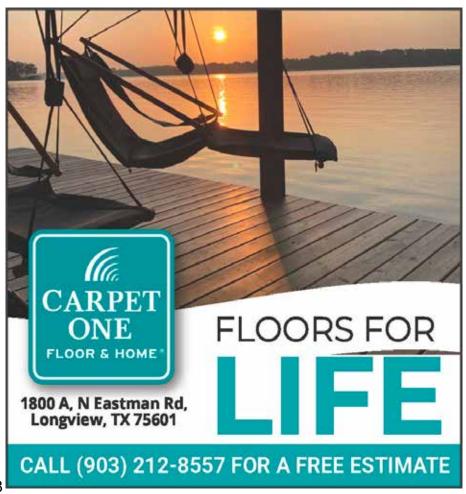
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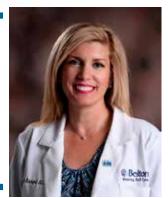






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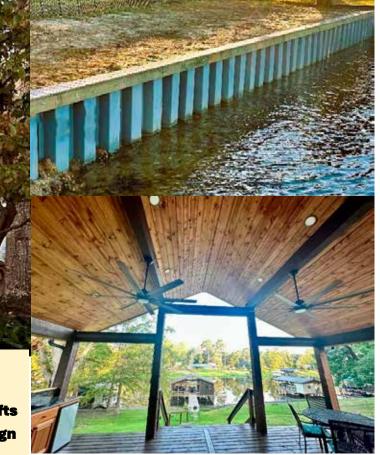
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	CWC Office Closed		Bridge Club			
	New Year's Day	Variance Deadline	Luncheon			Epiphany
7	8	9 Community Gardeners	10	11 Golf Course Board	12	13
	Fishing Club	Photography Club	Bridge Club	Meeting		
14		16	17 Chatter Deadline	18 First Friends	19	20
21	MLK Jr. Day	22	Bridge Club	CWC Board Meeting	26	27
21		23	24 Bridge Club		26	27
28	29  Variance Deadline	30	a 31 Bridge Club			
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FEBRUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7 Bridge Club Luncheon Bridge Club	8 Golf Course Board Meeting	9	10
11	Fishing Club	13  Community Gardeners  Photography Club	14 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	15 First Friends	16	17
Super Bowl Sunday	Lincoln's Birthday	Mardi Gras	Valentine's Day	CWC Board Meeting		
18	19 President's Day	20	21 Bridge Club	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Bridge Club	29		

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