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## MESSAGE from the MANAGER



Kevin Jones

General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello Shareholders, Happy February!

As we move deeper into the new year, it is worth pausing to reflect not just on what we are doing as a company, but why we do it. Every decision made on behalf of Cherokee Water Company is measured against a simple standard: does this serve the long-term health of the water company and the lake community as a whole? That question guides our daily operations, capital planning, and policy enforcement. It is not about convenience, popularity, or short-term gain, it is about stewardship.

Our lake and community do not thrive when decisions are made through the narrow lens of personal

benefit alone, and when that attitude appears, it must be addressed and eliminated immediately no matter where the idea originates. A "what is best for me" mindset, while human in nature, can be harmful when it replaces shared responsibility and can be detrimental when it overshadows our community's welfare. When individuals or small groups prioritize self-interest over the collective good, the burden ultimately shifts to everyone else. Infrastructure deteriorates, standards weaken, and long-term costs increase. Our responsibility is to remain focused on the greater good, even when that path is not the easiest one.

This philosophy directly shapes how we operate the company day to day, whether it is investing in road reconstruction, addressing siltation and drainage, managing vegetation, enforcing lake safety through patrol operations, or planning capital projects that may not show immediate benefits but prevent much larger problems in the future. These decisions are not made to satisfy individual preferences or special interests. They are made because they protect the lake, preserve property values, and ensure the long-term financial stability of Cherokee Water Company.

That does not mean every decision will be universally popular. Responsible management often requires making choices that favor long-term sustainability over short-term comfort. It requires enforcing rules consistently rather than selectively, maintaining infrastructure before failure occurs, and relying on planning and data rather than pressure. These decisions CAN NOT be personal, political, or self-serving, but ones that are necessary.

At its core, Cherokee Water Company exists to preserve, protect, and responsibly manage Lake Cherokee for current and future generations. That mission depends on cooperation, accountability, and a willingness to ask NOT, "How does this benefit me?" but "How does this strengthen our community?" When that mindset prevails, everyone benefits, and the lake is positioned for a stronger future.

Thank you for your continued trust, involvement, and commitment to the long-term success of Lake Cherokee.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jones, GM

Philippians 2:3

### LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT DECEMBER 2025

FACILITY CHECK: 2177

OPEN DOOR: 7

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 14

WELFARE CHECK: 0

ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 19

ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 9

ANIMAL ASSIST: 4

CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/DEBRIS: 4

EXTRA PATROL: 136

DISTURBANCE: 1

ALARMS: 1

VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 0

WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 0

ASSIST AGENCY: 1

BURGLARY/THEFT: 0



### Permits

DECEMBER 2025

Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	1
Boathouse - New	3
Boathouse - Repair	4
Demolition	1
Dirt Work / Drainage	1
Driveway / Walkway	1
Fence	0
Home Repairs / Additions	4
New Construction	2
OSSF	1
Other	0
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	1
Dredge	0
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>20</b>

### Variance Deadlines

2026

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



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY

**January 15, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 15, 2026. 6:00 p.m., at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

**Gary Mapes, President**  
**David McDaniel, Vice President**  
**Logan LoBue, Treasurer**  
**Rhonda Bullard, Secretary**  
**Cody Edmondson**  
**Alan Koelmay**  
**Colby Mize**  
**Jeff Patty**  
**Justin Simmons**  
**George Steele**  
**Beth Swindell**  
**Mary Yoder**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Mapes. President Mapes welcomed the new Board members. A quorum was announced by Secretary Bullard, and a motion was made by the Secretary to approve the minutes of November 10, 2025, and November 13, 2025, as electronically distributed to the Board of Directors. David McDaniel offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

### General Manager's Report

General Manager Kevin Jones gave an overview of operations for Q1, 2025-2026, displaying slides regarding transfers, permits, maintenance hours and Patrol activities. Kevin shared plans submitted to him from the Friends of Freedom Park (FFP) for a pier that will be built to access the Veterans Memorial via water. The pier will be funded by FFP and will include solar lights for safety at night. Manager Jones also reported the silt pond in the NQ section should be complete next week.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Logan LoBue provided an overview of Q1 financials, revealing actuals to budget to be 1.5% above expected revenues and 4.5% below expected expenses. Treasurer LoBue made a motion to certify the bills paid for October, November and December 2025. A second was offered by Cody Edmondson, the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer LoBue then made a motion to approve the monthly financials for October, November and December 2025. George Steele offered the second to the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Rules and Policies Committee Meeting

David McDaniel Chairman  
Rules & Policies Committee Chair David McDaniel reported the Committee met on

Tuesday, January 6, 2026, to review two variance requests and is bringing the following for Board approval:

NK 38 requesting a lean to/cover be attached to an existing garage on an existing concrete slab, with front corner being less than 50' from the lake road. Chairman McDaniel made the motion; Cody Edmondson offered the second. With Colby Mize abstaining, the motion passed with a majority. NGG-2 requests to install a swimming pool that will be closer than 75' to the water's edge. With Colby Mize abstaining, the motion passed with a majority.

The Committee had no further action to take before the Board.

### Strategic Plan Committee Meeting

Rhonda Bullard Chairman  
Strategic Planning Committee Chair Rhonda Bullard reported the committee met with the full Board Monday, January 12, 2025, to review the Strategic Plan. Committee assignments were distributed to Committee Chairs for review throughout the year. These goals and actions will drive the work of the committees and be used in considering budget and capital expenditure discussions. A process for making updates, revisions and additions to the plan were distributed to all Board members. The SP Committee

will meet quarterly to consider any suggested changes and work with the General Manager to ensure compliance with and advancement of the SP in moving the CWC forward. The Committee had no action to bring before the Board.

### Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Logan Lobue Chairman  
Infrastructure Committee Chair Logan LoBue reported the Infrastructure Committee met Monday, January 12. Targets for the year were discussed, with the primary focus being on continuation of lake road projects. The Committee will research and study options that provide the best overall value to CWC. The Committee had no action to bring before the Board.

With no other business, Gary Mapes, President adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rhonda Bullard, Secretary

## MONTHLY CLEAN- UP SCHEDULE 2026

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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**February**  
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# FREEDOM PARK

## Friends of Freedom Park

We all enjoyed some time off during the holidays but are looking forward to our next meeting on February 1. At that meeting, we will discuss the approval by CWC Board of a boat dock, laying of pavers generously donated by the Kirklands, our pending non-profit status, Memorial Day Ceremony, July 4th Fireworks picnic, the status of the northside veterans trail cleanup project and other activities. Results from that meeting will be posted on our website [www.Lake-CherokeeFreedomPark.org](http://www.Lake-CherokeeFreedomPark.org), the CWC portal, our Facebook site, and will be emailed to FFP donors and members.

The mission of Friends of Freedom Park (FFP) is 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. FFP is 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 activities 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, but all previous donors to the Veterans Memorial/ Freedom Park will have their membership fee waived for 2026.

# IT IS TIME TO WINTERIZE

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- Change the lubricant in engine transmission or the outboard lower unit
- Apply fogging if called for by manufacturer
- Drain the boat's fuel tanks as much as possible
- 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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
Crappie Tournament	August 29, 2026
Family Fun Fest	September 5, 2026
Fall Bass Tournament	October 17, 2026

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The Lake Cherokee First Friends group kicked off 2026 with a lunch gathering in a private room at Tia Juanita's Fish Camp in Longview. Hostess Karen Nelson added a Mardi Gras flare to the room with fun festive door prizes! A room full of "First Friends" makes for a great kick off to a new year! If you are interested in a fun lunch with friends the 3rd Thursday of each month - join our group. Email Gail Fowler at bogafowler@gmail.com to get on the email list. No commitment is required, just come when you can.



January 2026 Group



January 2026 Door Prize Winners

# Chocolate PASSION Bowl

## what you need

- 1 pkg. (18.3 to 19.5 oz.) brownie mix (family size)
- 2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) JELL-O Chocolate Instant Pudding
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
- 2 cups fresh raspberries

## make it

PREPARE brownie batter and bake in 9-inch square pan as directed on package; cool completely.



MEANWHILE, beat pudding mixes and milk in medium bowl with whisk 2 min. Stir in 1 cup COOL WHIP. Refrigerate until ready to use.

CUT brownies into 1-inch cubes. Layer half each of the brownie cubes, pudding, berries and remaining COOL WHIP in 2-qt. bowl. Repeat layers.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour.

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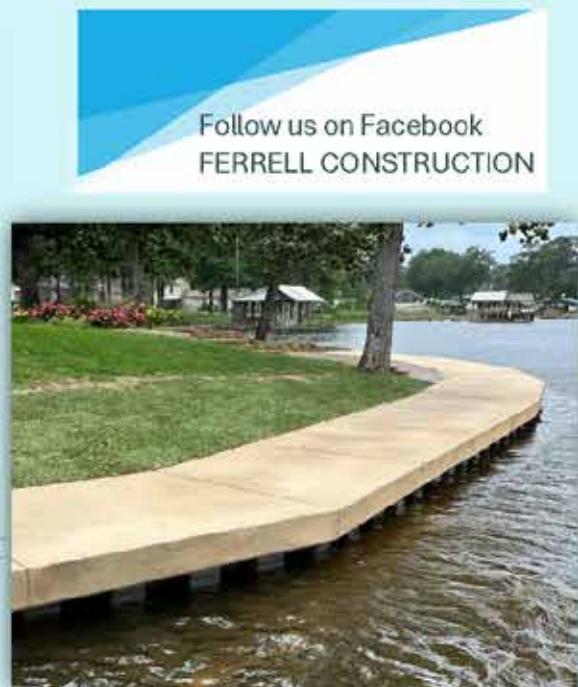
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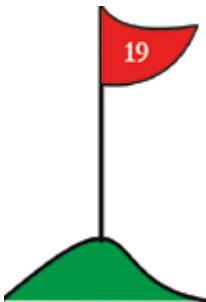
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# NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

**PRO SHOP** hours for **February** are **8:00 am to 4:00 pm** Tuesday through Sunday. Closed when the temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY** - The Pro Shop will be closed. The course will be open to Members Only.

The **WOMEN'S** group plays every Tuesday morning usually at **9:00 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 is 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.

**FREEZE YOUR FANNY** – Due to the threat of inclement weather the tournament was cancelled. Ten brave souls played a fun scramble that morning and enjoyed some wonderful gumbo pre-

pared by our own Danny Matherne.

**FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT** will be the **President's Day 4 Ball High Low Tournament** and will be held on **February 14**, at **10:00 am**. The sign-up sheet will be in the Pro Shop and the cost of the tournament will be \$30. Lunch will be provided after the tournament.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

**BOARD ELECTIONS** will be held at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The ballot will include incumbents Phillip Works & Alyce Clark, along with Mark Anglin. Ballots were mailed to CCGA members with the January statements.

Help us welcome our new members **Donnette Spencer** and **George Steel**.

The spring session of **FIRST TEE** will be held from **March 21 to April 25, 2026**, between **8:00 and 9:30 AM**. Summer camp dates will be announced at a later time. For additional information, please contact Bill Blanks at (903) 521-3992.



January Scramble Winners

## 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](http://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)



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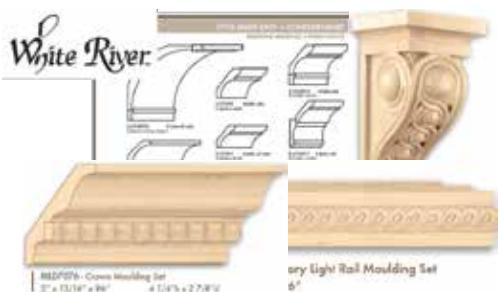
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# Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The January meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held on January 13, 2026 at the lake office. Marc Bailey, professional photographer, was our presenter. Marc introduced an individual photographic scavenger hunt. He randomly assigned each of us a topic and we had 10 minutes to produce our image. This was to help us be more sensitive to our environment. He also commented that many of our best images may be "under our feet", especially if we feel we have photographed an area over and over. He presented some historical

information about photographers. He showed the first ever picture of the whole earth, from which the idea of Earth Day began.

February 10, 2026 will feature "Patty Stew's Photography Journey" Part 1. She is a lake resident and has a long history of professional photography. She has photographed famous people in famous places. She frequently posts on Lake Cherokee Facebook pages, so you may have seen her nature images.

March 10, 2026 Part 2 of "Patty Stew's Photography Journey". She has so much to say and share with us.

April 14, 2026 We have previously talked about going to the Arboretum as a group. We will need to discuss this further to determine if it will be a good time to see

plants in bloom, and when most members will be available.

May 12, 2026 Boat Safari??? The last time we went in May, we saw more feathered friends than we did by waiting to late summer.

June 9, 2026 Marc Bailey ? He is checking his calendar

July 14, 2026 Any Ideas? Share our 2026 images?

August 11, 2026

Be thinking about what programs you would like to have or what you can present to the group. We can always benefit from each other.

The Lake Cherokee Photography Club is open to all lake residents. There are no dues or food requirements. We meet for the love of photography. The group is open to beginners as well as advanced photographers. Most of our members are phone photographers. Our meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6 P.M. downstairs at the lake office. Occasionally we meet in other places and reminders will be noted at the prior meeting, posted on the Photography Club Facebook page, and sent out in an email the weekend prior to the meeting. For more information, you can TEXT Holly at 903-399-0066 or email me at greybiker@yahoo.com. Please mention Photo Club in the subject, and I will get back to you.

We look forward to meeting more of our lake photographers. We know you are out there.



Marc Bailey randomly assigning scavenger hunt topics



Discussing photographic history



Members in attendance



Marc Bailey



First picture of the planet earth

## Star Provider



Have you ever wanted to know more about the Lake Cherokee community to better serve your clients and expand your market?

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

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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.

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## Fish Identification Guide - Sunfishes of Cherokee Part 2

### Introduction

In part one of this identification guide series we covered, bluegill, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, and warmouth. Today we will observe three other frequently caught species of sunfish and break down the two species of shad present in Lake Cherokee and how they can be properly identified.

### Dollar Sunfish - *Lepomis marginatus*

Dollar sunfish are one of the least abundant sunfish species in Lake Cherokee but have been collected in electrofishing surveys several times. One key identifier of this sunfish species from other similar species (longear sunfish) is that the earflap of dollar sunfish often contains blueish green spots in addition to the white border. This species is one of the smaller sunfish species with an average adult size of 4 to 5 inches.



### Green Sunfish - *Lepomis cyanellus*

Green sunfish are moderately abundant in Lake Cherokee and can often be found in shallow water where vegetation is heavy or around rock piles. Green sunfish prefer shallow dense habitat and are often seen in electrofishing surveys. These sunfish have a larger mouth similar to a warmouth and are aggressive ambush predators. They are easily identified by having a large mouth, blue/green streaks across their gill plate, a more bass-like body shape, and white to orange margins on their fins. Due to their dense habitat preference, these fish do not make great bass forage.



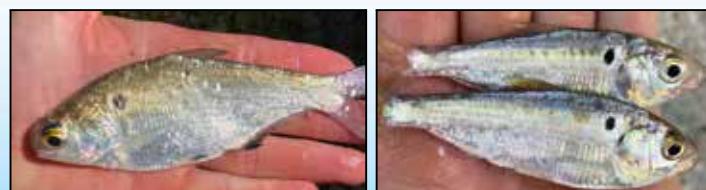
### Longear Sunfish - *Lepomis megalotis*

Longear sunfish are another highly colorful (males) sunfish species that often exhibit bright red to orange coloration on their belly and sides with blue/green accents. These fish are also moderately abundant on lake cherokee and can be identified by their bright color, white ear flap margin, blue spotting and gill plate streaks, and their small, bluegill sized mouth. While similar in appearance to dollar sunfish, adult longear can reach much larger sizes and their ear flap lacks spotting.



### Gizzard Shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*) / Threadfin Shad (*Dorosoma petenense*)

The two shad species present in Lake Cherokee are the most abundant forage fish available for sportfish consumption. Gizzard shad are abundant primarily as larger individuals, while threadfin shad tend to be most abundant below 4 inches in total length. At small sizes both species can look similar. The key identifiers between the two are the blunt (rounded) nose of a gizzard shad as opposed to the pointed nose of a threadfin shad. Gizzard shad also have a downward facing mouth, while threadfin have a front facing/slightly upward facing mouth. Gizzard shad also have a significantly larger maximum size with adults capable of reaching several pounds, while threadfin shad rarely exceed 5-6 inches in length.



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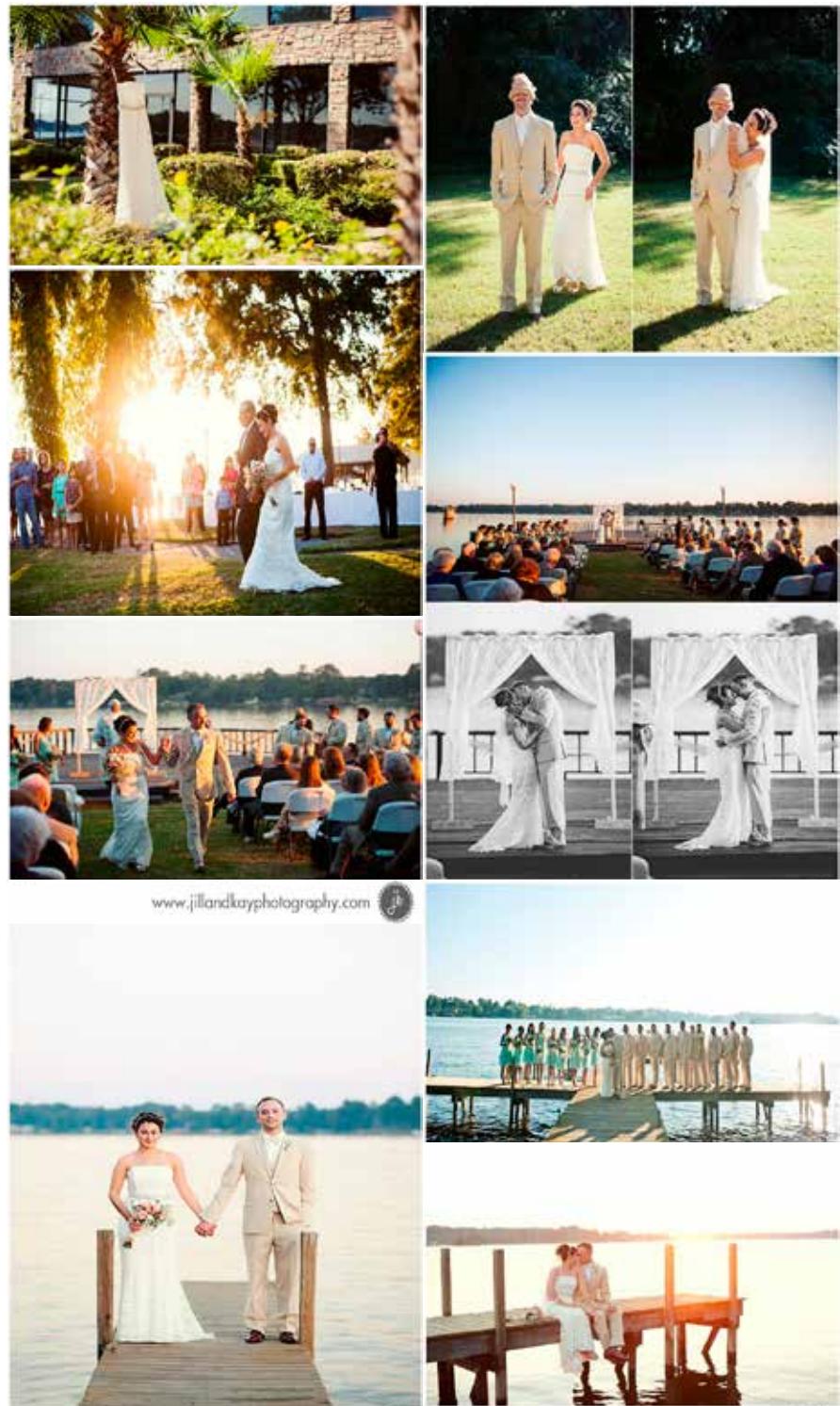
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## Cherokee Fishing Club News

The club is off and running for 2026. After a warm, comforting meal of pot roast, potatoes, carrots and gravy, we got down to business. A big thanks to Lisa Lobue, Larry Willis, Lori Klump, Gwen Kozeluh, Pete Peerenboom, David Wilson, Linda Steele, Anna O'Brien and Bonnie Hegeman for bringing sides and desserts.

We welcomed 33 attendees, including 4 new members: Austin and Tate Holland, Lisa Lobue and Rutledge Gordon. Our total member count is now 153. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2026, please do so. You just can't beat what you receive for your \$20...fellowship with your neighbors, education and more than a few fishing tips. (But, you have to come to the meetings!) The membership form is available at the meetings and in the January Chatter. It can be mailed to the address noted on the form or brought to the next meeting.

We reviewed the 2026 size and daily bag limits for Lake Cherokee fish. Of note, we follow a "harvest" slot mechanism for bass. This means you are encouraged to KEEP bass in the 10-18" slot. This will help cull the large number of underweight fish in this category.

Special recognition was given to members who went the "extra mile" in their volunteer efforts for the club in 2025: Pete and Carol Staiti, Pete Peerenboom, Lori Klump, John Jaskiewicz, David Tramel and Mike Hendrick. These All-Star Volunteers were rewarded with a complementary 2026 Cherokee Fish-

ing Club membership. As the club activities gain more popularity, additional volunteers are always needed. Consider supporting our events and meetings. It's a great way to get to know people.

Hatchery Director, Gary Lindsey reported that after freeze danger has passed, the ponds will be filled. The species raised will be finalized with lake management and our biologist. One recommendation was to release into the designated ponds any red-ear or bluegill you catch. A fun activity for the kids!

Habitat Director, George Steele reported about 100 artificial habitats have been placed in the lake. The existing list of GPS coordinates is outdated and being cleaned up. As soon as it's available, it will be announced on the club's Facebook page.

Tournament Director, David Wilson led a discussion of how we might incorporate the need to harvest crappie and small bass as part of our tournaments. Also, may do more weighing and measuring of crappie during those tournaments to help inform us on their health. Ideas for changing the tournaments will be further discussed at a club board meeting and brought back to the members. 2026 Tournament Dates: Spring Bass - Mar. 21, Crappie – Aug. 29, Fall Bass - Oct. 17.

The club holds elections every year for half of the leadership team. Leaders serve a 2-year term. For 2026, president, habitat director and secretary were up for election.



### 2025 All-Star Volunteers:

Pete Peerenboom, Pete Staiti, Carol Staiti, Lori Klump.

Not pictured: John Jaskiewicz, David Tramel and Mike Hendrick

George Steele was willing and unanimously approved to continue as habitat director.

Lori Klump was willing and unanimously approved to take the position of secretary. Bryce Tawney has been serving in this role, in addition to being our treasurer.

Genia Holland, our outgoing president, leaves big shoes to fill. As of this writing, no one has stepped up definitively to lead the club. Two individuals have indicated interest in learning more about the role. We will be able to hold an election or make an announcement of a revised

leadership structure at our February meeting.

Raffle winners: David Wilson, first-aid kit; Lori Klump, Red Dirt Hat and t-shirt; Tate Holland, tackle bag and microfiber towels; Bryce Tawney, fishing pliers. The raffle is self-funded by the previous meetings' collections and you never know \*what\* you're gonna get!

Our next meeting is February 9 at the CWC Office, NK 20. Dinner starts at 6:30. Our speaker will be Lake Biologist Garrett Stampert of Pristine Pond Solutions. See you there!



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# Cherokee Fishing Club

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## 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.

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#### **A. General Rules**

1. All Texas rules of the Texas Water Safety Act will apply to all tournaments. The CFC Lake Patrol will enforce the CFC 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.

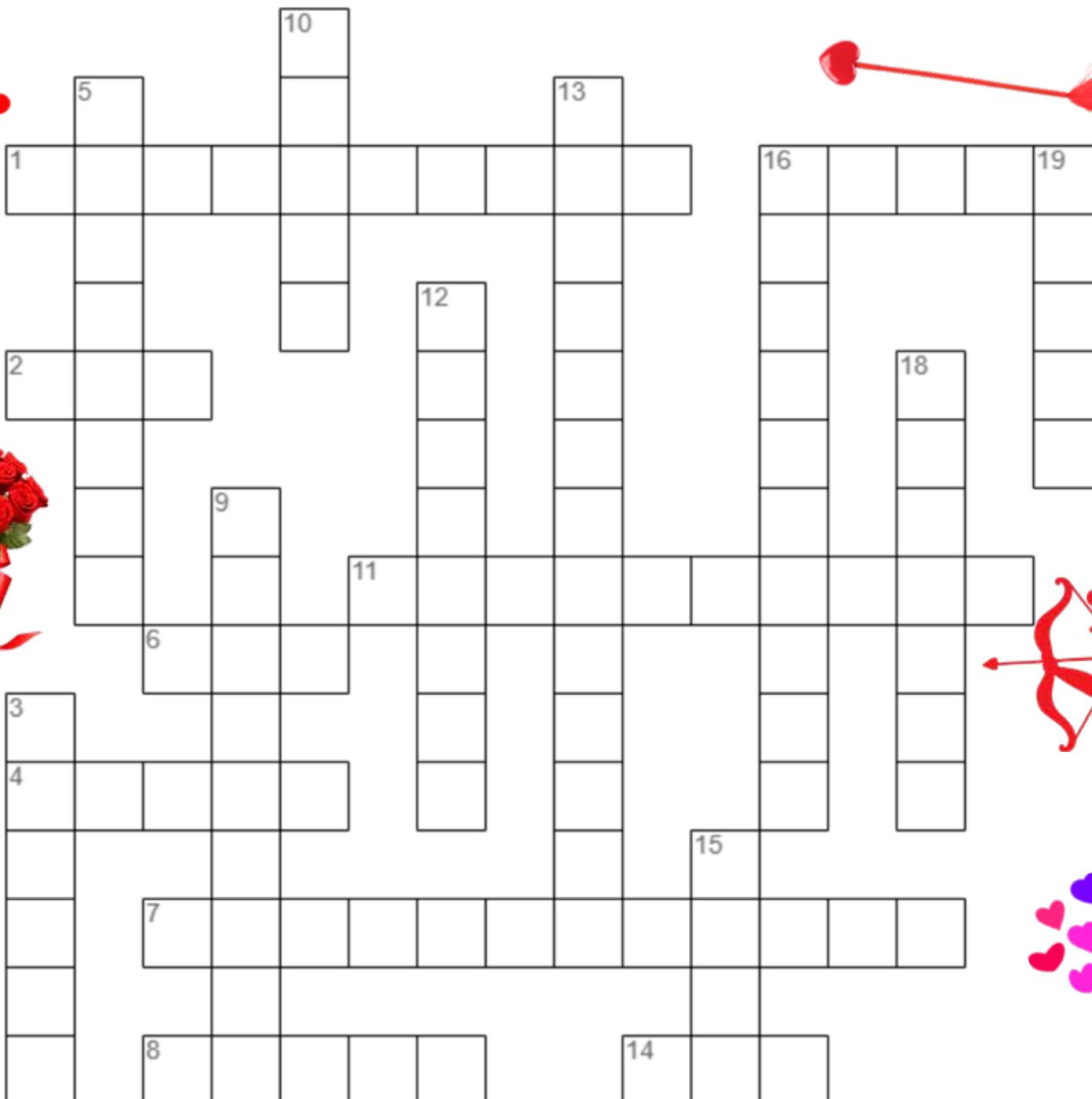
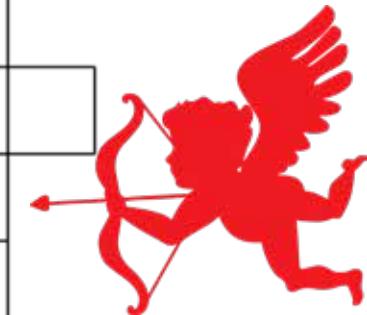
11. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.

#### **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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## Lake Cherokee Preservation Club Membership Application

(please print)

Membership Fee \$10.00 (per member) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age group: 20-30 \_\_\_\_\_ 30-40 \_\_\_\_\_ 40-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 50-60 \_\_\_\_\_ 60-70 \_\_\_\_\_ 70+ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake resident: full-time \_\_\_\_\_ part-time \_\_\_\_\_

Lake or personal interests:

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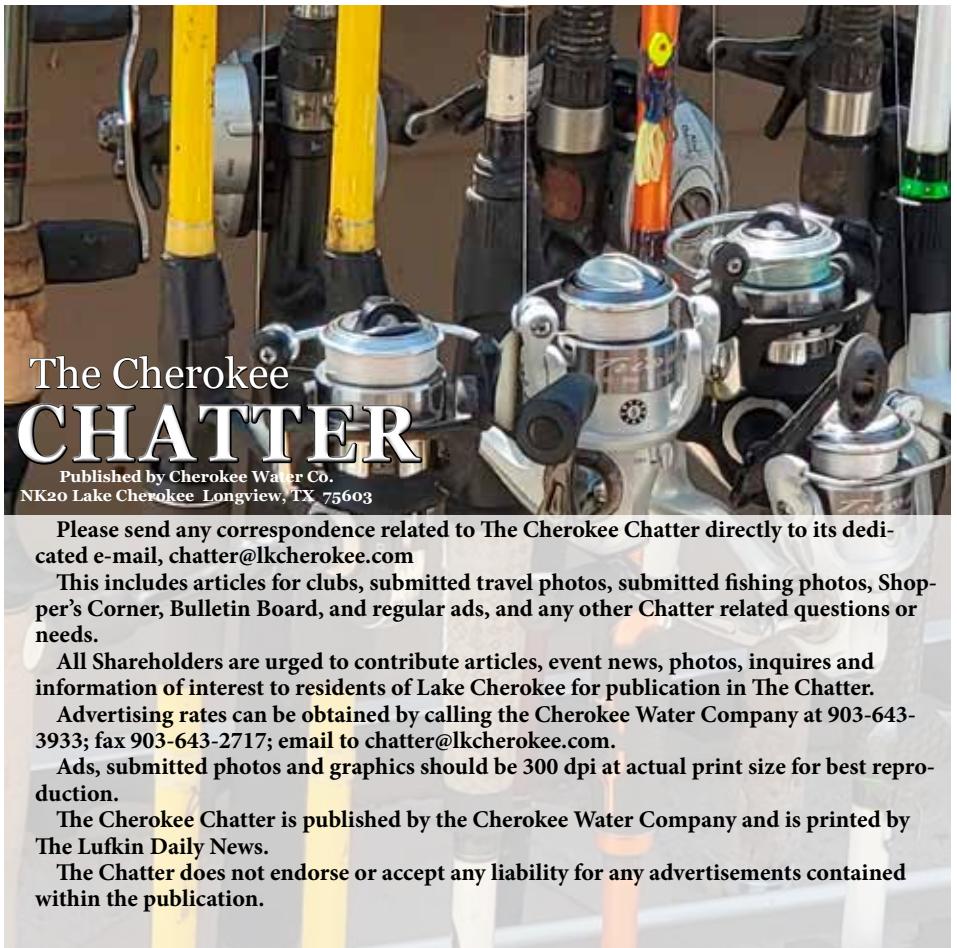
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		<b>Monthly Cleanup</b>  Community Gardeners Photography Club	<b>February 9-13</b>	<b>10 am to 5 pm</b>		
				Golf Course Board Mtg <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>		
						<b>Valentine's Day</b>
15	16	17	18  Chatter Deadline	19  First Friends CWC Board Meeting	20	21
		<b>President's Day</b>	<b>Mardi Gras</b>	Bridge Club	Preservation Club	
22  <b>Washington's Birthday</b>	23	24	25  Bridge Club	26	27	28

# MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Variance Deadline	Bridge Club Luncheon			7
	8	9	10	11	12	13
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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