



# The Cherokee CHATTER

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### Meet Dawson Jaskiewicz

*New to the lake, (NF-01B), he caught the fish off the dock and it weighed in at 3.03lbs. He loves to fish and can often be seen cruising to various fishing spots in his 2 seater boat powered by a trolling motor. When he's not rippin' lips, he's playing golf at the golf course.*



### SUNDAY SUNSET

*photo by Craig Nichols*

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# Welcome to Lake Cherokee

January 2024 Transfers - 2



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a property or stock transfer,  
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Misty Conway at  
(903) 643-3933  
or misty@lkcherokee.com.

## LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT JANUARY 2024

<b>FACILITY CHECK:</b> 1784	<b>EXTRA PATROL:</b> 66
<b>OPEN DOOR:</b> 14	<b>DISTURBANCE:</b> 1
<b>SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON:</b> 6	<b>ALARMS:</b> 8
<b>ASSIST SHARE-HOLDER:</b> 22	<b>WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW:</b> 3
<b>ISSUE PERMIT:</b> 11	<b>CODE VIOLATIONS:</b> 1
<b>ANIMAL ASSIST:</b> 5	<b>CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/DEBRIS:</b> 6
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## MESSAGE from the Manager



Kevin Jones  
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello, Lake Cherokee Family, I hope February was a great month for each of you. Well, we made it, and Daylight Savings time is just around the corner. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 10th as we enjoy these longer days of sun.

I want to take this time to introduce Lake Cherokee's new Lake Biologist and lake management company, Pristine Pond Solutions. Dustin & Garrett have done a great job for the past year working with the fishing club and myself. These guys will help us with our fisheries program, vegetation control and many other areas. They will also provide individual assistance to shareholders who want to use their services outside of what all they will be doing for CWC. In this months Chatter, they have put together a brief history of their business as well as a biography of the Biologist, Garrett Stampot.

Garrett has also asked if he could do a monthly newsletter in the Chatter

about what they have going on at the lake as well as answering questions shareholders have. I will get with Garrett and see how he wants to field these questions throughout the month and see if he can answer as many as possible.

This community is heading in the right direction and with continued communication, consistency and collaboration between this office and shareholders this year is going to be one of the best!

Respectfully,  
*Kevin Jones*

## LEASE RENEWAL REMINDER

Payment is due April 1st for those shareholders that took advantage of the split payment option for the annual 2023-2024 lease renewal. If payment of \$750 is not received in the CWC office by April 30th, 2024, a \$100 late fee will incur.

## Cathy Hite CWC Office Manager



It takes a Village! Or in our case, a community to manage costs...

One of the amenities provided by CWC is the pickup / disposal of household garbage. There are 43 waste containers and 13 recycling containers provided by CWC available around the lake. Also, CWC has negotiated permits for dumping at Pinehill Landfill.

When the containers over-flow the top, there are overage charges for each bin at each pickup. Pictures are automatically taken and tagged. These costs can add up quickly. To give you an idea, over



a 3 month time period, the costs were approximately \$2500. If we continue this trend, overages could run around \$10k for the year.

There are some pictures below as an example.

How can you help keep our costs within budget? When you go to drop off your trash, if the bin is overflowing, please put your trash in another bin. Also, breaking down your boxes will allow for more trash in each dumpster.

Another suggestion is to consider the timing of when you drop off your trash. Trash is picked up on Wednesday and Saturday with recycle picked up on Thursday. During slow months, CWC



Maintenance will drive around the lake on Tuesday afternoons to check the waste containers. This is only a temporary solution.

We are seeing building materials in the waste containers. If you are building, your contractors are responsible for the removal of all building materials from CWC property (Rule III Section D). You are probably already paying for the removal as part of your contract with your builder. Let's not incur additional costs for materials that are not disposed of properly. Please remind your builders they can't use waste containers for the disposal of their materials.

We all know that costs are continually rising. Small changes can make a difference to the overall service costs.

*Cathy*  
CWC Office Manager



# PRISTINE LAKE MANAGEMENT

A PRISTINE POND SOLUTIONS COMPANY

Pristine Pond Solutions started in the small town of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, with a focus on vegetation management and sediment removal. We utilized Truxor T-50s, which are highly versatile machines that provide immediate results for many serious lake issues. Our goal was simple – to provide the highest quality service, with the best equipment on the market, and establish lasting relationships with every client we have the privilege to work with.

Since our humble beginnings, we have expanded our services and now offer turnkey management options for lakes and ponds. This includes water quality management, safe herbicide applications, mechanical vegetation harvesting, sportfish management, fish stocking, fountains and aeration, dredging, and much more! We strive to be a one-stop-shop for all your lake and pond management needs.

In 2023, we were fortunate to add Fisheries Biologist and Herbicide Specialist Garrett Stampert to our team. I consider Garrett to be the "secret weapon" of Pristine Pond Solutions, and he has truly pushed our company to new levels. With his knowledge, drive, and ability to match my vision, Garrett has become an essential part of our team.

I first met Garrett at a lake management class, and he was obviously the smartest person in the room at only 22 years old. I knew from that day that I wanted him to be a part of our team. However, he was not available at the time, as he had taken a position with Texas A&M Extension. But fate had other plans, and I received a call from Garrett expressing his desire to leave his cubicle and join us in our pond and lake management efforts. We met in Austin, Texas, and made a deal – a decision that has proven to be the best for our company. Garrett is truly one of those people who you meet and think to yourself, "whoever raised this young man, knew what they were doing."

Some of you may not know Garrett yet, but in 2024, he will be heading the vegetation control and fisheries management at Lake Cherokee. I am extremely excited for the residents of Lake Cherokee, as they are in good

hands. Garrett and his team will be focusing on improving and maintaining the 3500+ acre lake for years to come with professionalism and attention to detail. We understand the lake and its needs, and we believe in good communication. So, if you see us out on the lake, don't hesitate to say hello! We want to get to know the residents and understand their concerns.

Garrett Stampert is a fisheries biologist with a degree in Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Science from Texas A&M University in College Station. During his undergrad, he worked as a research technician at the Aquaculture Research and Teaching Facility for 3.5 years, developing skills in fish husbandry, disease treatment, larval rearing, aquatic food chain development, fisheries management, and water quality analysis. He also conducted water quality analysis for the Aquatic Diagnostics Laboratory. This experience led him to pursue a career in private water management, where he provided services to private clients for 2 years while in college.

After graduating top of his class, Garrett began working for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service as the lake management program specialist, educating the public on pond and lake management strategies. He also co-taught the pond and lake management course at Texas A&M for the Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management department. And now, as the head biologist and herbicide specialist for Pristine Pond Solutions, Garrett's main role is to consult with clients on fisheries management, lake stocking, herbicide application for aquatic vegetation control, and water quality diagnostics and analysis. His goal as a biologist for our company is to develop relationships with clients by providing the highest quality service and creating real solutions to their problems.

In conclusion, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and trust in Pristine Pond Solutions LLC. We are a family-owned and operated company, and we treat our clients like family too. With the addition of Garrett Stampert, we are confident that we will continue to provide the highest quality service and establish lasting relationships with our clients. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

**Dee Rea made a motion to Approve the minutes from January 18, 2024. Seconded by Thomas Merritt. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**General Manager's Report**

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Items of notice were the ATT phone bill went from \$2700.00 per month down to \$200.00 per month by consolidating different phone lines. Cathy Hite is making progress with the online store. It is projected that 6 to 10 items will be available to purchase with the Lake Cherokee logo on them.

The covered patio is finished at the office. This will allow the water company

to host wedding events, the chili cook off and the wet and wild boat rally.

The water company sold water to the Valence Operating Company to finish fracking a well for \$104,000.00.

**Treasurers Report:**

- **Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to certify the bills paid for the month ending January 2024. Seconded by Dee Rea. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Randy Graves made a motion to approve the Financials ending January 2024. The second was made by Dee Rea. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Natural Resources Committee**

Thomas Merritt, Chairman:

The Natural Resources Committee met at a regularly called meeting February 12, 2024. Chairman Thomas Merritt called the meeting to order.

The following summarizes items discussed and actions taken.

Reviewed the recommendation from Canvas Natural Resource, LLC to perform the 2nd thinning of the planted pine timber on the SZ-Stephens lease, southwest of Lake Cherokee. This is a prudent action towards management of CWC timber resources and revenue generation. The net income to CWC is estimated to be in the \$30k to \$50k range. The tract is located miles from the nearest shareholder lots and is accessed via county roads and should therefore have little to no adverse impact on the shareholder community. Before and after photos can be taken for potential future use in case study communications.

Four CWC Board Members and the General Manager met with CP&Y Engineering at the dam & spillway

on 2/8/24. The group observed and inspected the current conditions of existing infrastructure and the new hog fence.

Committee member Seleta Davis contacted the Texas Water Development Board to request an isopach map showing the difference in sediment thickness from the previous 2015 Volumetric & Sedimentation Survey, to the most recent. The Texas Water Development Board responded to let us know that they will provide this as soon as possible.

**Thomas Merritt made a motion to proceed with the thinning of trees in the SZ-Stephens Lease. Second was made by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Rules and Policies Committee  
Paul Oberthier, Chairman**

The Rules and Policy Committee discussed an issue regarding shares of stock being in one shareholder's name if a building crosses lot lines. The CWC's legal counsel recommended keeping shares of stock in one name if structures are built across lot lines owned by the same shareholder. The committee will meet to discuss the process for managing this situation.

Two variances were submitted for review:

1. SS-05 requested a variance to build a house and in ground pool closer than 75 feet to the water. The compliance officer worked with the shareholder to move the proposed structure being built 10 feet farther back from the water's edge. A variance was still required since the house to be built is closer to the water than 75 feet. **Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve this variance. A 2nd was made by Randy Graves. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. SP-32 requested a variance to replace a wooden deck that will be closer than 75 feet to the water. **Paul Oberthier**

**made a motion to approval the variance. A second was made by Randy Graves. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Community Relations Committee:**  
Kristina Coolidge, Chairperson

Rhonda Bullard presented in Kristina's absence. The committee met February 12, 2024, to discuss the committee's role in supporting the CWC management team, who are increasingly effective in rolling out communication improvements and initiatives. The committee also reviewed how to expand communications regarding other Board committee's initiatives or action items to help shareholders be informed and avoid miscommunication or concern due to lack of helpful information.

The committee reviewed upcoming shareholder events on the lake and Borad participation in them., specifically regarding the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt & WET N Wild Boat Rally.

Again, it was emphasized that shareholders should have their email address on file with the lake office, please call or drop by as the office continues to utilize more and more communication methods via email addresses and optimizing the office's systems. There are no action items at this time.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:25

ATTEST:

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Dee Rea, Secretary

**With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.**

ATTEST:

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**Dee Rea, Secretary**

# CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

With the recent heavy rains, I thought this would be a good time to share the rules regarding erosion, sediment and drainage.



*Tammie Sanders*  
CWC Code Compliance Officer

## Construction Rules and Regulations

### VI. REMOVING TOPSOIL, AND FILL DIRT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAINAGE:

**A.** A shareholder must secure a permit from CWC before adding or removing any gravel, topsoil or fill dirt to or from CWC property. **Shareholders will be required to install approved erosion and sediment control measures.**

**B.** A shareholder will be solely responsible for all drainage problems on a leased lot including the cost of engineering, design, and necessary remediation.

**C.** A shareholder may not expand lot surface area by encroaching into the lake using retaining walls or other devices.

An approved erosion and sediment control measure is addressed by installing a Silt Fence. As part of our permit application, we have provided diagrams and recommendations for the proper installation of a silt fence. I am posting them here for your reference.

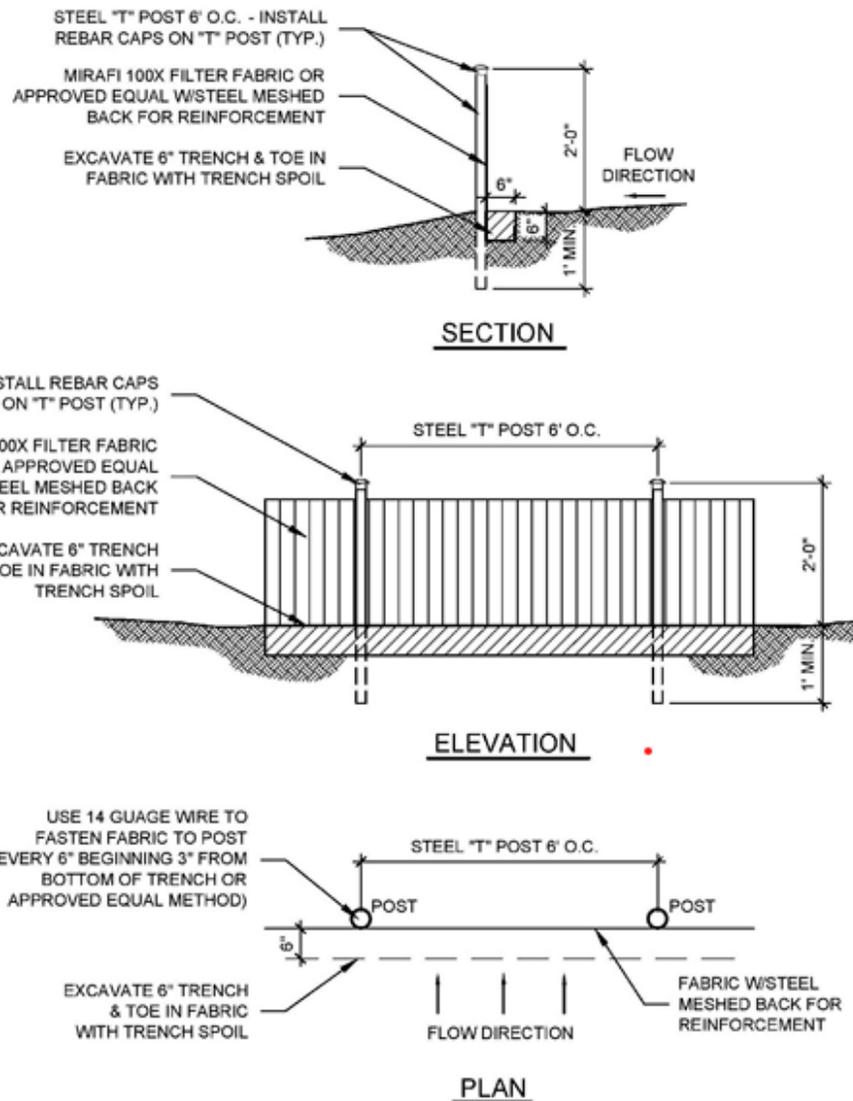
#### Silt Fence Notes:

- Filter fabric is to be Mirafi 100X or approved equal.
- Steel posts which support the silt fence shall be installed at a slight angle toward the anticipated runoff source.
- The toe of the silt fence shall be trenched in with a spade or mechanical trencher so that the down slope face of the trench is flat and perpendicular to the line of flow.
- The trench should be a minimum of six inches deep and six inches wide to allow for the silt fence to be laid in the ground and backfilled.
- Silt fence should be securely fastened to each support post.
- Inspection shall be frequent, and repair or replacement shall be frequent, and repair or replacement shall be made promptly as needed.
- Accumulated silt shall be removed when it reaches a depth of six inches. Sediment trapped by this practice shall be disposed of in an **approved site** in a manner that will not contribute to additional siltation.
- Contractor to remove silt fence upon completion of project. Damaged areas to be repaired including re-grading and re-grassing as necessary.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

## Variance Request Deadlines

VARIANCE DEADLINE	BOARD MEETING
March 4th	March 21st
April 1st	April 18th
April 29th	May 16th
June 3rd	June 20th
July 1st	July 18th
July 29th	August 15th
September 3rd	September 19th
September 30th	October 17th
October 28th	November 14th



Please send any correspondence related to The Cherokee Chatter directly to its dedicated e-mail, [chatter@lkcherokee.com](mailto:chatter@lkcherokee.com)

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**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE  
MARCH 20**

January 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	1
Boathouse - New	1
Boathouse - Repair	3
Demolition	2
Driveway / Walkway	0
Fence	1
Home Repairs / Additions	2
New Construction	2
OSSF	1
Other	0
Outdoor Enhancement	2
Pool	1
Retaining Wall	6
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>22</b>



The Preservation Club held our first meeting of the new year and we are gearing up for a fabulous 2024. Yay!

First up...our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00-12:00. The Easter Bunny is so excited that she is already cleaning up her eggs for their treats. We look forward to seeing all the adorable kiddos frantically filling up their baskets. Hopefully on dryer ground this year (not that we haven't appreciated all the rain)!

Next up...the Wet-n-Wild Boat Rally on Saturday, June 8th. We are already searching for boathouses....you know you want to do it! This event is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with your lake neighbors, enjoy great food with maybe a couple of beverages and a chance to win some great prizes. However, this year we would really appreciate some much calmer weather – we do NOT need it that wild again!

We are currently looking for entertainment on the Island. East Texas has some great local bands so if anyone hears someone play, when out and about, ask them if they would be interested in playing for our lake community. If you know of a band please let us know via our Facebook page or contacting a club member.

That's a wrap! Next meeting will be Thursday, March 21st, directly following the CWC Board Meeting.

Lake Cherokee Preservation Club  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

March 30th | Grass lot by CWC

Easter bunny • Face painting • Games

Hunt begins at 10 AM  
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**Saturday July 6th, 2024**

We have collected approximately 54% of the cost for the Fireworks Spectacular Event. Any donation amount is appreciated. If you have already donated, thank you. Please send in the form below to let us know if you have donated in memory or honor of someone. We will announce the names of the honorees on the radio prior to the show. We will announce all of you that donate in an upcoming chatter.

**Make a fireworks donation "in memory of" or  
 "in honor of" a loved one, great friends,  
 or people that are [were] special to us**

\_\_\_\_\_ "in memory of" \_\_\_\_\_ "in honor of"

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check made out to *Cherokee Water Company*  
 in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card  
 in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: **MasterCard**                      **Visa**  
 Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name to be recognized:** \_\_\_\_\_

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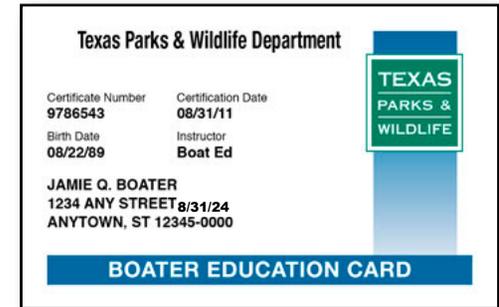
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**Who needs the Boater Education card?  
 It's the LAW!**



Operators must meet the age and boater education requirements shown below in order to operate any of the following vessels legally in Texas:

- A powerboat powered by a motor of more than 15 horsepower or...
- A personal watercraft or...
- A windblown vessel over 14 feet in length.

A person less than 13 years of age may operate only if he or she is supervised by a person who:

- Is 18 years of age or older and...
- Can lawfully operate the watercraft and...
- Is on board when the vessel is underway.

A person at least 13 years of age and born on or after September 1, 1993, may operate without supervision only if he or she has passed a boater education course that is accepted by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Save the date: The Boater Education Course has been set for Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at CWC, NK 20.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE IS NOW OPEN - PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED <https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/boater-education-class-room-course-2340/>

*Spring hours begin Saturday March 2nd, 2024.*

**2024 Fuel Center Hours**

(Weather permitting)  
 Credit/Debit Card ONLY  
 Oil \$10 - Seafoam \$13 - Ice \$2.50

**Springtime hours: March 1st - May 1st**

Tuesday    2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday    2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Summer hours: May 1st – Sept 30th**

Monday                      closed  
 Tuesday - Friday    2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday                8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Sunday                 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Holiday dates/hours:**

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th    8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Thursday, July 4th                      8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Monday, September 2nd                8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Fall hours: Oct 1st – Oct 31st**

Tuesday    2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday    2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**November 1st – February 28th**

CLOSED - Watch for pop-up dates/hours!



The new patio at the CWC office is completed. Shareholders can rent the space along with the inside rooms for events. You can access the information on the lake website, [www.cherokeewater.com](http://www.cherokeewater.com) under Forms and Rules.

# CWC Spring Clean- Up

## Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday April 21<sup>st</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
- Dishwashers
- 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.

**ACTIVE ST-42 \$1,299,000**

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

## The U.S. Army

### “This We’ll Defend”

The Army is the oldest and largest of the branches of service. First known as the Continental Army, it was founded June 14, 1775, when open hostilities from British forces required an organized and effective response from the nascent Continental Congress. The vote to establish the Continental Army upped the regional rebellion to a war for independence. The next day, George Washington was appointed commander of all Continental forces. Since then, the Army has been involved in many conflicts and operations but only five formally declared wars, the last one being World War II.

Organizationally, the Army has two components: active and reserve. Active duty includes over 200 specialized jobs. Army Special Forces Soldiers, including Green Berets and Rangers, are trained for special missions including using unconventional tactics to fight terrorism. The Army Reserve and Army National Guard allow the country to quickly respond to national emergencies with on-call trained soldiers. The Guard is a reserve unit organized and controlled by each State.

Texas houses several Army commands including Army Futures in Austin, Army North and Army South at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, and III Armored Corps at Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood) in Killeen. Fort Bliss near El Paso is the second largest military installation. Army Medical Command is based out of Fort Sam Houston and provides not only medical, dental, and veterinary support but also develops medical concepts and doctrine through research. Through studying traumatic limb injuries during the 2001-2004 Global War on Terrorism, Army research led to a revised view by global surgical experts on the use of tourniquets to control life-threatening bleeding. Advancing civilian trauma care is another reason to be grateful for the sacrifices made by our soldiers.

The Army’s Military Academy is in West Point, New York. The annual Army-Navy football game began in 1890 and pits the Black Knights against the Midshipmen in one of the greatest sports rivalries (Black Knights prevailed this December. Go Army!).

Historically, the most famous Army recruitment slogan was “I Want YOU



for US Army”. A more familiar slogan (and its catchy jingle) was “Be All You Can Be” (1980-2001) which was ranked as the 18<sup>th</sup> best advertising campaign in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and has just recently been brought back by the Army to attract a new generation of recruits.

Some famous Army names include: the first female to serve, Deborah Sampson, who disguised herself as a man and fought against the British during the Revolutionary War; the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American airmen in WWII; the Rough Riders (the First US Volunteer Cavalry) who fought in the Spanish American War; and the Lewis and Clark expedition that surveyed the newly purchased western territories. Other famous Army veterans include Gen George Patton, Elvis Presley, Clint Eastwood, Gene Roddenberry, and George Straight.

A notable Army medal of honor recipient was Desmond T. Doss, a conscientious objector and Seventh Day Adventist who volunteered after Pearl Harbor because he wanted to serve. He refused to carry a weapon and served as an Army medic. His noted heroism came from the Battle of Okinawa in 1945 when he risked his own life to rescue 75 wounded men from a battlefield as portrayed in the movie Hacksaw Ridge.

More locally, Private First-Class George Benton Turner of Longview served with the 14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during WWII and received the Medal of Honor from Harry S. Truman who stated, “I would rather have that medal than be President of the United States.” More awe-inspiring stories of Texas Medal of Honor recipients can be found at the Texas Medal of Honor Memorial currently displayed at the International Artillery Museum in Saint Jo, Texas. Every story is worthy of a Hollywood movie!

Finally, a word from some of our own Lake Cherokee Army veterans. “After serving 3 years in the Army and 2 years overseas, it will make you appreciate the good old USA. Living on Lake Cherokee is a bonus.” Bruce Bussey, (Vietnam era)

“Military life. Memories to last a lifetime. Friends/comrades in arms that share a common bond.” Bob Tippit (Sergeant, 1970-73)

“My wife and I went through Desert Storm together. I know that I would serve again today without hesitation. I am proud to have served and it set my life in motion completely different than where I thought it was headed. All of it to land here at Lake Cherokee. We couldn’t be happier!” Mike Armstrong (Sergeant, 1985-93, 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division “America’s First Team!”)

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

*Next month: The US Marine Corps “Semper Fidelis”*

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## Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial

“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” -St. Ambrose

The Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial design is nearly finished, and construction bids are being solicited. It will be located on the peninsula near the fuel center. Six military flags, a POW/MIA flag, a Texas flag, and a Lake Cherokee flag will surround the existing American flag. The flags will be illuminated at night. A short decorative wall with an engraving will be seen from the water. The project consists of 2 phases. Phase 1 includes the display of flags and the wall that will be viewable from the water. Phase 2 will make the Memorial accessible on foot via Persimmon Point and includes construction of the brick memorial walls, benches, and concrete walkway surrounding the flags.

A mock-up military flagpole currently stands next to the American flag on the site. You can see it by land (peak over the fence near the fuel center) or by sea if you dare brave the cold windy temperatures. We are excited that Elliott Electric will donate lighting fixtures that will allow us to keep the flags illuminated 24 hours a day. Thanks Jerry Camp! Thomas White continues to work with suppliers and crews to develop a budget for each phase. The current donations held by the CWC are roughly 1/6 of the cost for Phase 1. Fundraising for the remaining amount will begin with a snail-mailer to all shareholders offering different ways to donate including ways to memorialize your veterans.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Friends of the LCVM will have its first meeting Tuesday, March 20 at 5:00pm at the lake office (NK-20). Thomas White will provide updates on design, funding, and construction. We will also discuss ideas for a Memorial Day event and fundraising activities. Please join us if you are interested in supporting the LCVM. Email Katheryn Johnston [kacourville@gmail.com](mailto:kacourville@gmail.com) or Thomas White [twhite.tx@gmail.com](mailto:twhite.tx@gmail.com) for questions.

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In addition, this month we will feature someone on the other end of the age spectrum:

Eight year old Andrew Chen of San Jose, California has become the youngest bridge player to achieve the 'Life Master' ACBL award! He was quoted as saying: "Every bridge hand is like a puzzle to solve. I like working things out."

And although we play "Party bridge" rather than the ACBL

style, we all enjoy solving our puzzles each week. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome and our group is very informal.

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, and the

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

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Boat Parade	July 6, 2024
Fireworks Spectacular	July 6, 2024
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Fall Bass Tournament	October 19, 2024
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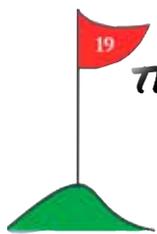
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# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Variance Deadline	5	6 Bridge Club Luncheon	7	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Begins	11 Fishing Club	12 Community Gardeners Photography Club	13 Bridge Club	14 Golf Course Board Meeting	15	16
 17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 1st Day of Spring	20 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	21 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	22	23 <b>Spring Bass Tourney</b>
 24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27 Bridge Club	28	29 CWC Office Closed Good Friday	 30 Easter Egg Hunt
 31 Easter						

# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Variance Deadline 1 2nd Half of 23-24 Annual Lease Renewal Due April Fool's Day	2	3 Bridge Club Luncheon	4	5	6
7	8 Fishing Club	9 Community Gardeners Photography Club	10 Bridge Club	11 Golf Course Board Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	18 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	19 Spring Clean-Up	20 Spring Clean-Up
21 Spring Clean-Up	22 Earth Day	23	24 Bridge Club	25	26	27
28	29 Variance Deadline	30				



## NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Rebekah Taylor

The Pro Shop hours for March are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday thru Sunday. Closed when temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

The next tournament date is March 16th @ 9:00 am. Teams will consist of 4 players, one of which must be a guest. Entry fee is \$30. Sign up sheet is in the Pro Shop.

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.

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# First Friends



The February meeting of First Friends was held at the new Tia Juanita's on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 11:30 a.m. Hostesses were Penny Dant and Jeanne Collins, who asked members for announcements and recognized birthday celebrants. Door Prize winners were Fredna Harris and Marilyn Moulds. The program was presented by one of the Managers of Tia Juanita's, Cesar, and he told us many interesting and informative facts about the new Longview location. Remodeling and refurbishing the facility was much more involved than originally believed, and the process took almost a year longer than had been planned. However,

now that the building is ready, and staff has been hired and trained, the Longview location is going full-speed ahead and is currently out-pacing the other 11 locations of Tia Juanita's. The chain of restaurants is privately owned and Cesar has worked for the owner since 2007 at several different locations. He looks forward to serving you soon!

Next month our group is planning to meet for lunch at Skipper's Seafood in downtown Gladewater and then we will browse through the stores of the Antique Capital of Texas afterwards. Roxanne Brink and Karen Franklin will be co-hostesses. Come join us!



Judi Morgan, Karen Nelson, Cathy True, Roxanne Brink, Karen Franklin, Joan Strong, Nan Henderson,



Penny Dant, Jeanne Collins, Debby Hanka, Marge Morris, Lori Klump, Marilyn Moulds



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# Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The February meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club met at the lake office on Tuesday, February 13, at 6PM. We welcomed one new member who eagerly offered support to our group. We thank you for that.

We continue to work toward our exhibit at the Longview Museum of Art. The latest information we have is that it will be scheduled more toward mid-summer than spring. This will allow more Lake Cherokee photographers to join our group and have their images included. Unlike the calendar project last summer, we need you to JOIN the group in order to participate in the culling and organizing of this effort. At this meeting we showed images and made suggestions of which ones best represented the theme "Lake Cherokee".

The requirements for the exhibit are images no smaller than 8x10, with white or gallery white mat, and black frame of your choosing. Some members are printing

images large enough to frame at 16x20 for example. Printing and framing will be a personal expense.

We had spoken about writing an artist statement in a previous meeting, but did not get to that this time. We began thinking of ways to promote our exhibit once date is finalized.

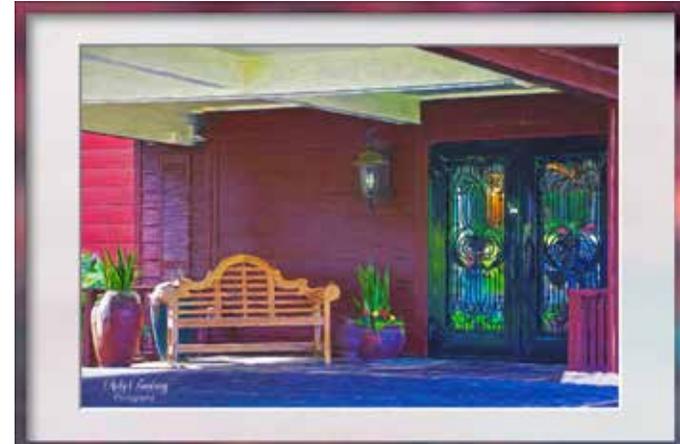
The group wants to welcome new members. We are an informal, self directed group. We share our photographic knowledge with each other, and occasionally have presentations by professional photographers.

Please feel free to come to a meeting. We meet the

second Tuesday of the month, downstairs at the Lake Cherokee office at 6PM. If you arrive later than 6PM, that is fine too.

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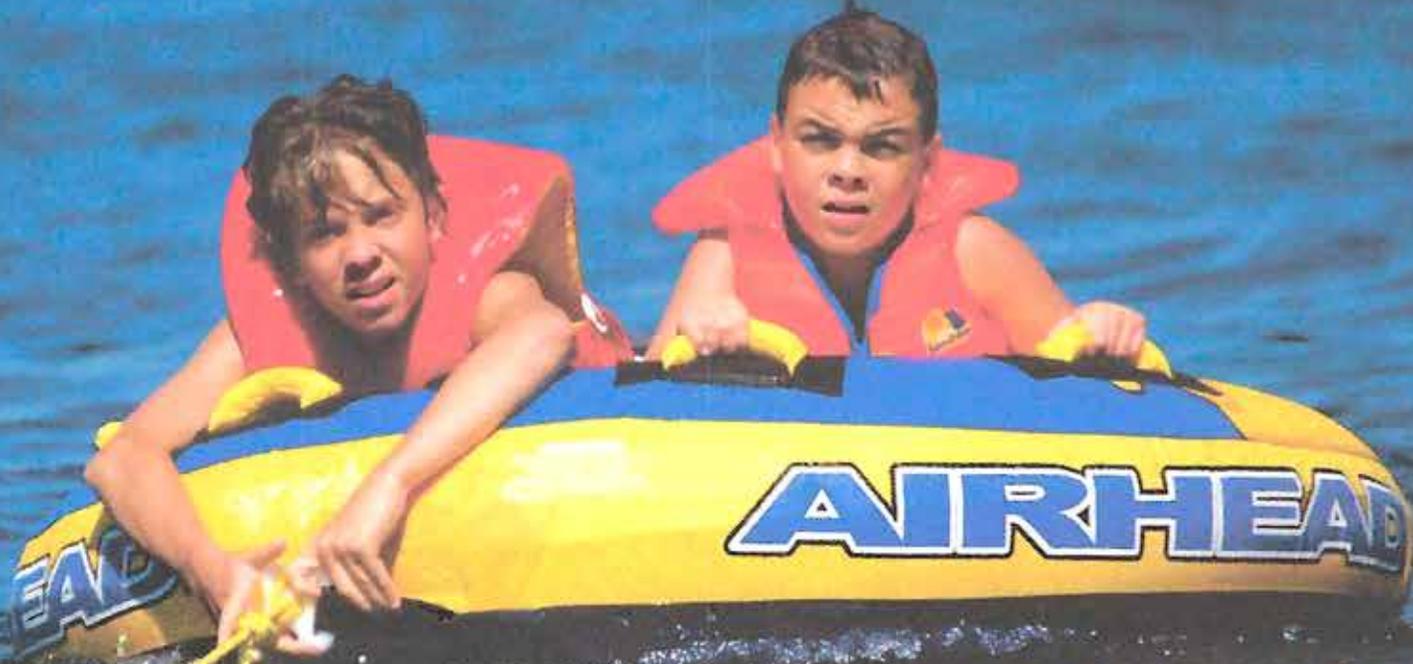
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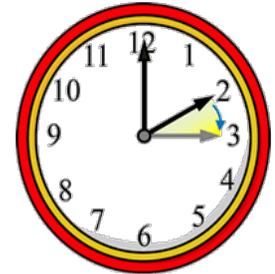
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## Cherokee Fishing Club

By Genia Holland

We had 43 members and guest at our February meeting.

We had 1 new member this month and this was Mike Hendricks. Glad to have new members join our fishing club. Also, in January our membership starts over. There will be forms in the Chatter and you can mail them to me or leave at the lake office.

Our cookie people this month were: Pete and Carol that did a great pasta and sausage dish. Thank you to Pete and Carol for cooking this dish. The other cookie people were: Larry Willis, Cathy Withers, Davis Wilson, Bonnie Hegeman, Anna O'Brien, and Genia Holland.

The Spring Bass Tournament is on March 24, 2024 this year. There are entry forms in the Chatter and you can either mail to me or leave at the lake office. We are already working on door prizes for this year.

Our new Habitat director is James

Patterson. James has worked with Joe Travis for many years and will do a great job. James has already met with the lake manager to go over ordering Red Ear Bream and Blue Gill Bream to put in the brood ponds and should arrive in mid-March.

George Steele said they will start putting our brush piles in March.

We elected new officers the next two years. Our new officers are: President, Genia Holland; Vice President and Hatchery Director is James Patterson; Secretary and Social Director is Genia Holland; Treasury is Bryce Tawney; Tournament Officer is Bo Besharse; Habitat officer is George Steele; and, Program Director is Genia Holland. We are looking forward to a great year.

Raffle winners were: Catfish Bait was Genia Holland; Solid Pawn Lure Bag was Joe Travis; Solid Pawn Lure Bag was Bo Besharse; Fishing Rod was Dawson Jaskiewicz; Fishing Rod was Mitch Fortner; and another fishing rod was by Bonnie Hegeman.

Our March meeting will be on March 11, 2024. Our program will be the Hi Yah Bait Company.

Hope to see everyone there.  
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# Cherokee Fishing Club

## Spring Bass Tournament Entry Form

March 23 , 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

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 of at the CWC, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday before tournament.**

Any questions prior to tournament; Call Genia Holland 903-643-2538.



**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."

Mail to:

Cherokee Fishing Club

SD 14 Lake Cherokee

Henderson, TX 75652

Pays for annual membership for January-December calendar year.

For more information, call Genia Holland @ 903-738-2444



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