



The Cherokee CHATTER

Cherokee Water Co. NK20 Lake Cherokee Longview, TX 75603

MAY 2024

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Lake Cherokee Rainfall April 8- 15th



Figure 1

Lake Cherokee Reservoir Elevation April 8- 15th

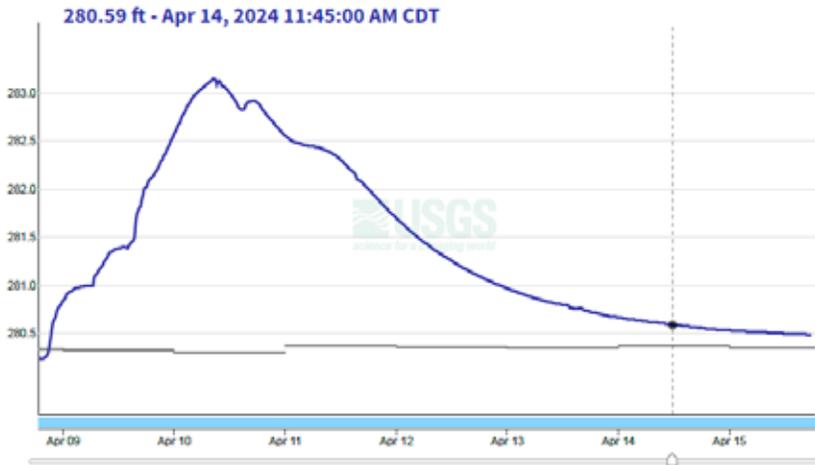


Figure 2

Lake Cherokee Dam & Spillway

Information provided by Terry Winn, P.E., BCEE, DWRE, F. ASCE

USGS (US Geological Survey) monitors the rainfall and water surface elevation of Lake Cherokee. Rainfall and surface elevation data for the time period (April 8-15, 2024) from the USGS website are shown in figures 1 and 2. The data indicates that rainfall over that period totaled 11.39 inches. The maximum water surface occurred mid-day April 10 reaching an elevation slightly greater than 283 ft. Information on the dam and spillway from Tab 3 of the Emergency Action Plan prepared for Lake Cherokee by our firm is also attached. As indicated in Figure 3, the principal spillway is uncontrolled with a crest elevation of 280.0 ft. The emergency spillway has a crest elevation of 285.0 ft.

There are two types of spillways: controlled and uncontrolled. A controlled spillway has

mechanical structures or gates to regulate the rate of flow and allows nearly the full height of the dam to be used for water storage, and flood waters can be released as required by opening one or more of the gates. An uncontrolled spillway as that used for Lake Cherokee, in contrast, does not have gates; when the water rises above the crest of the spillway it begins to be released from the reservoir. The rate of flow is controlled only by the depth of water above the reservoir's spillway; the lake cannot be counted on for water supply storage above the spillway level because the spillway is often empty.

According to the 2019 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis Study conducted in 2019, the dam and spillway system can pass 100% of the

Probable Maximum Flood that would result from a 42 inch rainfall over a 48 hr. period with a flow of 94,120 cfs through the spillways without overtopping the dam. The principal spillway will pass a calculated flow of 46,810 cubic feet per second (cfs) when the surface elevation reaches the crest of the emergency spillway. The study also indicated that the 100 year storm will cause the level in the Lake to rise to 284.8 ft., slightly below the level of the emergency spillway. At the water surface elevation achieved during the recent storm of slightly more than 283 ft., the calculated flow through the principal spillway is 12,000 cfs, about 25% of the flow that would be required to overtop the emergency spillway

In conclusion, it is not possible to control the level of Lake Cherokee. The level reached during a storm event is strictly dependent on the magnitude of the rainfall. Of course, structures located below the lake surface elevation occurring during the storm will flood. Any structures such as boat houses constructed below the 100 year flood elevation of 284.8 ft., should be built with an expectation of periodic flooding.

Dam Description

Embankment	
Type	earthen embankment
Year Constructed	1948
Length	4000 feet
Maximum Height	45 feet
Top of Embankment Elevation	295.0 feet -msl
Drainage Area	160 square miles
Principal Spillway	
Type	uncontrolled concrete Ogee Spillway
Crest Length	833 feet
Crest elevation	280.0 feet
Emergency Spillway	
Type	Broad-crested Weir with vegetated channel
Crest Length	142 feet
Crest Elevation	285.0 feet

Figure 3

Cherokee Water Co.
NK20 Lake Cherokee
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MESSAGE

*from the
Manager*



CHEROKEE
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Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello Lake Cherokee, I hope everyone has had a great April. I know we've had quite a bit going on this past month especially storm related issues. I do want to thank everyone who came out to help their lake community and neighbors during this terrible weather event. This is a fantastic lake community and although we might not always agree on everything, we come together to help others out in time of need.

I might have to reconsider taking anymore vacations since this was the second time in a row that disastrous storms hit our lake the day I'm heading out of town. It is not a good feeling when you're in sunny weather watching baseball, and your family is back home trying to survive a storm. It is tough managing a business from a great distance away even when things are good, much less when you know your family and friends are experiencing a tragic event back home. In saying that, I want to thank our lake office, patrol, and maintenance personnel for coming together, and working numerous overtime hours to make certain that our shareholders and their families were given the best service we could provide. There were numerous calls, emails and text's that went out between me and CWC staff during and after

the storms to ensure our lake community was taken care of to our best ability.

We are a community from all walks of life, ideas, and backgrounds. I was very encouraged when I was told of all the shareholders who jumped in to help others when this storm was hitting us so hard and immediately after.

This storm damaged quite a bit of CWC property, as it did to some shareholders properties, and I ask for your patience with our maintenance staff as they continue to clean up storm debris, repair some of our roadways and boat roads.

We are a family at Lake Cherokee and that will be what continues to set us apart from all others.

After an event such as this, there are always things we can learn from, and I would encourage any shareholder who has positive suggestions that could help us during the next event such as this, to email me to discuss further. My email is kevin@lkcherokee.com.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones

MEMORIAL DAY

The Cherokee Water Company office will be closed on Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, May 28th. Have a great Memorial Day Weekend.. Be Safe on the Water.

Lease Renewal Reminder

Payment was due April 1st, 2024. A \$100 late fee has been added as of May 1st to the amount due and unpaid. If not received in the CWC office by May 31st, another late fee of \$100 will be due.



Jan McClain photo

Welcome to Lake Cherokee

March 2024 Transfers - 5



If you have any questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please feel free to contact
Misty Conway at
(903) 643-3933
or misty@lkcherokee.com.

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 GIRLS ARE BACK! Be sure to wave at them!
Ken Kirkland

The Lake Cherokee Online Store is open for business!



You can purchase shirts, headwear and accessories. This is just a start to the items that we will offer in the store. Some examples of the items below.

The shirts and headwear are produced when ordered so they will take a little longer to receive, so get your summer orders placed soon. The accessories are available for immediate delivery.

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



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

Cathy Hite

CWC Office Manager



In this fast-paced world we live in, it is easy to get overloaded with information. Depending on the source of that information, determines how we feel or react to the content. Social media makes it easy to get information to the masses, but it also makes it easy for misinformation or incomplete information to be shared.

The need for several communications the week of April 8th reminded me that establishing a communication plan or strategy for Lake Cherokee was very important. Prior to some of the technology we have today, the Lake relied on call-blasts for communicating with shareholders. We now have Facebook, texting, and mass emailing. All of these methods have their pros and cons as well as some level of expense.

I would like to share with you our communication approach. In many cases, we will communicate the same message with different methods to try to reach as many folks as possible.

My ask of you to ensure that you receive CWC communications timely:

Communications	Call Blast	CWC Facebook Page	CWC Webpage	Email	Chatter
Emergency Situations - such as fires, flooding	X	X	X	X	
Important Business Updates that are for shareholders only such as Lease Renewals, online store, or time sensitive information				X	X
Information that can be shared with the Public		X	X		

1. If you didn't receive call blasts the week of April 8th, contact CWC Office to verify the phone numbers on your account.
2. If you didn't receive emails from CWC (myemail@lkcheorkee.com), check your spam / junk folder for this sender. If found, add them to your safe contact list. If not in spam/junk, contact CWC Office to verify the email addresses on your account.
3. Follow the CWC Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/LakeCherokee>

We are working on updates to the Shareholder portal. Our goal is to release a new version around July / August. Once the updates are completed, you will receive notice about a new Public-facing Website and a new Portal just for Shareholders. The portal will be a key component of our communication strategy and I am looking forward to sharing it with you soon.

Safe boating,

Cathy



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Aquatic Vegetation - The Ugly Side of Spring

Introduction

As spring sets in and water temperatures rise, aquatic vegetation will begin to show its face once again. Lake Cherokee is home to a diverse array of both native and invasive species of aquatic vegetation with over 20 native species and 5 invasive species identified to date. Diversity and total abundance of vegetation create a unique system that requires creative and intensive management to meet the goals of landowners. Today we will discuss the many invasive species and their impact on the ecosystem.

Submerged Invasives

Hydrilla (Hydrilla verticillata)

Hydrilla is widespread throughout much of the lake and is one of the most abundant species. It is characterized by long thin stems with rings of 5-7 leaves, that have serrated edges and teeth along the underside. Hydrilla is problematic in many reservoirs across the U.S and is capable of growing an inch per day. While in small quantities hydrilla can serve as good habitat for forage fish, its rapid growth rates can result in a swift overtaking of shallow areas, choking out native vegetation and reducing the foraging ability of bass. Managing hydrilla growth with the use of EPA approved aquatic herbicides and grass carp is crucial to maintaining healthy levels of the plant.



Hydrilla

Eurasian Milfoil (Myriophyllum spicatum)

Eurasian milfoil has been identified near the mouths of Lee and Mud creeks and southwest of the Silvy bridge. Milfoil has large feather-like leaves that form whorls around a thick stem and give it a fox-tail-like appearance underwater. Like hydrilla, it is capable of growing rapidly and taking over shallow water areas. Eurasian milfoil is not great habitat due to its density and poor fishability from its tough stems. Grass carp do not consume milfoil so chemical treatments will be the only form of management available for this species.



Eurasian Milfoil

Emergent Invasives

Alligatorweed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*)

Alligatorweed is a nonnative, aggressive shoreline invader present along many bulkheads on Lake Cherokee. It has elliptical leaves, thick hollow stems, and when mature, puts on white "pom pom" like flowers. It will be controlled in the lake using EPA approved aquatic herbicides.



Alligatorweed

Parrotsfeather (Myriophyllum aquaticum)

Parrotsfeather is in the same family as Eurasian milfoil and has similar shaped leaves. The main difference between the two is parrotsfeather has bright green, feather-shaped leaves above the water surface. Like other Myriophyllum species, it grows quickly and can choke out areas due to its position above and below the surface. This is another species that will be controlled with EPA approved aquatic herbicides to prevent excessive growth.

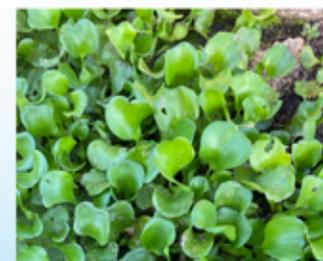


Parrotsfeather

Floating Invasives

Water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes)

Water hyacinth has only been sighted a few times on Lake Cherokee but can be a problematic invader. Hyacinth has thick waxy leaves with an inflated stem. When fully mature it produces a large purple flower. This species is capable of doubling in size in only 6 to 14 days and can cover the entire surface of the water. Immediate control actions should be taken if this plant or any other invasive floating species are seen on the lake.



Water hyacinth

Management of Invasives

Invasive species tend to grow faster and have a greater negative impact on the ecosystem than native species. Multiple control strategies are being implemented to manage all species of vegetation on Lake Cherokee, with an additional emphasis on these problematic invasives. For more information on the various aquatic vegetation species present on Lake Cherokee, or for help identifying the natives from the invasives, send us a message!

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Variance Request Deadlines	
VARIANCE DEADLINE	BOARD MEETING
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

February 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	4
Boathouse - New	2
Boathouse - Repair	2
Demolition	2
Driveway / Walkway	6
Fence	5
Home Repairs / Additions	7
New Construction	4
OSSF	0
Other	2
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	1
Retaining Wall	4
Total Permits	40

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER



With the recent bad weather and the potential for damage to boathouses and piers, I thought it would be a good opportunity to review the CWC Boathouse Rules. The following documents are required to obtain a permit for a new boathouse and/or repairs:

Tammie Sanders
CWC Code Compliance Officer

Conditions for permit issuance:

- Lot survey on file
- Scaled floor plan drawing (no larger than 8.5"x14")
- Scaled building elevation drawing (no larger than 8.5"x14")
- Scaled footprint drawing on survey with all setback measurements shown.
- Proposed site staked out.
- DIG-TESS (Texas811) confirmation # _____
- Application completed with shareholder signature

V. PIERS, BOATHOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES OVER THE WATER:

- A. The boundary on any leased lot only extends to the water's edge at spillway level. However, usage of the lake bottom for construction of piers and boathouses extends into the lake for an approved distance. The approval will be made by the Lake Manager, his/her designee, or the Board of Directors. The side property lines, as they extend into the lake, are to be used as guidelines only. The Lake Manager, his/her designee or Board of Directors may adjust those projected lines to accommodate small or odd-shaped lots. The lines must not intersect adjoining property lines into the lake. If an exception is granted by the Board of Directors, its decision shall be final.
- B. The footprint of the proposed Over Water Structure (OWS) shall not extend to a point further than 50' from the shoreline.
- C. No pier and/or boathouse shall be constructed in such a manner as to completely enclose a part of the lake, preventing access by boat to the open lake.
- D. No boathouse shall be constructed having a height in excess of eighteen feet (18') measured from the spillway water level to the top of the boathouse roof, and no boathouse shall be constructed which is more than one (1) story in height. This means that a boathouse may have a deck on top, but the deck may not be enclosed and may not have a roof over it. No bathroom facilities may be constructed, renovated, or included in a boathouse.
- E. These standards shall be applied for new construction and for the reconstruction or rewiring of such existing facilities. **Shareholders take full responsibility for ensuring water safety from all electrical risks caused by faulty, non-compliant electrical service to their piers, docks, and boathouses. Shareholder is responsible for ensuring their structures' electrical service is completed under the direction of a licensed electrician.**
 1. The wiring method shall be of a type identified and accepted for use in wet locations. All wiring below seven feet from the floor of the pier, dock or boathouse shall be contained in PVC or rigid conduit. All wiring shall be properly sized to the breakers. Rev: 11/13/2023 21
 2. All wiring shall be protected by UL approved GFI devices. The only exception is circuits specifically identified to serve appliances, which must be protected by electrical In-Use Covers. Note: Watercraft lifts are not appliances.
 3. The electrical service for piers, docks and boathouses must be separately grounded, and must include grounding for boxes, cabinets, and all other metal enclosures; metal frames of utilization equipment; and grounding terminals of grounding type receptacles.
 4. The circuit(s) providing power to piers, docks and boathouses must have a remote disconnect capability, either located in the main dwelling structure breaker box or in a separate lockable box near the main dwelling.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
March 21, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 21, 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
Rhonda Bullard
Seleta Davis- absent
Cory Eason
Paul Oberthier
David McDaniel
Alan Koelemay
George Steele

President Gary Mapes called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
Thomas Merritt, Vice President, pronounced a quorum.

General Manager's Report

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Items of notice : Maintenance teams have been working in Wisteria circle cleaning park lots. No development is planned.

Road project: 2nd. phase of the \$500,000 Capital Improvement Project is being firmed up and finalized.

SGR operational and Organizational Assessment for the Cherokee Water Company is planned to begin at the April Pre-Board Meeting.

The CWC Online Store is continuing to be developed by Cathy Hite. We will be starting with approximately 15 items for purchase.

Dee Rea made a motion to Approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company February 15, 2024. Seconded by Alan Koelemay. All voted in favor of the resolution except Rhonda Bullard voted no. The resolution passes by majority consent.

Treasurers Report:

- Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to certify the bills paid for the month ending February 2024. Seconded by Thomas Merritt. The motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Graves made a motion to approve the Financials ending February 2024. The second was made by George Steele. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee: Paul opened the meeting with the announcement that the Committee Chairmanship is being divided between Paul (Variance requests) and Rhonda (Rules & Policies).

Rhonda began discussions as follows:

Consideration of a rule pertaining to allow Shareholders to place their home in the Parade of Homes. This has been allowed in the past, basically on a special request to the Lake Manager. After the May 2024 Parade of Homes, this will no longer be allowed. Notice of this effect will be placed on the New Home Construction Permit application. Rules 1. F. d., F. 2, #4, and V. C. were considered in this decision.

With an increasing number of homes being built across multiple lots, the Committee consulted the CWC attorney regarding how stock certificates should be styled when building across lots. The Attorney advised placing something in the rules that clearly states stock certificates must be held in the same name.

Rhonda will meet with the attorney on proper wording and bring proposed rule change to the April Meeting.

The Committee has been asked to consider a ruling to control Light Pollution. The Rules Committee agreed to some education on the topic before considering any rule change. An article will appear in the April Chatter.

In response to several complaints about loud boats during early morning hours, specifically during duck season, the Committee referred to the current rules in place regarding quiet hours and the type of boats that are permitted on Lake Cherokee. The committee does not see a need for any further rule but to simply to educate Shareholders and enforce the rules in place.

A suggestion from the 2023 Election Commission Chair, which would result in a Bylaw revision/clarification, was discussed. The Committee wants to take time to fully understand the change and implications before making a recommendation. The Committee will continue discussion in April.

Paul led the committee in reviewing 4 variance requests; after site visits, and these are the recommendations to the Board:

- SM 24, build accessory building with one eave within 5 ft. of property line. Both adjoining shareholders approved. Committee recommends approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance. Seconded by Rhonda Bullard. Motion passed unanimously.
- NI 17, Build a storage building closer than 50 ft. to road (28 ft.) and closer than 6 ft. to property line (eave to be

2 ft.). Both adjoining shareholders approved. The Committee visited the site and recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve. Motion was 2nd by Randy Graves. Motion passed unanimously.

- NE 25, Build boathouse closer than 6 ft. to property line (on property line). Both adjoining shareholders approved. The committee visited the site and recommended approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve, Motion was seconded by Cory Eason. Motion passed unanimously.
- NP 45, Build carport closer than 75 ft to water (53 ft.) and closer to property line (2 ft.). The committee visited the site. The proposed site was not staked out. Both adjoining shareholders object to this request. The committee asked the Compliance Officer to request from the shareholder a more detailed drawing and request marking exact location. The marked location now shows the building 10 ft. off the property line and 58 ft. from the water. Rhonda Bullard made a motion to approve variance. A second was made by Cory Eason. All board members voted yes except for Randy Graves and Paul Oberthier voted NO. Motion passed by Majority vote.

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

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Boater Education Course	June 1, 2024
Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally	June 8, 2024
Boat Parade	July 6, 2024
Fireworks Spectacular	July 6, 2024
Family Fun Fest	August 31, 2024
Fall Bass Tournament	October 19, 2024
Fall Clean up	October 18—20, 2024
Chili Fest	November 9, 2024

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NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE
APRIL 17



The Preservation Club met on Thursday, April 18th.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a big success with 125 kids participating along with 400 parents/grandparents attending!

The upcoming Wet-n-Wild Boat Rally was our main topic of discussion as it is quickly approaching on June 8th! ***Boathouses are needed!*** We are also in the process of gathering up donations for prizes and silent auction. If you are interested in hosting a boathouse or making a donation please contact Bart Owen or Darrell Wolven or leave a message on our Facebook page. Due to rising costs we have made the decision that the price of registration needs to be increased to \$25 for adults from \$20, children will remain at \$5. Usual Suspects will be entertaining us again upon returning to the island. We are all looking forward to another amazing event and hoping/wishing/praying for great weather.



Have you noticed the new water bottle refilling station on the island? It is located close to the shower area and signage has been added. The purpose of our Club is to find ways to help our lake community and we are currently mulling over new ideas on how we can make the island experience better for all shareholders. Stay tuned!

Due to inclement weather on 4/20, Noon-day had to cancel their concert but hopefully will be able to reschedule soon. **Up next...** The Blaine Hart Band on 5/25 in conjunction with the shrimp boil and Preston Barrett on 7/26.

If you are interested in joining us come to our next meeting on Thursday, May 16th immediately following the CWC Board Meeting. Hope to meet you there!



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS
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Service Times
Sunday School- 9:30am
Morning Worship -10:30am
Evening Worship -6pm
Wed Night for all Ages- 6:30pm

Lake Cherokee Annual Boat Parade

Sponsored by:



The Lake Cherokee Annual Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 6th at 10:00 am. So be thinking about what you want your boat or barge decoration theme to be.

No registration is required. All you have to do is show up in the area east of the island at 10:00 am and join the procession in front of the judges' stand at the CWC office pier. You can follow the traditional *Patriotic Theme* or let your imagination carry you into the *Open Theme* category.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
April 18, 2024

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Seleta Davis
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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 the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, April 18, 2024. Seconded by Randy Graves. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

General Manager's Report

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Items of notice:

Road Project: 2nd phase of \$500,000 Capital Improvement Project is being firmed up and finalized.

CWC Online Store is now functioning to purchase Lake Cherokee monogrammed items. You may access the store online at Store.LKCherokee.com.

Kevin gave a brief report regarding the flooding conditions experienced from April 8-11, 2024. USGS monitors the rainfall and water surface elevation of Lake Cherokee. USGS information indicates that rainfall over that period totaled 11.39 inches. The dam functioned perfectly as expected. The dam consists of an earthen

embankment which is the dam, principal spillway and an emergency spillway. The principal spillway does not have gates to open to release water. When water rises above the crest of the spillway it begins to be released from the reservoir. The rate of flow is controlled only by the depth of water above the reservoir's spillway. When the water reaches a level of 5 feet above the principal spillway level water will flow out through the emergency spillway. According to the 2009 Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis Study performed for the Lake by the engineering firm hired by CWC in 2019, the dam and spillway system can pass 100% of the Probable Maximum Flood that would result from a 42-inch rainfall over a 48-hour period without the dam being overflowed.

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Rhonda began discussions as follows:

The Committee met April 9th to continue discussion on building across multiple lots. After the meeting with Lake Attorney last week, the Committee plans to have a proposed rule by the May meeting.

The Committee discussed the OSSF VI: Fees for the Use of CWC Unleased Land for the Disposal of Wastewater rule. The Committee and the Board recommend that this fee be capped and no longer tied to the annual lease renewal fee. The consensus of the committee was to cap the fee at \$650 beginning with the 2024-25 fiscal year. This is not a rule change, simply a directive to Management as the budget is prepared for 2025 and annual release paperwork is created.

To look at our dated or unnecessary rules, the Committee had a round table discussion on General Rules and Regulations that committee members are concerned with and would like to see addressed. Understanding the reason rules were originally adopted by past boards and determining if the rules are still relevant

is key. You may see discussions in the Chatter to educate rather than regulate. The Committee will address these issues as necessary and bring changes as needed.

Paul presented April variance requests. After onsite visits and discussions, the Committee

made the following recommendation to the board.

1. NK 22: To build a new boathouse more than 50ft. into the lake. The request to build a new boathouse, replacing an existing boathouse 80.7ft. into the lake. The committee visited the site. The water is 11'1" deep at 80.7ft., 11'3" deep at 75ft. and 7'6" deep at 50ft. The shareholders at NK 23 have signed off on the request, the other side is owned by CWC. The committee recommends denying the request. Paul Oberthier made a motion to deny the request to go out 80.7 ft. into the lake. Second was made by Seleta Davis. The motion to deny passed unanimously.
2. NG 17, To add to an existing deck to be closer than 75ft. to

the lake and to build a golf cart shed to be closer than 6ft. to the property line. The deck will be 58ft. from the water. The golf cart shed will be 2ft. from the property line. The committee visited the site. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee voted to approve the deck and ask the shareholder to provide a drainage plan for the golf cart shed. After the Compliance Office worked with the shareholder and builder they agreed to provide a suitable drainage plan. The committee recommends approval. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance. Rhonda Bullard seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary



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This is the fourth 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.

The U.S. Navy

“Not self but country” “Don’t give up the ship”

The Continental Navy was created on October 13, 1775. The Navy was small, 27 warships, and so was helped by merchant vessels. The early American economy was always intertwined with foreign trade and many British ships were manned with Americans. Colonial merchant ships learned to protect themselves from pirates and therefore, their transition to armed privateers was natural. Although the British maintained naval superiority for most of the war, Americans and their allies caused enough trouble to divert some attention and spread thin the Royal fleet. British trade losses are estimated at \$90,000,000. John Paul Jones is considered the Father of the US Navy. He is responsible for establishing tradition and discipline in the young Navy. Known for his courage, he is famously known for saying “I have not yet begun to fight” in response to a British captain’s request to call for Quarter (surrender).

The Navy continued to provide a crucial part of American national security after helping achieve independence. During the Civil War, the Union used naval ships to block trade and control river traffic, disrupting commerce within the rebellious states and staving off foreign intervention by demonstrating American resolve to the European powers. The US Navy truly achieved world renown through its stunning victory over the Spanish Imperial fleet at Manila Bay in 1898, and the Navy secured the new US territorial acquisitions in the Caribbean and Pacific following the Spanish-American War. By the dawn of the twentieth century, America’s status as a world power was assured by the US Navy.

During World War II, the Navy again showcased American determination, and American sailors served heroically. The attack on Pearl Harbor which brought America into the war was the result of growing tensions between the Japanese Imperial Navy and the US. Over 2,400 servicemen died with over half the dead from the battleship USS Arizona which, when hit, ignited over a million pounds of ammunition. The remains of the ship can still be seen in the Hawaiian harbor. The Navy fought against the Japanese, German, and Italian fleets for four years, defeating all three naval opponents and achieving Allied victory in 1945.

The Navy continues to secure American freedom today. In 2000, the destroyer USS Cole was docked in the port of Aden in Yemen when two al Qaeda terrorists in a small boat pulled alongside and detonated explosives that tore a 40 foot wide hole in the ship killing 17 US sailors and injuring 40 others. The US Navy supports ongoing anti-piracy operations in the Horn of Africa. More recently, US naval forces have begun protecting trade in the seas of the Middle East by targeting Iran-backed Houthi terrorist sites in Yemen that were launching anti-ship missiles and drones against merchant vessels and US Navy ships.

With a mission to defend freedom, preserve economic prosperity, and keep the seas open and free, the modern Navy has about 347,000 personnel; 289 combat vessels including carriers, cruisers & destroyers, submarines, amphibious craft, Littoral combat ships, and hospital ships; and over 4,000 aircraft. The Navy and Marine Corps are equal and independent units but report to the Department of the Navy.

Navy SEALs (Sea, Air, and Land) are elite small-unit teams conducting intense special operations. Naval aviation jobs range from helicopter and fixed-wing pilots, to air traffic controllers, to aircraft mechanics. Navy Fighter Pilots courageously use 300 foot runways atop naval aircraft carriers and take off at speeds of 170 mph.

Notable Texans serving in the US Navy include Admiral William McRaven who organized and commanded the special ops raid in 2011 that led to the killing of Osama bin Laden as portrayed in Zero Dark Thirty. Admiral Chester Nimitz was the Commander in Chief of the US Pacific Fleet during WWII. Naval SEALs include Texans Chris Kyle (American Sniper book and movie) and Marcus Luttrell (Lone Survivor book and movie).

The US Naval Academy is located on Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, MD. The US Navy Memorial is in Washington, DC. The National Museum of the Pacific War is in Fredericksburg, Texas and is funded by the Texas Historical Commission and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. The official Navy song is Anchors



Aweigh, in which aweigh means to pull up all anchors and ready for departure.

Lake Cherokee resident and US Naval Commander Tim Archer spent 29 years in the US Navy ('73 to '02) having started with Vietnam and included time with US Marines in the first Persian Gulf War. “I knew I would be on the water when I left the Navy, settled in Longview, then Lake Cherokee starting in 2003.”

Lake Cherokee resident, Marjorie Courville, remembers her husband, George, who was in the Navy during the Korean War ('50 to '54) and who passed away at 89 years old. “As a student right out of high school with few opportunities, the Navy allowed him to see the world. He always said his time in the Navy was the reason he chose to go to college. The Navy changed the course of his life.”

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

Next month: The Air Force “Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win”

Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Progress Report

The Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial will consist of flags representing each branch of service, a POW/MIA flag and American, Texas, and Lake Cherokee flags. The site will be viewable from the lake and accessible from land. Two sites (northside and southside) are under consideration. Contact Thomas White for more information twhite.tx@gmail.com

About the authors:

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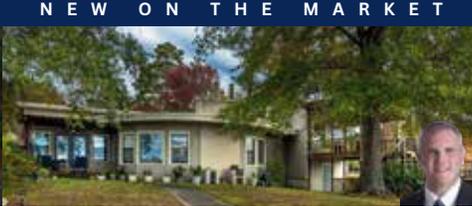
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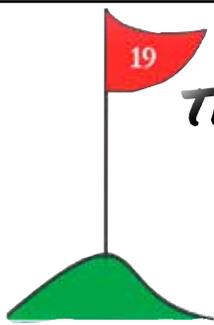
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NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Rebekah Taylor

CCGA May Newsletter

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

The next tournament date is May 11th @ 9:00 am **Men's and Women's Ryder Cup Tournament.** Details: Entry fee is \$50. We will meet the night before, Friday May 10th, at Duke's Fish Shack in Lakeport @ 6:00 pm to pick teams and set the first matches. Food and drinks at Duke's are Dutch treat. On Saturday, we will play 9 holes of two-person best ball, then 9 holes of scotch, then lunch followed by 9 holes of head-to-head. This is match play so most matches do not go all 9 holes. This is a fun and exciting format so sign up early in the Pro Shop!

May 18th is the **Men's Club Championship.** Details: Men who are members of Cherokee Country Golf Association meet at 9:00 am. Will have regular and senior flights. No entry fees. Prize awarded = "bragging rights!"

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

Saturday Fun Bunch: every Saturday except for tournament days. It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. It is a 4-person scramble. Teams are picked randomly the morning of tournament so plan to arrive early. Will also have fun bunch on Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day!

A special thanks to **all the volunteers** who worked to get the new sign put up on 149. You know who you are! It has been a remarkable success!

Greg Turnbow – thank you so much for the countless hours you put into running the backhoe to improve our course!!!

Lon Spradlin – thank you for letting the club use your backhoe for course improvements!

Phil Porter and Mobbs Construction – thank you for the topsoil donated to improve our grounds!

Please welcome the new Pro Shop employee Crystal Key!

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

Call the Pro Shop with any questions. **(903-643-3571)**

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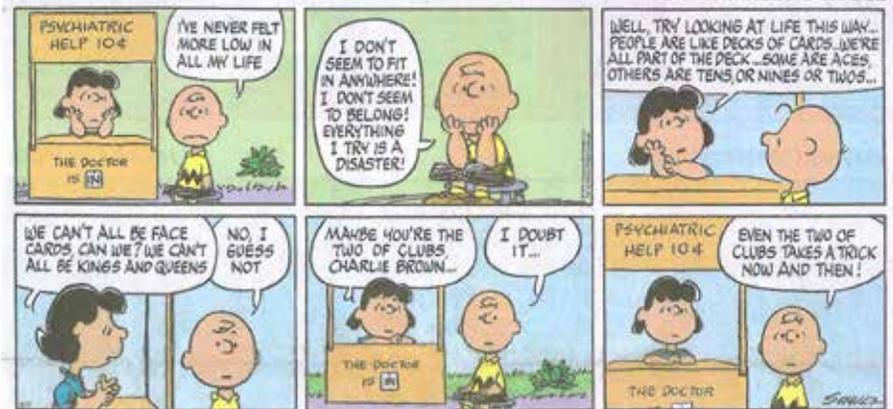
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**BRIDGE
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By Jeanne Collins

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CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ



Another famous bridge player was Charles Schulz, one of the most well-known cartoonists ever. He often incorporated the game into his comics, and 'Peanuts' fans may recall seeing Snoopy and his little bird friend, Woodstock, playing bridge with a group of Woodstock's buddies. Even Charlie Brown related to the lowest rated card in the deck, the two of Clubs. (See cartoon)

Our club has a "Deuce Prize", awarded to anyone who catches a trick with the 'two' of the current trump. Come join in the fun! 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. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome and our group is very informal. 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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The April meeting of First Friends was held at the Longview Arboretum on Thursday, April 18th at 11:30 a.m. Hostesses were Gail Fowler and Jeanne Collins, who asked members for announcements and recognized birthday celebrants. Door Prize winners were Susan Deeds and Judy Jackson, who was a guest of Jeanne Collins.

Although our group has met at the Arboretum before, it had been at least a year since we had walked through it, and we were amazed at the changes and improvements! This place is truly a gem in Longview's list of attractions, and we encourage all of you to take an hour or so and walk through to see the myriad gardens, fountains, waterfalls and items of interest. The Arboretum also hosts evening concerts on various dates throughout the year, and there is a grassy hillside that looks down onto the stage area. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and coolers to enjoy music under the stars.

Next month our group is planning to meet for lunch at the home of Gail Fowler. She promises to entertain us in style and challenge us with photo puzzles.

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Gail Fowler, Judi Morgan, Judy Jackson, Susan Deeds, Jeanne Collins



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"We're committed to teaching boaters that the best boating experience is a safe day on the water," said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. "

This National Safe Boating Week, prepare for a great boating season by inspecting your boating safety gear and commit to providing comfortable life jackets for all your passengers to wear every time you go boating. U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities, and that 75 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets. There are many options for boaters when it comes to choosing a life jacket. When selecting a life jacket, a boater should check that it is U.S. Coast Guard approved, appropriate for the water activity, and fits properly. "The best life jacket is the one you will wear," said Phillips. "Whether you're going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, make sure you're prepared for the adventure by wearing a life jacket and knowing how to use required safety gear."

The National Safe Boating Council recommends these tips for boaters:

- **Take a boating safety course.**

Gain valuable knowledge and on-water experience in a boating safety course with many options for novice to experienced boaters.

- **Check equipment.** Schedule a vessel safety check to make sure all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition.

- **Wear a life jacket.** Make sure everyone wears a life jacket – every time. A stowed life jacket is no use in an emergency.

- **Use an engine cut-off switch – it's the law.** An engine cut-off switch is a proven safety device to stop a powerboat engine should the operator unexpectedly fall overboard.

- **Watch the weather.** Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion.

- **Know what's going on around you at all times.** Nearly a quarter of all reported boating incidents in 2022 were caused by operator inattention or improper lookout.

- **Know where you're going and travel at safe speeds.** Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed.

- **Never boat under the influence.** A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.

- **Keep in touch.** Have more than one communication device that works when wet. VHF radios, emergency locator beacons, satellite phones, and cell phones can all be important devices in an emergency.

About the National Safe Boating Council

Established in 1958, the National Safe Boating Council is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education, outreach, and training. For more information about NSBC programs and professional development opportunities, visit www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET AT WORK DAY

May 17



We encourage all boaters to participate in Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day on May 17, 2024, the day before National Safe Boating Week begins. No matter where boaters are working, they can join in the fun by wearing their life jacket and posting creative pictures on social media for a chance to win a prize.

This is a great way to encourage others to boat responsibly.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

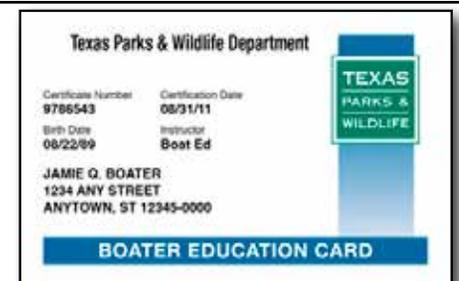
Boaters share a picture of themselves wearing a life jacket at work (or home) on social media along with the hashtag #wearyourlifejacketatworkday and tag @boatingcampaign (Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram)

Don't use social media? Email photos to outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org.

CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE

Winners will be chosen randomly throughout the day to receive boating swag from the Safe Boating Campaign, such as t-shirts, dry bags, first aid kits, stickers, and more.

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-classroom-course-2340/>

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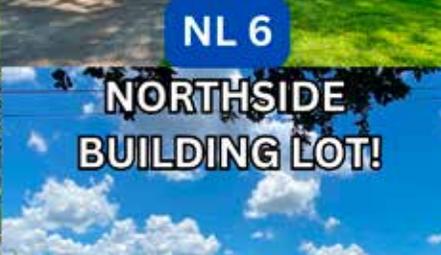
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NORTHSIDE BUILDING LOT!



NF 25

HUNTING FOR YOUR LAKE CHEROKEE HOME?

LAKE PARADISE!



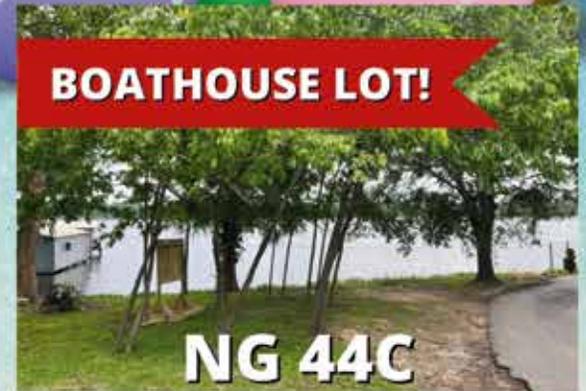
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SQ 12-13

LARGE LAKE VIEWS!



SB 61

RARE FIND!



SM 19

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Cherokee Fishing Club



Door Prize Contributing Vendors and Friends for the Spring Bass Tournament:

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Cherokee Fishing Club (CFC) News
May 2024

By Bryce Tawney – Treasurer

We had 30 dedicated members who came out in rainy weather to attend our April Meeting. Thanks to Pete and Carol Staiti for the great meal featuring ham and sweet potatoes. Also, thanks to our cookie people this month who were Pete and Carol, Genia Holland, Larry Willis, Lori Klump, Bonnie Hegeman, Anna O'Brien, and David Wilson.

President Genia noted the CFC Fall Bass Tournament will be on Saturday, October 19. CFC, with Pristine Pond Solutions, is working to organize a CFC Crappie Tournament for Saturday, October 5. CFC needs a willing club member to volunteer for the position of Tournament Director. The Tournament Director presides at all CFC Tournament Events and Weigh-Ins, appoints and leads assistant volunteers, and coordinates with the Secretary for social activities and with Treasurer for registrations and payouts. This position is critical to our ability to offer Tournaments. Genia is also seeking volunteers with Tournament coordination experience to participate on a committee to create a plan to streamline and improve our tournaments, including refining rules for the upcoming Crappie Tournament. Interested club members should contact Genia.

Les Milligan, crappie guide on Lake O' The Pines. Les discussed various technologies impacting the sport of crappie fishing including Crappiebrakes, Livescope forward-facing sonar, and the Hummingbird Lakemaster mapping SD card. Crappiebrakes are accessory trolling motors that mount onto shallow water anchors at the rear of the boat to give fishermen another means to control boat positioning without spooking fish by using the bow-mounted trolling motors. Les also spoke of quality crappie jig bodies by BoneHead Tackle, ACC jig bodies, and ACC fishing lines. Les also touted the use of weedless jig heads, which he finds on eBay, for crappie fishing in heavy brush.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month who were: Solid Pawn Bait Bags by John Jaskiewicz and Bryce Tawney, a Lew's Crappie Rod by Kevin Bowlen, and \$50 Cash by Christian Godwin.

The Club encourages everyone to attend our next meeting on Monday, May 13.



The Spring Bass Tournament on March 23 had great weather and excellent participation. There were 42 teams registered, 30 teams who weighed in over 494 pounds of bass, and raised \$410 in donations for the Hatchery. Congratulations to the winning teams who earned payouts for the top 8 Big Stringers. We would also like to recognize the local vendors and friends (listed below) who graciously donated door prizes for the post-tournament social event. When you visit these vendors be sure to say Thank You on behalf of CFC!

Our program this month was

Cherokee Fishing Club Spring 2024 Bass Tournament In The Money:

Big Stringer 1st Place	24 lb 2 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 2nd Place	22 lb 6 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 3rd Place	21 lb 12 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 4th Place	21 lb 8 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 5th Place	19 lb 10 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 6th Place	18 lb 14 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 7th Place	18 lb 12 oz	Team:
Big Stringer 8th Place	18 lb 6 oz	Team:

Travis Smith / Brad Langford
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Mike Hendrick / Tommy Hooten
Dana Deason / David Wilson
Maci Langford / Zach Mundell
Cade Silvertooth / Max Silvertooth
Jeffery Smith / Rowdy Smith
Terry Ford / Jaxson Evans

Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The April 9, 2024 meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Group was cancelled due to the massive lake flooding. Several members were consulted and the consensus was to cancel. The clouds broke just before 6PM, but the decision had already been made, emails sent, and posts on Facebook done. (I wouldn't have made it as I had flooding in my house that was



evident about 4PM!)

Hopefully we will have better weather on May 14th, our next meeting day. Continue to photograph this month and bring your images on clean SD or thumbdrive if you want to project them. You may also bring sample prints, even on computer paper if you wish. The goal is to build a varied, but cohesive show about "Life at Lake Cherokee". Hopefully we will have a date from the Museum for the show. I am sure there are interesting flood pictures that can be included.

The guidelines are: black frame of your choice, white or gallery white mat, smallest image size is 8x10 which normally mats to 11x14 frame size. Anything larger is acceptable. (11x14 print customarily mats to 16x20 frame.) All printing and framing is at your expense.

We invite all Lake Cherokee residents to join us at the lake office on the second Tuesday of the month at 6PM. We are informal, so if you arrive later, that is fine. We are also looking for people interested

in sharing their photographic knowledge with the group. If you have a subject you would like to share, please let me know. You may text me, Holly Treadway at 903-399-0066 and I will respond by text or call you if you prefer.

I hope to see everyone at the May meeting.



CWC OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday
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MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bridge Club Luncheon	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7	8 Bridge Club	9 Golf Course Board Meeting	10	11 Noon Day Band
12 Mother's Day	13 Fishing Club	14 Community Gardeners Photography Club	15 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	16 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19 Pentecost	20	21	22 Bridge Club	23	24	25 Blaine Hart Band
26	27 CWC Office Closed Memorial Day	28	29 Bridge Club	30	31	

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Boater Education Course
2	3 Variance Deadline	4	5 Bridge Club Luncheon	6	7	8 Wet and Wild Boat Rally
9	10 Fishing Club	11 Community Gardeners Photography Club	12 Bridge Club	13 Golf Course Board Meeting	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Bridge Club Chatter Deadline	20 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club 1st Day of Summer	21	22
23	24	25	26 Bridge Club	27	28	29
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SHRIMP BOIL
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SATURDAY, MAY 25TH
3:00 PM
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