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THE CHEROKEE CHATTER

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MESSAGE from the MANAGER



Kevin Jones

General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello Lake Family, welcome to 2026!! With the start of a new year comes a renewed sense of purpose, opportunity, and momentum. On behalf of the Cherokee Water Company, we look forward to another successful fiscal year and the continued progress of our lake and community. A new year naturally brings planning, goal setting, and thoughtful investment, and we enter 2026 focused on strengthening the foundation we have worked hard to build together.

We hope each of you enjoyed a meaningful Christmas season surrounded by family, friends, and reflection. As we move beyond the holidays, we do so with gratitude for the many blessings we share and appreciation for the strong sense of community that defines CWC. Together, we have made significant and positive changes over the past year, improvements that benefit not only our lake, but the long-term health and sustainability of the entire corporation.

The start of a new year is always a time for businesses to evaluate priorities, refine strategies, and look ahead with intention. At CWC, this means continuing to plan responsibly, invest wisely, and focus on projects that protect and enhance our infrastructure and shared resources. We are proud of what has been accomplished, and even more encouraged by what lies ahead.

During the month of January, the Board of Directors will meet with their newly assigned committees to review, discuss, and agree upon the next series of projects we will be completing this year. These discussions are an important step in ensuring that decisions are made thoughtfully, transparently, and with the best interests of our shareholders and community in mind.

As we move forward, let us continue to work with one another in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. Strong communities are built through collaboration, and our progress as a corporation is a direct reflection of that shared commitment. It is hard to believe that by the end of January, we will already be completing our first quarter. Time truly seems to be moving faster each year, and before we know it, we will be standing on the doorstep of spring and another active season at the lake.

We enter 2026 confident, optimistic, and focused on continued improvement. Thank you for your support, your involvement, and your belief in the direction of Cherokee Water Company. We look forward to another year of positive change, responsible leadership, and shared success.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM

Isaiah 40:31

*Welcome to
Lake Cherokee*



*November 2025
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if you have any questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please feel free to contact Misty Conway
(903) 643-3933
misty@lkcherokee.com

Permits	
NOVEMBER 2025	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	5
Boathouse - New	0
Boathouse - Repair	0
Demolition	0
Dirt Work / Drainage	0
Driveway / Walkway	2
Fence	1
Home Repairs / Additions	5
New Construction	2
OSSF	2
Other	0
Outdoor Enhancement	0
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	7
Dredge	0
Total Permits	24



LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

FACILITY CHECK: 2228

OPEN DOOR: 5

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 7

WELFARE CHECK: 1

ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 26

ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 25

ANIMAL ASSIST: 11

CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/DEBRIS: 2

EXTRA PATROL: 303

DISTURBANCE: 3

ALARMS: 7

VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 0

WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 0

ASSIST AGENCY: 2

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End of Year Summary

Introduction

The 2025 season marked the second year in a row of dramatic improvement across the board for Lake Cherokee. Our goals for the year remained the same as in 2024, which were to target invasive species of aquatic vegetation and control all species that hinder lake access in boat lanes and in front of boat houses. The goal for the fishery was also the same; continue to work on fish harvest to improve health of sportfish and populations of forage fish.

Herbicides and Vegetation Management

As mentioned previously, aquatic vegetation management remains a primary annual goal of ours. Our focus is on eradicating invasive species such as hydrilla, eurasian milfoil, and water hyacinth and promoting the establishment of native species like coontail and fanwort. The reason we do this is because invasive species grow faster, are typically more difficult to control, and have negative effects on the ecosystem. This year was the second consecutive year in a row where hydrilla was not seen on the lake at any density. Instead coontail, a native and beneficial species to both fish and wildlife, has remained the predominant submerged species. (High water levels and increased turbidity associated with rainfall have both contributed to a reduction in submerged vegetation overall in 2024 and 2025).

We are also still utilizing various herbicide combinations depending on species, location, water quality conditions, duration of control, etc. to ensure that we provide the most effective, cost effective, and environmentally safe approach. No copper algaecides or herbicides were used again this year which has continued to create noticeable improvements on muck break down and filamentous algae growth. We intend to further utilize different tools in 2026 to reduce muck and enhance beneficial bacteria so that we can address the root cause of plant growth issues and begin reversing the aging process of the lake. This creates a healthier, higher functioning ecosystem that over time can require less herbicide usage, increases in water depth, and improved water quality.

Overall vegetative coverage has decreased some from 2024, primarily in high problem areas such as Lees Creek, several small coves, and behind Silvy bridge. The rest of the lake maintained similar densities of aquatic vegetation like the end of 2024. But, this is intentional, as we try our best to balance wildlife and fisheries with recreation. Currently, aquatic vegetation sits in the ideal coverage range of 5-9% total surface area (a slight drop from 8-12% last year). We plan to continue to optimize our management going forward and make improvements each year.

End of Year Fish Data

Our end of year fish survey for 2025 showed continued improvement from 2023 and 2024 despite missing some harvest opportunities with the bass tournament and day to day anglers (anticipate some stalling or regression next year due to lower annual harvest this year). Fish data after two years of new management:

1. Bass relative weights (a measure of overall health) have increased from 87% in 2023 to 92% in 2024, and now 97.1% in 2025. .
2. Crappie relative weights also increased from 88% in 2023 to 89% in 2024, and now 91.5% in 2025. This year we saw a bigger improvement in crappie overall which is likely correlated with higher harvest rates this year than in 2023-2024.
3. Forage fish populations for gizzard shad, threadfin shad, and bluegill are similar to 2024 with continued improvements of larger forage noted during the survey from 2023 and 2024.
4. Redear sunfish populations once again increased dramatically from 2024 to now indicating that fish harvest is slowly leading to improvements in the food chain.

Another very exciting note from our final fall survey of 2025 is that smaller bass 8-11 inches long appeared to be performing exceptionally well overall. This is great news because these fish are the ones with trophy potential and are the future of the lake. As long as our combined harvest efforts with fishermen and our electrofishing surveys continue year over year, the future is bright for the fishing on Lake Cherokee and the recent findings in young fish support this. (Three young bass 10.5-11.75 inches in total length had a combined average relative weight of 117% percent in our fall survey)

Our goal is to create the greatest private lake in the country and meet the needs of each and every stakeholder that calls Lake Cherokee home. These first two years have been exciting and full of improvement. We look forward to continuing to make Lake Cherokee better in 2026 with innovative, total lake management approaches. Please reach out to us with any questions or comments that you may have about management for next year.

Contact the biologist at: garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

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Spring Bass Tournament	March 21, 2026
Easter Egg Hunt	April 4, 2026
Summertime Kickoff	May 23, 2026
Boaters Education Course	June 6, 2026
Wet and Wild Boat Rally	June 13, 2026
July 4th Fireworks	July 4, 2026
July 4th Boat Parade	July 4, 2026
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- Fill the boat's fuel tanks completely full
- Add biocide and/or stabilizing agents to fuel
- Change the fuel filters
- Add antifreeze to the engine's cooling system
- Add distilled water to batteries, charge completely and disconnect
- Charge batteries to capacity

Variance Deadlines

2026

12/30—1/15 Board Meeting
2/3—2/19 Board meeting
3/3—3/19 Board meeting
3/31—4/16 Board meeting
5/4—5/21 Board meeting
6/1—6/18 Board meeting
6/30—7/16 Board meeting
8/3—8/20 Board meeting
9/1 — 9/17 Board Meeting
9/29 — 10/15 Board Meeting
10/27 — 11/12 Board Meeting

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!

barbara@lkcherokee.com
(903) 643-3933

MONTHLY CLEAN- UP SCHEDULE 2026

January 12 -16th

February 9-13th

March 9 - 13th

April 13 - 17th

May 11 - 15th

June 8 - 12th

July 13 - 17th

August 10 - 14th

September 14 - 18th

October 12 - 16th

November 9 - 13th

December 14 -18th



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Lake Cherokee (Cherokee Water Company) is, for the first time ever, offering a course covering the rules, regulations and policies of Lake Cherokee.

Course curriculum is designed to provide professional service providers a better understanding and knowledge of the unique rules, regulations and policies that help make Lake Cherokee such a special community! After successful completion of the test, you will be recognized as a "Star Provider" for Lake Cherokee Shareholders.

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

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

The test will be offered online.

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

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

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

Fee covers:

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

Current Star Providers

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Abby Adkisson	903-431-5636	Bud Summers	903-240-0095
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at lake cherokee

Friends of Freedom Park (FFP) is officially an organization with Bylaws, a Board of Directors, and a Mission: To manage the upkeep and improvements to Freedom Park and to coordinate activities that honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of United States military Veterans. The Board of Directors include Barrett Newsom (President), Miguel Fabbiani (Vice President), Katheryn Johnston (Secretary), Hunter White (Treasurer), Roger Morris, Ken Pope, Karen Torres, and Thomas White. FFP will be a member-driven organization. Members will help guard the integrity of our new home of honor, and will promote awareness of Freedom Park. Eligible members are shareholders or their family members who support the mission of FFP. Members will be needed to support all future activities including Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, a Fourth of July event, fishing activi-

ties for Veterans, beautification and clean-up of the Park, and work on more ways to honor our Veterans at the site including Park Benches with engraved names and other monuments. An annual membership fee of \$20 will be assessed (once we are officially a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization), but all donors to the Veterans Memorial or Freedom Park will have their membership fee waived for 2026.

Please contact any of our Board members for questions or contact us through our website. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 1st at 2pm. One of the items we will discuss is how Freedom Park should look in years to come. Your input is important so please join us. RSVP online by going to our website www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org. The number of attendees will determine the location of the meeting.

Lake Cherokee Groups and Clubs

We have several clubs that have been formed and led by Lake Cherokee Shareholders. You can find more information about these clubs in the Shareholder Portal. Key contacts with phone numbers are provided online in the Portal.

Preservation Club

Deanna Kalmus, President
 Meetings are 3rd Thursday of each month following Board Mtg

Fishing Club

Genia Holland, President
 Meetings are 2nd Monday at 7:00pm at CWC office

First Friends

Roxanne Lane-Brink/ Gail Fowler
 Lunch 3rd Thursday of each month

Photography Club

Holly Treadway
 Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

Bridge Club

Norvella Skarda
 Play every Wednesday at 11:30 am at NK21

Lake Cherokee

Community Foundation

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

Friends of Freedom Park

Miguel Fabbiani and Barrett Newsom, Co-Chairs

An organization of volunteers who will manage the upkeep and ceremonies/activities at Freedom Park (where the Veterans Monument is located)



Cherokee Fishing Club News
Lori Klump – Member

The Fishing Club was in the holiday spirit, fueled by the delicious feast prepared by Pete and Carol Staiti. There were plenty of desserts and sides, thanks to everyone who contributed.

We had 38 attendees who enjoyed the evening of food and fellowship. Door prizes were awarded to 20 lucky people. And speaking of presents, an impressive number of donations have been collected for Blue Santa and Samaritan House in Tatum. Your generosity helped fill children's stockings and holiday tables.

As the year draws to a close, we wish everyone good fishing in 2026. Mark your calendar for our three big events: Spring bass tournament - March 21st; crappie tournament – August 29th; and the fall bass tournament – October 17th.

NOTE: Size limits for bass have been updated in 2026. The new bag limits chart can be found in this edition of The Chatter. You are encouraged to KEEP all bass between 10 and 18 inches. This is to reduce the overpopulation of fish in this range and encourage the remainder to put on a little weight! Lake Cherokee uses a "harvest slot" rather than a "protective slot" approach. Protective slots are common to many Texas lakes, but the harvest slot is better

suited to Lake Cherokee's fisheries management. Check out the graph which shows a high number of largemouth bass in this range, and the graph illustrating most falling below the line in expected weight.

The club works closely with Lake Biologist, Garrett Stamp of Pristine Pond Solutions to promote appropriate strategies for a healthy fish population.

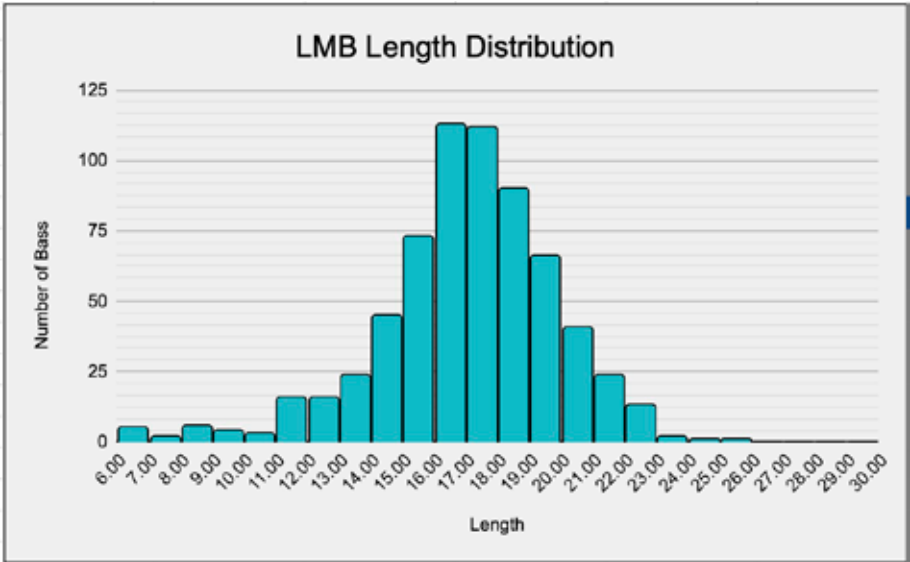
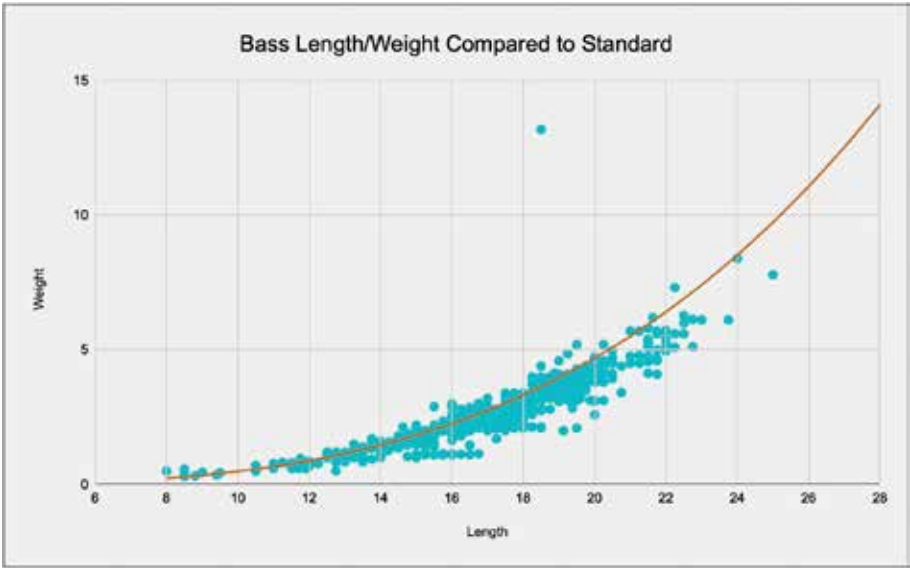
Our next meeting is Monday, January 12th. Dinner starts at 6:30 in the CWC office at NK20. Business will include collecting membership renewals for 2026 and electing a new president, secretary, and habitat director.

LAKE CHEROKEE FISH, SIZE AND DAILY BAG LIMITS 2026

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

****Fishermen are urged to keep ALL Bream 8" or greater**
Fishermen are urged to keep ALL Green Sunfish and Warmouth (Goggle-Eye).
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*How long have you been a shareholder?_____

*How often do you fish?_____

*Preferred Species_____

*Program topic suggestions_____

Reason for joining our club _____

Additional Family Members:

Name_____Relationship_____

Name_____Relationship_____

Use the reverse side for additional family members.

Bring this membership form to a monthly meeting or mail membership with payment.
Checks should be made out to the "Cherokee Fishing Club."

Mail to:

Cherokee Fishing Club

c/o Bryce Tawney

NG54 Lake Cherokee

Longview, TX 75603

Pays for annual membership for January-December calendar year.

For more information, call Bryce Tawney @ 281-433-6660

Cherokee Fishing Club

Registrant or One Team Member must be a 2026 CFC Member

Spring Memorial Bass Tournament Entry Form March 21, 2026

Event Start Time
6:30 A.M.

Event Weigh-in Time
Opens 1:00 P.M. Must be in weigh-in
line by 3:00 P.M.
NO DEAD FISH AT WEIGH-IN

Team Members

Name: _____ Name: _____

Cherokee Fishing Club Member Information (CFC Member is Shareholder/Privilege Card holder/CWC Employee)

Adult Member \$20 (Youth Member \$10 – 16 yrs old and younger)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Entry Fee is \$50.00 for a boat/ 2-member team or single-lone fisherman.

CFC Membership: _____ Entry Fee: _____

Donation to Hatchery/Habitat: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Mail entry form to Cherokee Fishing Club, NG54 Lake Cherokee, Longview, TX 75603, must be received by Thursday, before the tournament. Or drop off at CWC Office (NK20), no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the tournament.

**For questions, call David Wilson 903-235-6458
or Bryce Tawney 281-433-6660.**

I have read and understand the tournament rules and also agree, I am responsible for my team and actions of the team. In the event of injury, death or property damage, I the above signed do fully release and discharge the Cherokee Fishing Club, its officers, members and the Cherokee Water Company, its board of Directors and employees from any and all claims, demands, and/or causes of actions, including court cost and attorney fees.

CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

CFC BASS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registrant or One Team Member must have 2026 CFC Membership

A. General Rules

1. All Texas rules of the Texas Water Safety Act will apply to all tournaments. The CWC Lake Patrol will enforce the CWC Rules, TP&W Rules and Regulations, and Texas Water Safety Act.
2. Each boater must wear a USCG-approved life vest any time the main motor is started or running. Inflatable life vests are permitted, provided they are worn at all times.
3. No alcohol or drugs are allowed while fishing in the tournament. Violations will result in disqualification.
4. Any person found to be cheating or endangering watercraft, its occupants, or the property of others will be disqualified and may be banned from all Cherokee Fishing Club events.
5. All weigh-in results of the Tournament Scale are official. Any protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director at the time of weigh-in. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.
6. All participants must display good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including cheating, harassment, or verbal/physical interference with tournament weigh-in or with other participants, will result in disqualification.
7. No Fishing is allowed within 100 yards of the tournament weigh-in location.
8. Fishermen must be in the Weigh-In line no later than the designated time of the end of the tournament.
9. The Cherokee Fishing Club does not provide tournament weigh-in bags and all fish must be placed in a tournament bag, with sufficient water to keep the fish alive during the weigh-in process.

10. Entry fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is canceled or postponed by the CFC President or CFC Tournament Director.

11. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.

B. Bass Tournament – Black, Spotted, Florida, or any combination thereof.

1. Entry Fee is \$50.00 for a boat/2-member team or a single lone fisherman. The team sponsoring shareholder or one person in the boat must be a current paid-up CFC member. No more than two people per boat.
2. Start time is 6:30 a.m., and Weigh-in time is 3:00 p.m. Participants may weigh in any time after 1:00 p.m. until the final weigh-in time. Late arrivals will not be allowed to weigh in.
3. Bag limit: five (5) live fish per boat. Fish must be a minimum of fourteen (14)" or greater in length. No dead fish will be weighed in.
4. Winning places to be paid will be determined by the Tournament Director and, in the absence of the Tournament Director, an officer of the CFC.
5. Prizes will be awarded based on team results on the heavy stringer. The Tournament Director may have individual prizes based on the heaviest Bass and additional levels of the heaviest Bass.
6. All weigh-in results of the Tournament Scale are official. Any protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director during weigh-in. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.

Generally, Fishermen may not retain any Bass brought to weigh in. All Bass brought to weigh-in will be released back into the lake unless the Tournament Director elects a Harvesting option.

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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

JANUARY 2026

Do you like to go on Ocean Cruises?

The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has partnered with most of the cruise lines to coordinate learning and playing bridge while you cruise. Packages include professional instruction and games with players of comparable levels who enjoy bridge, fun and traveling together.

Your cruise to any travel destination you can imagine can be enhanced by learning or refining your bridge game and meeting new people.



Those of us who play bridge in a setting overlooking Lake Cherokee can envision our own water voyages, and enjoy our own beautiful scenery while spending time with friends.

Bridge play at the CWC club is very informal, and men and women of all skill levels are welcome. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. We play every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:00 am and play four rounds, usually finishing by 2:30 pm.

At our CWC club weekly games the person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. We look forward to meeting you!

Jeanne Collins

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Lake Cherokee Photography Club

Holly Treadway photos

The December 9, 2025 gathering was held at the home of Deana and Jarett Harkness. We had a wonderful evening of socialization, including food, drink, and a gift exchange. We thank Deana and Jarett for opening their home to sponsor the evening's delights. Everyone seemed to enjoy the ability to move about and interact with each other.

The January 13, 2026 Meeting will feature Marc Bailey. Marc will introduce a scavenger hunt with teams. This will offer us a chance to be creative, and the most clever/creative team will be the winner. "The moral of the lesson: having a hammer does not make you a carpenter, just like having a camera does not make you a photographer." Bring your phones with a good charge! We will be meeting downstairs at the lake office at 6PM.

February 11, 2026 will feature "Patty Stew's Photography Journey" PART 1 She has a long history of professional photog-



raphy and has photographed many high profile clients. She is an excellent nature photographer as well.

March 11, 2026 PART 2 of Patty Stew's "Photography Journey" She has so much to share!

April 8, 2026 Daytime trip to the Arboretum. Time to be discussed at a later date. Hopefully we can find a time that works for all.

May 12, 2026 Boat Safari??? The last time we went this time of year, more birds were out and we were not so hot!



June 9, 2026 Any ideas?????

The Lake Cherokee Photography Club is open to all lake residents who share an interest in photography, whether having beginner or advanced skills. Most everyone uses phones, but a few have more advanced equipment. We have no dues, or food requirements. We generally meet at 6PM, the second Tuesday of the month, downstairs at the lake office (NK20). We have a Facebook page and an email list as ways to communicate. For more information or questions, you can TEXT Holly at 903 399 0066 mention Photo Club and I will get back to you.



Patty Stewart photos



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by Gail Fowler

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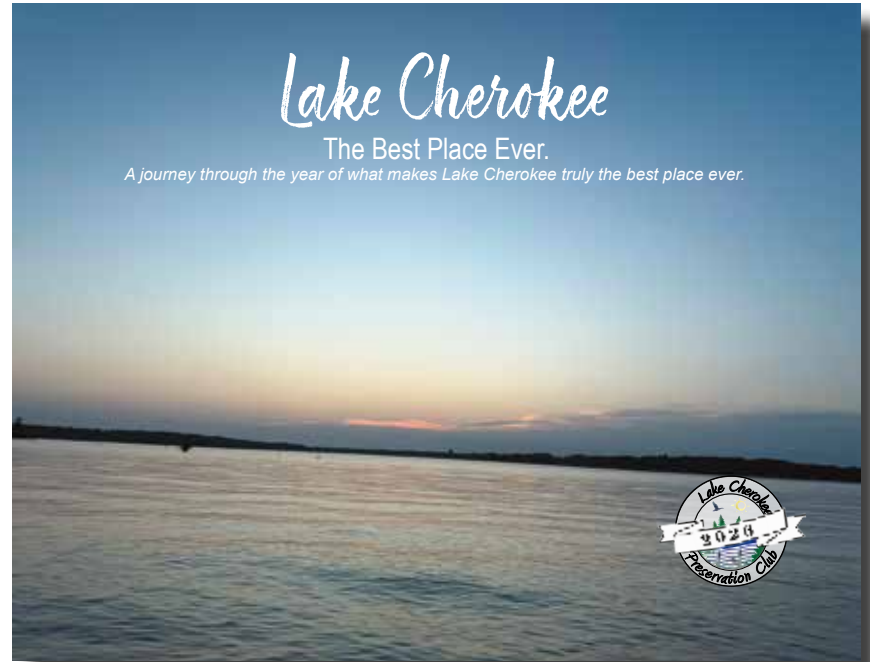


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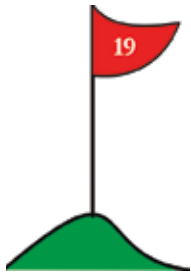


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NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

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

Join us on JANUARY 10TH at 10:00 am for our FREEZE YOUR FANNY Tournament. This will be a 4- person scramble format. The sign-up sheet will be in the Pro Shop and the cost of the tournament is \$30. Lunch will be served

after the tournament.

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 is every Saturday except for tournament days @ 10:00 am. It is a "choose up" style, (couples draw together and all others draw for a team) scramble format. It's a lot of fun.

Teams are picked randomly the morning of the tournament so plan to arrive early. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for the tee time.

BOARD ELECTIONS will be Thursday, February 12th. The ballot will include Mark Anglin

along with two incumbents who will be running for reelection, Alyce Clark and Phillip Works. Ballots will be included in the January invoices.

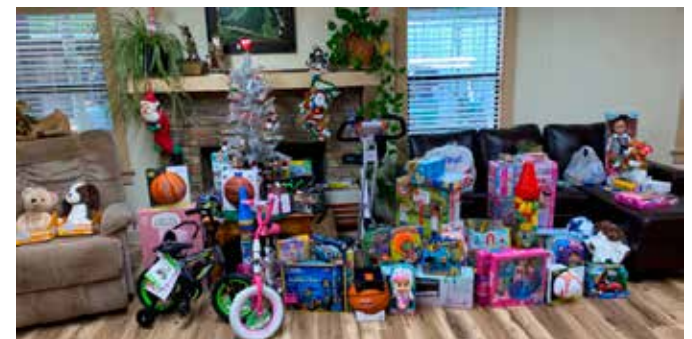
The next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

We had a beautiful day for the SANTA SURPRISE & TOY DRIVE tournament. Congratulations to our winners Mark Taylor, Mark Anglin, Laurie McDaniel, & Mike Erwin.

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			Bridge Club Luncheon	Golf Course Board Mtg		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Monthly Cleanup - January 12-16 10 am to 5 pm					
	Fishing Club	Community Gardeners Photography Club	Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	First Friends CWC Board Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday		Bridge Club			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Bridge Club			

FEBRUARY 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Friends of Freedom Park 2pm	2 Groundhog Day	3 Variance Deadline	4 Bridge Club Luncheon	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Monthly Cleanup			February 9-13 10 am to 5 pm		
	Fishing Club	Community Gardeners Photography Club	Bridge Club	Golf Course Board Mtg Lincoln's Birthday	Monthly Clean-Up	Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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