

THE CHEROKEE CHATTER

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Cade Silvertooth/ Max Silvertooth - 6th place



Spencer Patterson/ Collin Juban - 2nd place



Travis Smith/Brad Langford - 1st place

April 2025

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CWC OFFICE HOURS

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

If you are unable to make it to the office during business hours, give us a call. We can help!

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GOOD FRIDAY

The Cherokee Water Company offices will be closed on Friday, April 18 in Observance of Good Friday. We will resume normal office hours on Monday, April 21st.

Happy Easter Lake Cherokee!

Cherokee Fishing Club 2025 Spring Memorial Bass Tournament In The Money:

Big Stringer 1st Place	31.01 lbs	Team:	Travis Smith / Brad Langford
Big Stringer 2nd Place	28.98 lbs	Team:	Spencer Patterson / Colin Juban
Big Stringer 3rd Place	23.72 lbs	Team:	Terry Ford / Robin Walker
Big Stringer 4th Place	23.69 lbs	Team:	Cameron Cowley / Colby Siegley
Big Stringer 5th Place	23.46 lbs	Team:	David Gooze / Zach Mundell
Big Stringer 6th Place	23.20 lbs	Team:	Cade Silvertooth / Max Silvertooth
Big Stringer 7th Place	20.01 lbs	Team:	Ben Tullos / Zach Turner
Big Stringer 8th Place	19.85 lbs	Team:	David Tramel / JP Tramel
Big Bass 1st Place	10.99 lbs	Angler:	Colin Juban
Big Bass 2nd Place	10.62 lbs	Angler:	Travis Smith
Big Bass 3rd Place	9.22 lbs	Angler:	Robin Walker

50 Teams Registered, 31 Teams Weighed-In, 522.26 lbs Total Weight. All fish released.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
Thursday, March 20, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
David McDaniel, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge
Justin Simmons
Cody Edmonson
Cory Eason--- Absent
Mary Yoder---Absent
Alan Koelemay
George Steele
Jeff Patty

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

Dee Rea made a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, Thursday, February 20, 2025 and the Special Meeting of the Board held on Monday, February 24th, 2025. Second 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. Other items reported on:

1. Kevin is in communication with the City of Longview regarding contributing to the cost of silt removal within Lake Cherokee. Talks are described as productive.
2. Kevin is in consultation with management of the Knox Lee Power Plant concerning the amount of sedimentation being deposited into the lake at the end of the discharge canal. The sides of the discharge canal are eroding into the canal, and the sediment is being carried into the lake.
3. The maintenance department will begin removing sediment from all siltation pond locations this coming week.
4. Kevin will engage in a conversation with Austin Lightle, P.E., representing Hayes Engineering, Inc. this week concerning the design and engineering of siltation ponds at the NQ Cove, Eagle Cove and Mud Creek.

5. Kevin showed pictures of the finished new island that is positioned behind Firecracker Island. It will be used for additional boat parking and picnicking.

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Randy Graves to certify the bills paid for the month of February 2025. Dee Rea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Randy Graves to approve reporting of Financials for February 2025. Dee Rea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee:

David McDaniel, Chairman
Committee Members:
Cody Edmonson
Alan Koelemay
Cory Eason---Absent
George Steel

David McDaniel presented variances to the Board for consideration:

Four Variance Requests were considered:

SB 40: The Committee voted unanimously to approve a variance to add to an existing home and deck. David made a motion to the Board to approve the variance. Cody Edmonson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
SG 35: The Committee voted unanimously to approve a variance to build a carport closer than 50 feet from the road. David made a motion to the Board to approve the variance. The motion was seconded by Cody Edmonson. The motion passed unanimously.
SG 53: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the variance to demolish an old boathouse and construct a new boathouse in 4.9 feet of water at 96 feet from land. David made a motion to the Board to approve the variance. The motion was seconded by Randy Graves. The motion passed unanimously.
SL 37: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the variance to build a carport cover on an existing slab close to the road. David made a motion to the Board to approve the variance. Randy Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rules Changes:

David McDaniel presented the following rule change.

Current Rule: General Rules & Regulations, I. General Provisions; C: Rights and Privileges of Shareholders and Others:

3.B. Firecracker Park gate access privilege cards will be issued (upon request) ONLY to shareholder, shareholders' Spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 25. These cards are required to access the entrance and exist onto Firecracker Park.

Proposed Rule Change, First Reading:

3.B Firecracker Park gate access privilege cards will be issued (upon request) to shareholder and shareholder's spouse.

The shareholder and shareholder's spouse privilege cards reflect the access code and are required to access the entrance and exist onto Firecracker Park.

Rationale: Instead of a gate access card, a gate code is issued to the Shareholder. Shareholder is responsible for the use of their entry code and for the behavior of their guests that access the park.

Current Rule: General Rules & Regulations, I. General Provisions; C: Rights and Privileges of Shareholders and Others:

3.G. Should a shareholder's spouse or resident no longer reside with the shareholder, it is the shareholder's responsibility to recoup the privilege card held by such a person and return it to the office. If not returned, no new privilege cards will be issued for spouse/resident until the previously issued card expires.

Proposed Rule Change, First Reading:

3.G. Be Removed completely

Rationale: Resolves itself with each renewal. Difficult to enforce as we don't know when someone moves out.

Current Rule: General Rules & Regulations, I. General Provisions; F. Lake Lot used for Residential Purposes Only

4. Commercial Billboards, political signs, real estate signs without permit from CWC and advertising of any description are prohibited.

Proposed Rule Change, First Reading:

5. General Contractors may place a sign for identification purposes once a construction permit is issued and removed when the construction project is completed. The sign can be no larger than 24X20 and contain: LOT number; name of general contractor or DBA and contractor phone number. There can be no logos or advertisements.

Rationale: Assist subcontractors in locating the correct LOT/JOB for deliveries.

Current Rule: Construction Rules & Regulations V. Piers, Boathouses and other Structures Over the Water
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. Shareholders are 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.

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Rationale: Rigid conduit a hazard around water

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Dee Rea, Chairman
Committee Members:
Justin Simmons
Cody Edmonson
David McDaniel
Alan Koelemay, absent

The Committee met to discuss designing and building siltation ponds with Austin Lightle, P.E., a representative of Hays Engineering, Inc. We explained to Mr. Lightle our desire for him to design and engineer sedimentation ponds at the NQ Cove, Eagle Cove and Mud Creek. Permits from any state and federal governing bodies necessary for construction must be obtained. We would want 3 competitive bids for the engineered project. We also explained that there are approximately 14 siltation ponds around Lake Cherokee, and we would like to get all the other ponds assessed.

The sedimentation spoil removal in the NQ Cove has been divide into Plan A or Plan B.

Plan A:

1) Funded by Shareholder Pope to remove the island and sand bar in the NQ cove.

2) Spoil would be removed and deposited on his land located across the lake road from the NQ Cove.

3) He would also remove sediment throughout the cove, Increasing water depth, and property values in the cove.

4) Cherokee Water Company would require the work to be defined and contracts signed.

Plan B:

1) Removal of existing spoil in the NQ Cove.

2) Engage in silt removal up into the cove.

3) Use the island as a platform for an extended arm excavator to remove silt as fat into the cove as possible.

4) Transport silt off the lake to a designated location.

from the MANAGER

Kevin Jones

General Manager,
Lake Cherokee



Hello Lake Family,

Spring has finally arrived, bringing with it warmer temperatures and longer days. We are grateful for this season of renewal and the opportunities it provides for everyone to enjoy our beautiful lake and amenities.

As always, we remain committed to being responsible stewards of your

resources while ensuring that Cherokee Water Company continues to thrive.

I want to commend our outstanding maintenance department for their hard work and expertise. Their dedication has led to a significant reduction in third-party costs, all while maintaining 40 miles of roads, 7,000 acres of land—including our nearly 4,000-acre lake—and all our amenities. Their efforts ensure that our community remains well-kept and functional while maximizing every dollar we spend.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for several major projects, including necessary road repairs and sedimentation removal. These are costly but essential investments in the long-term sustainability of our community. To help offset expenses, I have optimistically reached out to our partners

at the City of Longview and American Electric Power for financial assistance with sedimentation removal. Since we all share a vested interest in preserving as much water acreage as possible, we are working toward collaborative solutions. Additionally, I am in the process of amending contracts that will provide significant benefits to Cherokee Water Company in multiple ways.

I also want to take a moment to thank our exceptional office staff for their professionalism and dedication. They work tirelessly to support the needs of our community. Additionally, I would like to extend my gratitude to our Lake Patrol officers, who provide 24-hour security and assist numerous residents on a daily basis with protection and medical support. Their efforts often go unnoticed, but their commitment is essential to maintaining the

safety and well-being of everyone in our community.

Our lake is becoming more active day by day, and I implore that each one of you prioritize safety at all times. Follow all CWC & state rules and regulations, respect one another, and remain mindful of your surroundings. Your actions help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to a great season ahead!

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM



minutes continued

5) Bid requests have previously been sent out. We reviewed the responses and noticed a substantial difference in cost and methodology.

Committee requests a firm plan be put forth for Plan A by June 15, 2025 or we move forward with Plan B.

We also discussed the need to move forward with crown thinning and underbrush removal in selected areas. A discussion needs to be made with Kevin and President Mapes on how best to precede.

We would like to study the Surface Rights Agreements pertaining to these wells. Even though the Braden Head pressures have been reduced on these wells a review of the Surface Rights Agreements would be appropriate. We ask Kevin or Cathy to provide these agreements to the BOD for review.

The committee urges the General Manager to organize the maintenance department to remove sediment spoils at the sedimentation ponds. This should be accomplished at the earliest possible time.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Community Relations Committee Report:

Kristina Coolidge, Chair
Committee Members:
David McDaniel
George Steele
Mary Yoder
Justin Simmons
Cathy Hite-Ex Officio

Cathy Hite shared the current status of the Shareholder survey. Over 500 shareholders provided feedback in the 1st week. Mostly positive, most participants 65+, second is 55+. Will share the results via multiple methods – Board meeting, portal and send out emails. Strategic Planning committee will be able to leverage results.

Shareholder Education Initiatives - look for articles in the upcoming Chatters around topics such as:

- Wake boat/Plow boat Use - along with general boating safety rules on Lake Cherokee in Chatter
- Otter Education – we don't want them eating our crappie
- Pristine Ponds to provide article on safer chemicals to use in and around lake
- Article to follow NR committee report explaining difference in de-siltation vs dredging

Dates to remember:

April 11, 2025, Spring Cleanup
April 19, 2025 Eater Egg Hunt
June 7, 2025, Boater Safety Course
June 14, 2025 Wet and Wild

With no other business, Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

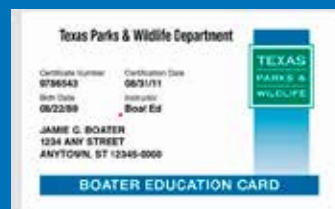
ATTEST

Dee Rea, Secretary

WHO NEEDS THE BOATER EDUCATION CARD?

Anyone born on or after
September 1, 1993 who wishes
to operate certain vessels on the
public waterways of Texas.

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 7, 2025, at CWC, NK 20.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE IS NOW OPEN -
PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

<https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/boater-education-classroom-course-2779/>

KIDS FISHING MONTHLY Contest

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KIDS Fishing Contest April 1st-September 30th

If you have a child, grandchild, or relative age 16 & under – this contest is for them!!!

- The winner of the heaviest in EACH SPECIES gets a \$50 check! EACH MONTH!
- Fish categories: Bass, Catfish, Crappie & Bream
- Contest runs April 1st – Sept 30th
- Winners will be presented with personalized certificate & \$50 prize at the monthly Fishing Club meeting! (Or checks can be mailed)
- A GRAND PRIZE will be drawn at the end of the season from *all entries received.*

Below are the contest rules:

1. Enter catches simply by emailing a photo with contestant holding their fish on scale to fishing@lakecherokee.com
2. Weight of the fish and fish must be visible in the photo.
3. Email entries must include: Photo, youth's name, lot number, mailing address.
4. All submissions must be made to fishing@lakecherokee.com to be considered.
5. You will receive a reply to your submission to confirm you are entered.
6. All fish MUST be caught on Lake Cherokee.
7. In the event of a weight tie, the 1st received entry will be the winner.
8. By entering the contest, participants grant permission for the winner's photo to be published along with the youth's first name on social media and in local publications (e.g., Cherokee Chatter).
9. The monthly contest closes on the last day of each month at *midnight* & a new contest begins the 1st of each month.

**GOOD LUCK
& GET TO
FISHIN'!**



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Lake Cherokee Preservation Club EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 19TH

TIME 10:00AM
BYOB – BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

**FACE PAINTING
GAMES
EASTER BUNNY**

AGES
0-2
3-4
5-6
7-10

GRASS LOT BY CWC OFFICE – NK20



The Lake Cherokee Preservation Club met on March 20, 2025 following the CWC Board meeting. The meeting was brought to order by Deanna Kalmus.

Brandy Parker was nominated and voted in as secretary. We are very excited for Brandy. We would like to thank Lanae Self for her time as secretary. We appreciate all that she contributed to the Lake Cherokee Preservation Club.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 19, 2025 in the field near the CWC offices located at NK20. Children and grandchildren of CWC Shareholders are welcome to attend the event. Registration will begin approximately 9:30-9:45. The egg hunt will begin around 10:00 starting with the 0-2 age group, then the 3-4 age group, followed by the 5-6 ages, and finally the 7- 10 children. There will be a food truck available with brunch bites for your enjoyment, Other fun things to partake in are face painting, tattoos and games. There is a rumor that the Easter Bunny will be available for photos as well! Volunteers are always needed for hiding the eggs. If you are interested in helping with this please arrive about 8:30 a.m. Help with this is always very much appreciated. We can also use help with face painting and the tattoos and the games. If you are

interested in doing this to help out, please arrive about 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for this special day!

We are in the planning stages of Wet & Wild which will be held on June 14th. We are still in need of boathouse hosts. If you are interested in hosting a boathouse, please contact Deanna Kalmus (469 964-1765), Darrell Wolven (972 839-7302) or Bart Owens (903 918-4601). We are also looking for donations for the silent auction, raffle and door prizes. If you or your favorite business would like to donate, please contact one of above Preservation Club Members. Just remember we can't do this event without you!

The Preservation Club is also looking into booking other entertainment on Firecracker Park this summer. Stay tuned for further details.

We are always looking for possible projects that we can do. Last year we took on updating the restrooms at Firecracker Park as well as sponsoring one of the flags at Memorial Park and contributing toward the rebuild of the wedding platform at the CWC offices. We are open to ideas so bring them to our next meeting.

We have decided to change the date and location of the next Preservation Club meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Darrell and Jane Wolven, SN33. There will be pizza! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jane Wolven at 214 537-7832 or Darrell Wolven at 972 839-7302, so that we can plan accordingly.

Please bring your ideas to the next meeting on April 15th. See you there!

CWC Office Manager Article



Cathy Hite

Office Manager, Lake Cherokee

First, if you haven't responded to the **2025 Shareholder Survey, you have until April 1st**. This is your opportunity to provide feedback and input regarding key priorities for Lake Cherokee. The Board of Directors and CWC Management will utilize this information during the 2026 planning cycle. An email was sent on March 3rd with the Subject Line: 2025 Lake Cherokee Shareholder survey and will be from Lake Cherokee. This should make it easy for you to find in either

your inbox or spam file. It should only take you 5-10 minutes so please provide your feedback.

On the Portal there is a direct link to the official Lake Cherokee Store. There is also a QR code in the chatter each month that will take you directly to the Store. The store has not gotten enough traction this past year. There is a **short poll on the Portal dashboard** where you can provide us with some feedback on how we could improve the store. Your feedback is important as we consider options and directions in the upcoming year. We have most of the current items in the CWC office if you would like to see the items.

Now, I need to rant a bit. I have a couple of posts on the Shareholder Portal of recent events around the lake. I did not put these on the CWC Facebook page as that is a public page. During Spring break specifically the weekend of March 15th, we had some vandalism of the island bathrooms. The Maintenance crew spends time cleaning them and getting them ready for the season. First weekend, the bathrooms were a mess.

They were disgusting. Someone put sand in the men's bathroom toilets. Fortunately, they still work. But this is not the 1st time this has happened. It will be costly repairs if this continues. The toilets work / flush. However, there are some people out here that must not know how to flush a toilet. Our maintenance crew works hard to support our community. It takes them away from other improvements to deal with these stupid acts.

My 2nd post on the portal had to do with an illegal item in the dumpster. Someone put a SOFA in the SO dumpster. Our waste management company can't remove these with their trucks. They will also charge us as well for overfilling the dumpster. I have been successful in getting our waste management company to refund us for charges related to our dumpsters. However, the charge related to this dumpster will be on us. Our maintenance crew also has to take time and remove the item. We have landfill passes for items that can't / shouldn't be placed in the dumpsters.



Even better, we have a Cleanup Day on the weekend of April 11th for these items.

Thank you for the rant. And for those that obey the rules, thank you.

Cathy Hite

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CWC Spring Clean- Up Friday, April 11th – Sunday April 13st

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 Material
- Mini Refrigerators

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 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.
- 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.



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Cherokee Fishing Club (CFC) News April 2025

By Bryce Tawney – Secretary

The March Meeting had 39 members and family, including six new members! Pete and Carol Staiti's chicken spaghetti was delicious. Cookie People were Genia Holland, Pete and Carol, Larry Willis, Darlene Lanis, and Jones Supply & Manufacturing, who provided desserts and additional sides.

CFC welcomes new members Robert and Ryan Michlewicz, Lee Scott, Kevin Thompson, and Lance and Dee Kennel.

President Genia Holland is contacting local suppliers to obtain great door prizes for the March 22 Spring Memorial Bass Tournament. Tournament participants will draw for door prizes following the weigh-in and winner presentations downstairs at NK20.

Bryce Tawney, Secretary/Treasurer, provided a financial update for February. Bryce reported that a Berkley fishing line recycling bin will now be available at monthly meetings. He recently visited and emptied the PVC recycling receptacles at the NA and Silvey Bridge boat ramps and is securing signage for greater visibility. Bryce advised members that the Cherokee portal has CFC forms and documents for brushpile coordinates and the Spring Memorial Bass Tournament. Bryce encouraged members to join the CFC Group within the Cherokee portal. The Spring Memorial Bass Tournament is on Saturday, March 22, and entry forms need to be received by Genia (SD14) or dropped at the CWC Office (NK20) by 3 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Bryce congratulated new member Kevin Thompson on his 9.86 lb. largemouth bass caught last week. Kevin was kind enough to share details of his catch.

George Steele, Habitat Director, reported the habitat team has finished replenishing existing brush piles with Christmas trees. Later in the spring, willow saplings will be gathered and placed. Thanks to Danville Farms for donating trees and the time and effort of CFC volunteers to improve our fishery.



Kevin Thompson with his 9.86 lb bass

Gary Lindsey, Hatchery Director, reported that 2 of the brood ponds are raising bluegill and redear sunfish. He will coordinate with CWC Maintenance to restart the pumps and put water in the remaining ponds. Later, he will work with Pristine Solutions and the CWC Manager to review stocking options.

The evening's program featured Jones Supply & Manufacturing, located at 13739 State Hwy 149 near the Cherokee spillway. Presenting were Ashley, Kady and Cory Davis, and Casey and Justin Williams. Ashley and Cory acquired Jones Supply last December. Casey works in the main store and Justin works in the Manufacturing area. Since then, they have been busy organizing and updating the main store and establishing steel manufacturing in the back. The store will be dealers for 6th Sense and Bass Pro Shop fishing tackle, will offer live bait including minnows, and will soon be able to sell Texas fishing and hunting licenses. A large self-service ice machine is also in the works. They encouraged Lake Cherokee shareholders to drop by and provide suggestions on how Jones Supply & Mfg. can better support the community with sporting goods, outdoor and gardening products, and custom metal fabrication. CFC encourages members and shareholders to do their part to support our new neighbor!

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month: Tackle Gift Bags by Lori Klump and Anna O'Brien. Catfish bait/tackle and Abu Garcia Rod by Wylie Thomas, Cooler bag by Gary Lindsey, Lew's baitcasting reels by Pete Peerenboom and Bryce Tawney.

CFC looks forward to seeing everyone on Monday, April 14, including any shareholders who want to join or visit!!



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Cory, Kady and Ashley Davis with Casey and Justin Williams from Jones Supply & Mfg



Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Update

We hope you have visited the Memorial site next to the fuel station – either by land or water. Currently, the 126 names for the Wall of Honor are at the stencil-maker – who will create a stencil for the engraver. The black granite veneer facing will be installed, hopefully, by Memorial weekend. The names will then be sandblasted onto the granite creating white lettering on a pitch-black shiny surface. A fence will be built between the Memorial and the Fuel Station for aesthetics and security. The land will be leveled with sod laid to create a serene lawn for gatherings. And the installation of a new sprinkler system will be donated entirely by Chris Matthews! (Thank you Chris and Melanie!)



We have 30 veterans who are wait-listed for another Wall of Honor or another way to celebrate their service. We are searching for ways to honor all our veterans now and in the future. Email Kathryn to get on the waitlist kacourville@gmail.com

A **Memorial Day Ceremony** will be held on Monday 5/26 at 3pm. More information to come.

A **Photo Contest** for the Veterans Memorial is underway with a deadline of May 4. Prizes donated by generous sponsors. Go to www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org for information and submission.

Sign up to receive updates or become a Friend of the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial by going to www.LakeCherokeeVeteransMemorial.org



Calling all photographers or amateurs with iPhones!

Memorial Day Photo Contest

Enter your image of the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial
Show us your perspective of the Veterans Memorial...by land...by water...
Win prizes and accolades!
Winners announced during the Memorial Weekend Summer Kick-Off on the Island

Go to
www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org
for information and submission

Presented by
Lake Cherokee Photography Club and
Lake Cherokee Community Foundation

Deadline for entry May 4th



Welcome to Lake Cherokee

February 2025 Transfers- 4

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



LEASE RENEWAL REMINDER

Payment is due April 1st for those shareholders that took advantage of the split payment option for the annual 2024-2025 lease renewal. If payment of \$825 is not received in the CWC office by April 30th, 2025, a \$100 late fee will incur.

Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The March 11th meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was hosted by Deana Harkness at her home. We had a meeting with Kathryn Johnston, from the Lake Cherokee Community Foundation. We discussed the photo contest which The foundation is sponsoring, and how we could help. It was an active discussion of many aspects of a contest. See the Lake Cherokee Community Foundation website, <http://www.lakecherokeecommunityfoundation.org>, for more information. Deana

invited us to bring objects to try the photo stacking process. Photo stacking provides the best way to get crisp detail through out the entire image of small objects. The computer works with the camera to take a number of images (12-16 for example) of the object to keep all aspects of the object in focus. Thank you Deana for hosting.

April 8, 2025 We will meet at the lake office to discuss how we can assist with the Lake Cherokee Foundation photo contest. Kathryn has said she would like to briefly meet with us one more time. We need to decide if we can offer a

non-cash prize. If someone knows a resource, please make contact. We also need to plan our meetings for the last half of the year. Be thinking of things you can present or topics of interest. If time and the sky cooperates, we could do some sunset photography as well.



May 13, 2025 Patty Stewart is scheduled to present, topic in development

June 10, 2025 Marc Bailey will present again. (He presented in January) He will present a class and most likely send us outside to put our phone cameras to the test, by assigning us a concept from his presentation. It is always fun and a learning experience.

July 8, 2025 Pliny Meir is a nature and birding photographer who recently moved to Longview. During his years in San Antonio, he co-founded La Lomita Wildlife Photography Ranch where he guided and mentored photographers from around the world from 2017-2023.

August 12, 2025 Boat Safari????

The Club meets the second Tuesday at 6P.M downstairs at the Lake Cherokee Water Company office, unless otherwise noted. The Lake Cherokee Photography Club has a Facebook page where updates, reminders, or changes are posted. We have an e-mail list too. Let us know



if you want your name added. We encourage all lake photographers to join us whether beginner or advanced. There are no dues or food to prepare, we come for learning and the joy of photography. For questions, please TEXT Holly at 903-399-0066 (My phone blocks unknown numbers, but transcribes voicemails.) You can email me at greytbiker@yahoo.com and put "photo club" in the subject line. I will get back to you. Please feel free to attend any meeting to see what we are all about.

Photos Holly Treadway



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Demolition	2
Dirt Work / Drainage	1
Driveway / Walkway	1
Fence	1
Home Repairs / Additions	0
New Construction	2
OSSF	2
Other	1
Outdoor Enhancement	5
Pool	1
Retaining Wall	1
Total Permits	21

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT FEBRUARY 2025

FACILITY CHECK: 1770	EXTRA PATROL: 182
OPEN DOOR: 9	DISTURBANCE: 1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON: 4	ALARMS: 3
WELFARE CHECK: 0	VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 0
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 12	WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW: 0
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 14	ASSIST AGENCY: 3
ANIMAL ASSIST: 0	BURGLARY/ THEFT: 0
CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS: 6	



NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

The Pro Shop hours for APRIL are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesdays through Sunday. Closed on Mondays for course maintenance.

EASTER – The Pro Shop will be open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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

SATURDAY FUN BUNCH: every Saturday except for tournament days @ 9:00 am. It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. It is a scramble format. Teams are picked randomly the morning of the tournament so plan to arrive early.

The **APRIL TOURNAMENT** will be held on **April 12**, and will be the **3 CLUB CHALLENGE**. Players pick three clubs to play the entire round (putters will be counted as one of the three clubs.) The cost is \$30 per player and lunch will be available after the tournament.

CCGA board for 2025 includes Alyce Clark, Nan Friend, Mike Irwin, Danny Matherne, James Patterson, David Stokes, Mark Taylor, & Phillip Works. CCGA officers President-Phillip Works

Vice President-Danny Matherne
 Secretary-Alyce Clark
 Treasurer-Nan Friend

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 10th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Last month's **FOUR PERSON BRING A GUEST** Tournament winners:

Congratulations:
 1st Place Team: Phil Porter, Danny Matherne, Mike Erwin, & David Howard
 2nd Place Team: Michael Clark, Phillip Porter, Glenn Hanka, & Andrew Suits

Mark your calendars and bring your kiddos!

First Tee

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The shareholders of the lots listed on the golf ball are the winners of **FREE GOLF** at the Cherokee Country Golf Association Course during the month of **APRIL**.

Any member of the shareholder's family should present their shareholder's card for one **FREE** round of golf, including the use of a cart.



Terrestrial Herbicides - Avoiding Negative Effects

Introduction

The warm season is officially approaching and with the onset of warm weather comes the arrival of undesirable weeds both in ponds and lawns. Fortunately, now is an excellent time to take action against pesky yard weeds and other pests; however, when living near a lake there are some things to be mindful of prior to performing a treatment. Many formulations of weed killer and insecticides designed for lawns can be problematic for aquatic life including fish. It is very important to make sure that the products being used on your lawn are labeled for the aquatic environment because when it rains that is where product residues will end up!

Herbicides

There are a number of different herbicides available for terrestrial use, many of which have the same active ingredient as aquatic brands. For example, Roundup is a Glyphosate product that is labeled for use on land. Glyphosate is also approved for use in aquatics, but Roundup is not. Roundup, despite being a glyphosate product, is toxic to aquatic organisms. This is not because of the glyphosate itself but rather the surfactant and other products mixed into Roundup. This is true for many other terrestrial herbicides as well. Most of them contain products such as surfactants with the chemical that can be damaging or fatal to aquatic organisms. But how do you know what is or is not low risk?

Prior to purchasing a product for treating your lawn, always be sure to check the product label. You can access product labels on the internet or by looking at the papers that are glued on to the front of the product container. On the label will be information regarding where and how the product can be used safely. Below is an example from Roundup Pro. This chemical formulation is harmful for aquatic life and therefore it is against the label to use it in areas where surface water is present or where it could wash into an aquatic environment.

3.2 Environmental Hazards

Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwaters.

In addition to environmental hazards the label will also indicate where the product is designed to be used. This is typically on the very front of the product under the name.

Aquatically labeled products will always include an aquatic section on the label. Below is a clip from the Roundup Custom label, where it clearly states that this product can be used in aquatic sites as well as other areas.

Complete Directions for Use

Roundup Custom™ for Aquatic and Terrestrial Use is a complete broad-spectrum postemergence herbicide for aquatic, crop, non-agricultural crop, industrial, turf, ornamental, forestry, roadside, and utility rights-of-way weed control.

Insecticides and Pesticides

Herbicides not designed for aquatic use are not the only products that can have negative side effects. Many pesticides and insecticides can also be harmful to aquatic life. It is important to always read the label for pesticides as well as herbicides and only use products in accordance with the label. Below is a clip from the label for Bifenthrin, a common broad spectrum insecticide. As you can see, this product is also not recommended for use near surface water and could potentially have negative side effects.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Drift and runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters. Care should be used when spraying to avoid fish and reptile pets in/around ornamental ponds.

Summary

Remember, the label is not only a guide on how to apply the product, it is also federal law. Misuse of a product against its label is considered a violation of federal law and is subject to penalty. So, always read and follow the label for both your safety and to avoid causing unintentional negative side effects to the aquatic environment around you. The good news is there are a number of aquatically labeled formulations of commonly used products such as Roundup Custom (glyphosate), Weedar (2,4-D), and more. Always check and follow the label as well as local and state laws.

Reading labels and interpreting safe product usage can be difficult. If you have questions about products and their safety for aquatic environments or yourself feel free to contact the lake biologist: Garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

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Tammie Sanders
CWC Code Compliance Officer

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

Hello everyone!

In May I will be celebrating my second work anniversary as Compliance Officer for beautiful Lake Cherokee and I could not be more grateful for the journey so far! Since my time here, I have met a community of incredible people, heard wonderful stories of the lake's history, and gained an unspoken understanding that life on the lake means something deeper than just a home; it is a way of life.

My role as Compliance Officer has been to review and issue permit applications, conduct site inspections, investigate violations, and provide guidance to property owners and contractors by helping them understand the permitting process and their responsibilities. You may ask why compliance matters in private lake matters? The answer to that question is construction and modifications can impact the surrounding

environment and neighboring properties. Compliance helps to ensure responsible development on Lake Cherokee.

Having a home on a private lake offers unique opportunities for recreation and enjoyment, but it also comes with responsibilities, especially when it comes to construction and modifications. Before starting any project, please call me or stop by to discuss the permit and rules that apply to the specific permit needed for your project. By doing this, you can avoid the consequences of non-compliance which consist of stop work orders, monetary fines, and penalties.

Also, as Compliance Officer, I frequently find myself acting as a buffer between neighbors who have differences when it comes to property matters. I am here to help but I highly encourage neighbors to have a conversation with one another first whenever possible. Whether you are discussing property boundaries, projects, or shared responsibilities, maintaining a **healthy and productive conversation with a neighbor** can help prevent misunderstandings, avoid

unnecessary tensions, and build mutual respect, especially when together you are focusing on solutions, not blame. By trying to address concerns directly and constructively, we create a more peaceful, cooperative, and connected community.

Respectfully,

Tammie Sanders
CWC Compliance Officer.

Variance Deadlines 2025

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



First Friends met at T's Cafe in Tatum on March 20. Twelve ladies were in attendance. There was no program, just lunch and gossip! The door prize winners were Jeanne Collins and Teresa Davis. Please contact Gail Fowler at (903)720-0199 if you are interested in joining us on the third Thursday of each month.



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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

April, 2025 issue

In 1958, the World Bridge Federation was created with the theme of "Bridge for Peace". Each year since 2008, eligible teams from around the globe compete for the World Title in rotating Host Cities. In the fall of 2024, the annual tournament was held in Buenos Aires, Brazil, and hundreds of competitors from 35 countries used their best skills for 10 days. The winning countries in the Open category were: 1st Poland; 2nd Italy; and 3rd Switzerland. In the Senior category: 1st USA; 2nd India; and 3rd France.

Lake Cherokee is the host location all through the year for CWC bridge club members and we enjoy a beautiful view while we play cards.

Bridge play at the CWC club is very informal, and men and women of all skill levels are welcome. The person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall". If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. We play every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 am and play four rounds, usually finishing around 2:30 pm.

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Jeanne Collins



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A list of Star Providers will be published and available to shareholders on the CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms.

The "Star Provider" status and logo can be used in your individual marketing to let prospective clients know that you have an in-depth knowledge of the Lake Cherokee community.

The test will be offered online.

To register, come by the Cherokee Water Company offices at NK 20 Lake Cherokee between the hours of 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Fee for the course is \$250.00 - due at time of registration.

For more information, call the office at (903) 643-3933

Fee covers:

- The instructional course and course prep materials
- 1 year of advertising in the Star Provider Directory on CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms used by CWC
- Email notifications throughout the year to keep Star Providers updated on any rule or policy changes that could impact service providers and shareholders.

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SECTION VI. BOATING SUMMARY -

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All shareholders are responsible for abiding by the current provisions of the Texas Water Safety Act



AUTHORIZED WATERCRAFT



- Lot Number required on ALL BOATS, PERSONAL WATERCRAFT
- Only boats, personal watercraft and other water vessels registered in the name of the shareholder or shareholder's spouse with registered address matching CWC records

PROHIBITED BOATS ON LAKE CHEROKEE

- Boaters > 28 feet in length
- Houseboats
- Boats with permanent sleeping facilities
- Boats with sanitation facilities
- Amphibious aircraft
- Airboats or swamp boats
- No motors with open exhaust



OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT



Privilege card holder must be born before Sept 1, 1993 unless operator is 13 years of age or older and has passed a boaters education course; or is accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age and can lawfully operate the watercraft

SPEED LIMITS & BOAT SAFETY

- Not above idle speed within 50 ft of any vessel, person, shore or stationary object
- NO speed in excess of 40 mph in open or ski waters (day) or 30 mph (night)
- 30 mph in named boat roads
- 10 mph access boat roads



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- Restricted to open water marked by buoys and no closer than 150 ft from piers and boathouses.
- Any boat pulling water skis require a min. of 2 people in the boat so that driver can keep proper lookout.
- All skiers are required to wear approved flotation device.
- PWC can not pull a person or persons on water skis on Lake Cherokee



PROHIBITED BOATING AND FISHING AREAS



- No closer than 100 ft to carp fence
- No boating in the SWEPCO canal or City of Longview water intake area
- No tying boats to buoys

SWIMMING

- Only Privilege Card Holders and guests are allowed to swim in Lake Cherokee
- Prohibited from the spillway to Section NB, from the dam, SWEPCO canal, boat roads and City of Longview intake area or CWC office piers
- Limited to 100 ft from shore, pier, or boathouse



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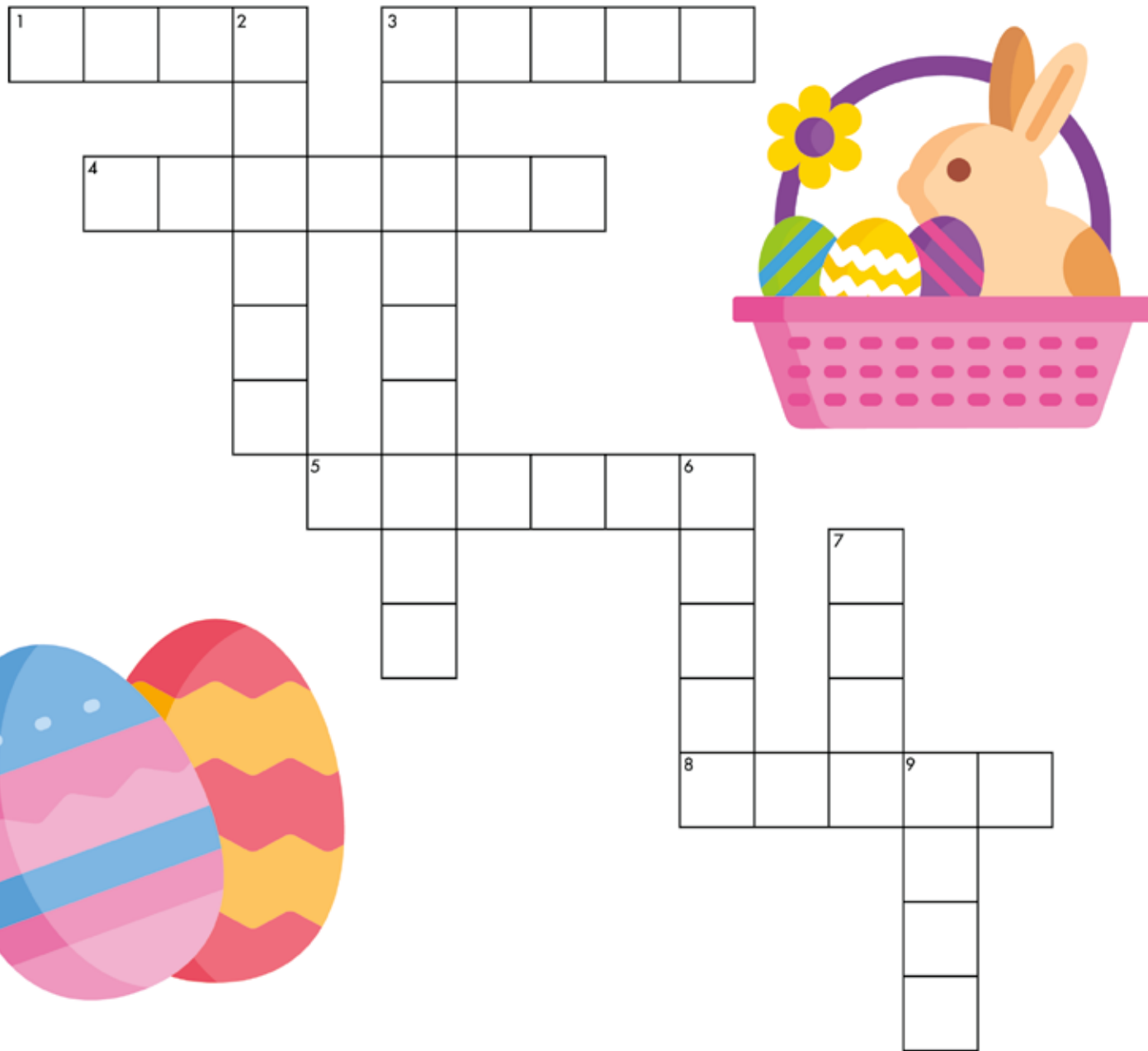
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ACROSS

1. How a bunny gets around.
3. A small yellow bird.
4. What a rabbit likes to eat.
5. You can put Easter eggs in this.
8. _____ Cottontail.

DOWN

2. The season that Easter is celebrated in.
3. Something you can fill Easter eggs with.
6. A type of Spring flower.
7. Easter egg _____.
9. The Easter Bunny hides these.



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

MAY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3
4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7 Bridge Club Luncheon	8 Golf Course Board Meeting	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Fishing Club	13 Community Gardeners Photography Club	14 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	15 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21 Bridge Club	22	23	24 Summertime Kick Off Shrimp Boil
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