



# THE CHEROKEE CHATTER

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## An Event for Military Veterans, their spouses, and others **SHEEPDOG**

Friends of Freedom Park (FFP) and Combat Warriors Intl (CWI) are excited to bring a special screening of SHEEPDOG with a Q&A session with Writer/Director Steven Grayhm and Will Summers to the Church at Lake Cherokee on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. The event is open to all, but Veterans and a guest receive free passes and priority seating. FFP will host a lunchtime picnic at Freedom Park prior to the screening and there will be a VIP dinner with Steven Grayhm afterwards at the Cherokee Club.

SHEEPDOG is the first film

that truly explores the physical and psychological repercussions of trauma, with a focus on Post Traumatic Growth. It is an uplifting original story, inspired by countless first-hand testimonials about recovery, redemption, and the journey of healing. Top Film Critic Tony Toscana calls SHEEPDOG, "One of the best films of the year." And Mike Rowe (The Way I Heard It) said, "I'd bet my own life that this film will save a lot of lives."

After the movie, Will Summers will sit with Steven Grayhm, the writer/director for a Q&A session. Some of you

may remember SFC. (R) Will Summers as the guest speaker at our 2024 Veterans Memorial fundraiser. He was one of a dozen Green Berets assigned to Operation Detachment Alpha 595 assigned to covertly infiltrate Afghanistan after the Sept 11th attacks. The story of Will's mission was told in the Blockbuster movie "12 Strong". The Q&A session promises to be thoughtful and provoking discussion on the post-service realities of Veterans.

Visit FFP's website for details and to register [www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org](http://www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org)



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# MESSAGE from the MANAGER

As we move into the spring season, activity on the lake continues to increase, and with that comes a responsibility we all share to ensure safety, compliance, and respect for one another. Each year, we encounter many of the same issues, so I want to take this opportunity to address several recurring concerns, along with some important housekeeping items. It is important to remember that our lake is not getting any larger, while the number of larger boats and personal watercraft continues to grow. In order to prevent accidents, injuries, and unnecessary risk, the following rules, and all CWC rules, must be strictly adhered to at all times.

## Lake Vessel Registration & Identification Requirements:

Only boats, personal watercraft and other water vessels registered in the name of a shareholder or shareholder's spouse are authorized to be placed on Lake Cherokee. The shareholder or shareholder's spouse must be listed as the registered primary owner of the vessel with the registered address matching CWC shareholder records. The owner of all boats operated on Lake Cherokee is required to affix such owner's lot number on which he has a lease, on each side of the boat, each boat is required to have a current CWC identification decal on both sides of the boat.

## Boater Education Requirements:

To operate a boat powered by a motor of 15 horsepower or more, wind-blown vessels over 14 feet, and all personal watercraft (jet-skis), a privilege card holder must be born before September 1, 1993 unless the operator is 13 years of age or older and has passed a boater education course approved by Texas Parks and Wildlife; or is accompanied by a person onboard who is at least 18 years of age and can lawfully operate the watercraft. **The CWC will be offering a Boaters Education Course on June 6th here at the main office. There is a QR code and information inside this month's Chatter if anyone is wanting to sign up for this class.**

## Safety Requirements:

The operator of any vessel less than twenty-six (26) feet in length while un-

derway, shall require every passenger under thirteen (13) years of age to wear U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. One Coast Guard approved personal flotation device in good and serviceable condition must be provided for each person on board.

## Speed & Operation Regulations:

No boat, jet ski, personal watercraft, or water bike shall be operated at a speed in excess of forty (40) mph on open or ski waters during daylight hours and thirty (30) mph during nighttime hours thirty (30) minutes after sunset to thirty (30) minutes before sunrise. thirty (30) mph upon named boat roads; ten (10) mph upon access boat roads and idle speed upon all other areas of the lake unless otherwise posted. **When meeting an oncoming watercraft on a boat road, operators must reduce their watercraft speed to headway speed (idle speed, no wake speed) from the point the two watercrafts are within fifty feet of one another, until the two watercrafts' sterns have passed each other.** Wake Boats shall empty water-filled ballast systems prior to traveling on a boat road.

## Water Sports Regulations:

Any boat pulling water skis or other similar devices shall have a minimum of two (2) people in the boat so that the driver can keep a proper lookout and the other person can watch the skier. All skiers are required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. It is prohibited for a personal watercraft to pull a person or persons on water skis, surfboard or similar devices on Lake Cherokee.

## Lot Identification Requirements:

The shareholder of any lot owned by the CWC accessible by land is required to affix such owner's lot number to a signpost facing directly toward the road, near your driveway entry. The requirement is a dark green sign with highly reflective white letters and numbers - designed to mount vertically. The shareholder of any lot owned by the CWC accessible by water is required to

affix such owner's lot number to a boathouse, pier, signpost, or other suitable structure which can be seen legibly from the water. All lot numbers shall be at least 4" in height and be of a color to contrast with the background upon which they are posted. This requirement is critically important, as Lake Patrol will increasingly respond from the water. The ability to quickly and clearly identify your lot can make a significant difference in emergency situations where response time is essential.

## Parks & Amenities Update:

Jones Island is the newest addition available for shareholder use, located just south of Firecracker Park. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this new space as it continues to be improved. This summer, the island will feature new charcoal grills and several additional picnic tables, with long-term plans to include a covered pavilion. Work is also continuing on Bikini Island as we expand and enhance available recreational areas. Our overall goal is to better distribute lake activity by providing multiple well-equipped destinations, allowing shareholders and their guests to enjoy CWC amenities in a more comfortable, less congested environment. I'm kidding about the name Jones Island, it hasn't been officially named yet, but that does have a nice ring to it.

## Final Responsibility:

**It is solely the responsibility of the shareholder to read, understand and comply with ALL CWC rules and regulations.**

We look forward to another safe and fun summer on Lake Cherokee.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jones, GM  
**Matthew 28:6**



Kevin Jones  
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Welcome to  
Lake Cherokee

February 2026

Transfers- 4

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

## LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

**FACILITY CHECK: 2472**

**OPEN DOOR: 3**

**SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 2**

**WELFARE CHECK: 0**

**ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 5**

**ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 13**

**ANIMAL ASSIST: 3**

**CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/DEBRIS: 5**

**EXTRA PATROL: 151**

**DISTURBANCE: 2**

**ALARMS: 7**

**VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 0**

**WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 0**

**ASSIST AGENCY: 2**

**BURGLARY/THEFT: 0**

# KIDS FISHING MONTHLY Contest

**\$50 MONTHLY PRIZE FOR:  
BASS · BREAM · CATFISH · CRAPPIE**

**CONTEST BEGINS APRIL 1ST!**

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 – August 31st
- 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 [fishingcherokee@gmail.com](mailto:fishingcherokee@gmail.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 [fishingcherokee@gmail.com](mailto:fishingcherokee@gmail.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.

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## Variance Deadlines 2026

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](mailto:barbara@lkcherokee.com)  
(903) 643-3933



## FEBRUARY 2026

Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	6
Boathouse - New	
Boathouse - Repair	2
Demolition	2
Dirt Work / Drainage	
Driveway / Walkway	1
Fence	2
Home Repairs / Additions	3
New Construction	1
OSSF	1
Other	
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	
Retaining Wall	2
Dredge	0
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>21</b>

## Office Manager Article

### Happy Easter!



**Cathy Hite**  
Office Manager,  
Lake Cherokee

We're improving how CWC shares important business updates to give shareholders clearer, faster access to information.

Current channels

- Email (primary): 2,077 subscribers; 37.5% average open rate (~780 readers). For targeted messages, watch for emails from "Lake Cherokee," "CWC," or "CWC Board of Directors" and check your spam if you don't see them.
- Additional channels: Chatter, the CWC Facebook page, and the Shareholder Portal — choose the channel that works best for you.

For 2026, we converted to electronic privilege cards. During the past lease renewal cycle, we emailed the shareholder the privilege cards /links.

Text messaging will be available within the next month. We requested phone numbers during the renewal process (not mandatory) to prepare for this change. We will soon be able to text privilege cards directly to cardholders or to the shareholder for easy distribution.

In addition, for important, time-sensitive communications we will be able to leverage texting. What is important to consider, if you opt-out of either emails or text messages, you will not receive communications sent through those channels. Our systems record and honor opt-out requests and will remove you from the selected channel(s).

Stay tuned for final details.  
Thank you for staying engaged with CWC.

Cathy

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# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY March 19, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 19, 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 Koelemay**  
**Colby Mize**  
**Jeff Patty**  
**George Steele**  
**Beth Swindell**  
**Mary Yoder**  
**Absent: Justin Simmons**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Mapes. A quorum was announced by Rhonda Bullard. A motion was made by Mrs. Bullard to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026, as electronically distributed to the Board of Directors. David McDaniel offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

General Manager Kevin Jones gave an overview of operations, displaying slides regarding transfers, permits, maintenance hours and Patrol activities. Kevin reported progress on the Mud Creek siltation project being addressed and the Wildlife exemption being pursued. CWC staff is in the process of implementing 911 addresses for all Shareholders. The main objective is safety, to better provide EMS with good addresses for quicker response. In addition, this should vastly improve the package delivery issues Shareholders are experiencing. The entire implementation will take approximately a year. CWC Staff will roll out communications to Shareholders as the project unfolds. Kevin also informed the Board of several "dumpster diver" occurrences where bagged garbage had been removed from dumpsters. Patrol believes personal information was being sought. Kevin cautioned Shareholders to be careful when disposing of personal information, possibly shred in some fashion before disposal. Patrol is aware of this situation and is even more vigilant in stopping anyone on the lake roads without decals. Having five patrol personnel living on the lake has proven to be very beneficial for quick responses.

Kevin also announced the Cherokee Fishing Club Tournament to be held Saturday, March 21st.

Treasurer Logan LoBue provided an overview of year-to-date financials, revealing actuals to budget to be 1% above expected revenues and almost 8% below expected expenses. He reported that, with CWC being 5 months through this fiscal year, no budget line area is out of line. He thanked the CWC staff for their due diligence in managing expenses. The Board had previously reviewed February expenditures that exceeded \$2500. Treasurer LoBue made a motion to certify the bills paid for February 2026. A second was offered by David McDaniel, the motion passed unanimously. Treasurer LoBue then made a motion to approve the monthly financials for February 2026. David McDaniel offered the second to the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rules & Policies Committee Chair David McDaniel reported there were no variance requests submitted for review this month. The Committee met on March 10 to discuss insurance requirements for contractors using over the water equipment, Shareholder eligibility to run for the CWC Board of Directors, and wake enhancing watercraft but there were no action items to bring before the Board. The wake enhancing watercraft discussion has been tabled to encourage a Shareholder group to form and discuss self-monitoring vs any rule change.

Infrastructure Committee Chair Logan LoBue reported the Infrastructure Committee met Monday, March 16. The Committee met with Wade Johnson & Joe Hart of Johnson & Pace to discuss ways to better manage road projects moving forward. CWC has purchased a traffic counter to secure hard data and document road usage. This will help determine how to best obtain a 20-year life expectancy through road repair/rehabilitation and possibly lower costs. The next phase will focus on completing the NQ-FM 2011 lake road project this summer after data is evaluated and bids pursued. The Committee had no action to bring before the Board.

Natural Resources Committee Chair David McDaniel reported the Committee met Monday, March 16, and discussed the advantage of the Wildlife Exemption vs Timber Exemption CWC currently holds. CWC will continue to monitor areas that need underbrush cleared, etc, to mitigate possible fire hazard areas. The Committee had no business to bring before the Board.

With no other business, Gary Mapes, President adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rhonda Bullard Secretary



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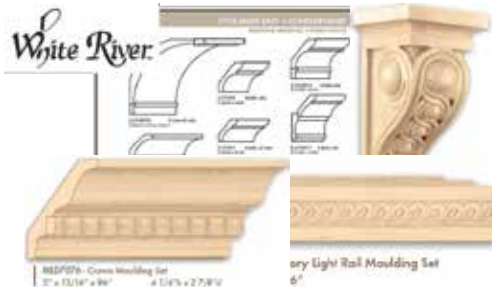
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### Important Events in History

**The American  
Revolutionary War  
(April 19, 1775)**

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**Psalm 144:1 (NIV)**

### Exciting News!

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### Spring Prep. - The Return of Aquatic Plants

#### Introduction

There are a wide variety of aquatic plant species present on Lake Cherokee, occurring in many different forms (submerged, emergent, floating, and algae). At times these aquatic plants can be a nuisance, hindering boat access, ruining the aesthetic of the shoreline, or making for an unpleasant swim. While we do handle the treatment of boatlanes, cove access, and swim areas, last year's update from the management office put each individual in charge of their own bulkhead management, unless they come to us directly. In this month's article we are going to discuss what proper herbicide usage would look like for all of the DIYers trying to get ahead of vegetation issues.

#### Identifying Plant Category

Earlier I mentioned that Lake Cherokee is home to several categories of aquatic plants, as well as species. Knowing which category the plant you are trying to treat is in, is important because that will dictate which herbicides are available to be used. Submerged plants are any non algae species that grows with most of their "body" below the water surface. They may send leaves or flowers up above the surface but most of the plant will be below (water lily is the exception). Examples include: coontail and hydrilla. Floating plants are any species of plant where most of the plants body is at the surface or in the water column but not attached to the bottom. Examples include: water hyacinth and duckweed. Emergent plants are plants that grow from the shoreline or up from the bottom but have most of their plant material at the surface or above the water line. Examples include: cattails, water lily, water primrose. Algae includes any not true plants such as filamentous algae or cyanobacteria.

While discussing plant categories is not exciting, it is important because not all aquatic herbicides are effective on every category or species.

#### Available Herbicides/Algaecides

In this section we are going to discuss the chemical name of herbicide formulations that have been approved for use in aquatics. Many of these names also have land use formulations. DO NOT USE land based formulations in aquatics! They contain ingredients that are harmful to aquatic life. ALWAYS READ THE PRODUCT LABEL! Each herbicide in the list will be designated as a contact or a systemic. The difference between the two is that systemic products are absorbed and control the entire plant and root system, while contact herbicides will only burn plant tissue where they are applied.

For more information on herbicides or professional treatment contact: [garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com](mailto:garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com)

**Diquat Dibromide:** Contact Herbicide, effective on submerged, emergent, and floating plants. Common trade names: Diquat, Tribune, Reward

**Flumioxazin:** Contact Herbicide, effective on submerged, emergent, and floating plants. Common trade names: Semera, Flumigard

**Endothal:** Contact herbicide, effective on submerged plants. Common trade names: Aquathol K, Aquathol Super K, AVOID HYDROTHOL (very high risk product)

**Carfentrazone:** Contact herbicide, effective on submerged, emergent, floating plants. Common trade names: Stingray

**Copper Complexes:** Contact algaecide, effective on algae. Common trade names: Argos, Cutrine Plus, Captain

**Triclopyr:** Systemic herbicide, effective on emergent, floating, and some submerged plants. Common trade names: Renovate, Trycera, Triclopyr 3

**Imazapyr:** Systemic herbicide, effective on emergent and floating plants. Common trade names: Polaris, Ecomazapyr, Imazapyr 4sl

**Glyphosate:** Systemic herbicide, effective on emergent and floating plants. Common trade names: Roundup Custom, Aquaneat, Rodeo

**Imazamox:** Systemic herbicide, effective on emergent, floating, and some submerged plants. Common trade names: Imox, Clearcast.

This is not an exhaustive list of all aquatic approved herbicides but these are the most common and easiest to access. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to read the label on these products. Not all of these products can be used in every area on lake cherokee, many have DRINKING WATER RESTRICTIONS. If you are going to DIY, do your research prior to application. If you are not comfortable with DIYing and would like to keep your lot treated year round, send me a message. We offer one time or monthly treatments.

**PRODUCTS TO AVOID:** Copper sulfate (high in heavy metal, harmful to fish, beneficial bacteria, plankton and other small aquatic organisms - use copper complexes instead as they contain much lower heavy metal).

Hydrothol 1 (extremely high risk herbicide/algaecide with negative side effects to aquatic life)

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(Weather permitting) **Springtime hours:** March 1st - May 1st  
**Credit/Debit Card ONLY** Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**ONLY Gasoline Sales** Saturday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm



**Summer hours: May 1st – Sept 30th**  
 Monday closed  
 Tuesday - Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Sunday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Holiday dates/hours:**

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday, July 3rd  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Monday, September 7th  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Fall hours:** Oct 1st – Oct 31st  
 Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**November 1st – February 28th**  
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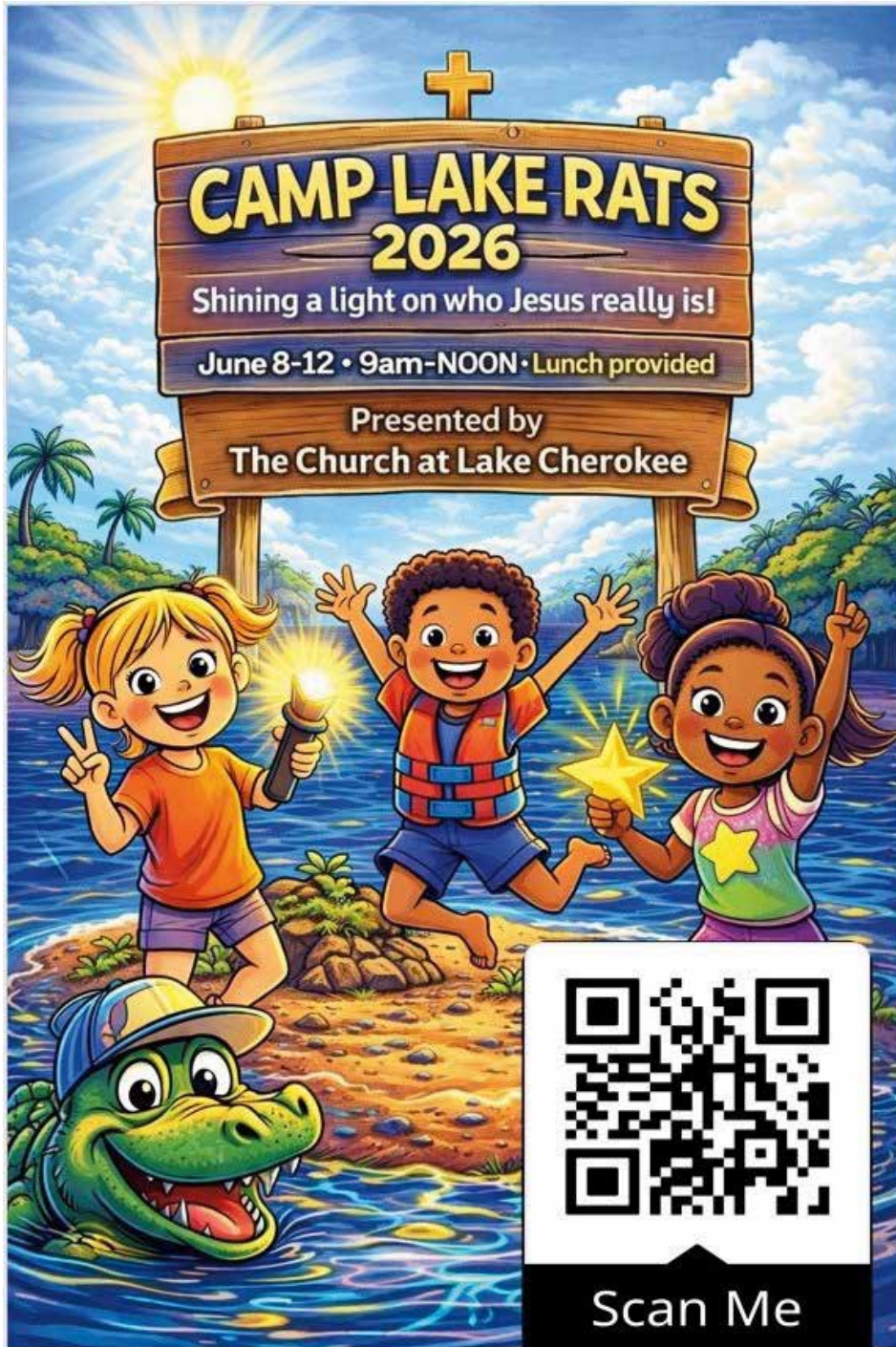
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## Attention Food Truck Vendors

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, we are inviting food trucks to set up at Firecracker Park every weekend until the end of September.

### Memorial Day Weekend:

Saturday May 23rd	Summer Kick Off (no trucks)	Sunday July 26th	Rightside & Dirty Fizz
Sunday May 24th	AK BBQ & Tru Drinks	Saturday Aug. 1st	Chaotic Creations & Tx. Best Ice Cream
Monday May 25th (Memorial Day)	Chaotic Creations & Texas Best Ice Cream	Sunday Aug. 2nd	Chaotic Creations & Tx. Best Ice Cream
Saturday May 30th	I am Hot Street Eatz & Sunsational Ice	Saturday Aug. 8th	AK BBQ & Tru Drinks
Sunday May 31st	I am Hot Street Eatz & Tx. Best Ice Cream	Sunday Aug. 9th	Rightside & Brian & Scotts Snowballs
Saturday June 6th	AK BBQ & Tru Drinks	Saturday Aug. 15th	Back Street Burgers & Snow Joe's
Sunday June 7th	Rightside & Snow Joe's	Sunday Aug. 16th	Rightside & Tx. Best Ice Cream
Saturday June 13th	Chaotic Creations & Sunsational Ice	Saturday August 22nd	AK BBQ & Tru Drinks
Sunday June 14th	Chaotic Creations & Texas Best Ice Cream	Sunday Aug. 23rd	I am Hot Street Eats & Ice so Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Saturday June 20th	AK BBQ & Tru Drinks	Saturday Aug. 29th	Back Street Burgers & Snow Joe's
Sunday June 21st	Back Street Burgers & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade	Sunday Aug. 30th	I am Hot Street Eatz & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Saturday June 27th	Rightside & Snow Joe's	Saturday Sept. 5th	Family Fun Fest (no trucks)
Sunday June 28th	Lovin From My Oven & Dirty Fizz	Sunday Sept. 6th	Chaotic Creations & Tx. Best Ice Cream
Saturday July 4th (Evening @ Office)	Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's	Monday Sept. 7th (Labor Day)	I am Hot Street Eatz & Snow Joe's
Sunday July 5th	AK BBQ & Texas Best Ice Cream	Saturday Sept. 12th	Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's
Saturday July 11th	Rightside & Frios Pops	Sunday Sept. 13th	Rightside & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Sunday July 12th	Loving From My Oven & Brian & Scott Snowballs	Saturday Sept. 19th	Back Street Burger & Frios Pops
Saturday July 18th	Back Street Burgers & Snow Joe's	Sunday Sept. 20th	Rightside & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Sunday July 19th	Chaotic Creations & Texas Best Ice Cream	Saturday Sept. 26th	I am Hot Street Eatz & Frios Pop
Saturday July 25th	AK BBQ & Tru Drinks	Sunday Sept. 27th	Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's

# Boater Education Classroom Course - 06/06/2026 - (1698282)

Class #1698282

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### Preservation Club

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

### Fishing Club

Keith Hightower, 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)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
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Fall Bass Tournament	October 17, 2026
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## BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins



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## APRIL 2026

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".

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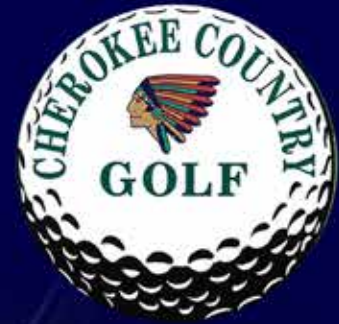
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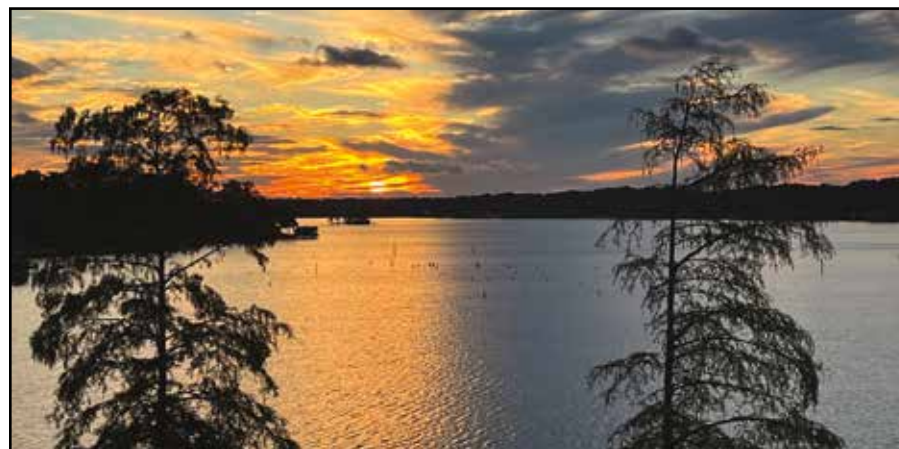
The First Friends group gathered on Thursday, March 19, at Gail Fowler's home for a productive and exciting meeting focused on finalizing details for the upcoming First Friends Cookbook, set to be published and available for purchase in late summer—just in time for early Christmas shopping.

In keeping with the cookbook theme, Gail decorated her tables with a display of cookbooks and prepared lunch using six recipes featured in the new collection, each submitted by a different member. With more than 250 recipes contributed, the group is thrilled and eager to share this special project with everyone.

Those in attendance included, from left to right—back row: Lori Klump, Carol Ehl, Barb Robar, Tracy Lasser, Roxanne Brink, Beth Schreiber, and Teresa Davis. Front row (seated), left to right: Judi Morgan, Delores Toon, Penny Dant, and Jeanne Collins. Gail Fowler (host) is not pictured.



Door prize winner was Carol Ehl who will be gifted a NEW First Friends cookbook as soon as they are issued. Congratulations Carol!(Pictured is our 2009 version cookbook )



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# CHEROKEE

FISHING CLUB

## MARCH 2026

Lori Klump, Secretary

Forty-four members and guests enjoyed an early St. Patrick's Day feast of corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. Pete and Carol Staiti always come through with a delicious, homecooked meal for this crowd! Larry Willis, Larry Lacewell, Pete Peerenboom and David Wilson provided desserts and sides to make it complete. We welcomed guest Christian Godwin; new member, Dan Daily; and our new president, Keith Hightower.

Keith spoke about growing our membership and participation. Only about 10% of our shareholder population are members and there's always room for more. He encouraged us all to bring a friend who may be a member that hasn't attended in a while or someone new to the club.

Vice-President Bob O'Brien then introduced Doug Klump, who is working on the Coolidge & Company Youth Fishing Contest. The contest which will be starting up again in April. Details and rules will be published in the April Chatter and on the Fishing Club Facebook page.



First Place Big Stringer -  
T. Ferrell, K. Moore

Lori gave the secretary's update on the GPS coordinate files for the fish attractors around the lake. Forty-two have requested them so far. If you haven't received yours yet, email your lot number to [fishingcherokee@gmail.com](mailto:fishingcherokee@gmail.com). Also, we continue to recruit help to set up for the meetings each month. Pete Peerenboom, Jerald Lewis and John Jaskiewicz helped for this meeting and an extra kudos to David Wilson that came in on Saturday and set up all the tables

and chairs by himself! Thank-you Mike Fleener, Jerald Lewis and Bonnie Hegeman who will help in April.

Treasurer Bryce Tawney gave his update and reported that short-term CDs have been purchased to invest available funds. Also, membership dues for 2026 need to be in by March 31 to continue receiving meeting reminders.

Gary Lindsey, hatchery director, reported all brood ponds have been filled with water. Waiting on Lake budget approval to purchase Florida Bass fingerlings and the minnows to feed them.

George Steele, habitat director, reported that the new habitats are working, crappie are on them. He led a discussion on getting a workday organized to clean up the club's hatchery/habitat storage area at the north boat ramp. He will post more information on Facebook with the date and to recruit volunteers.



Second Place Big Stringer -  
C. Juban, S. Patterson

### Cherokee Fishing Club 2026 Spring Memorial Bass Tournament In-The-Money:

Big Stringer 1st Place	<b>20.29 lbs</b>	Team: Kasey Moore/ Tanner Ferrell
Big Stringer 2nd Place	<b>19.82 lbs</b>	Team: Spencer Patterson I Colin Juban
Big Stringer 3rd Place	<b>19.67 lbs</b>	Team: Cade Silvertooth/ Max Silvertooth
Big Stringer 4th Place	<b>19.63 lbs</b>	Team: Eddy Anderson I Cole Anderson
Big Stringer 5th Place	<b>17.47 lbs</b>	Team: Mike Hendricks/ Tommy Hooten
Big Stringer 6th Place	<b>16.25 lbs</b>	Team: Cameron Cowley I Colby Siegley
Big Stringer 7th Place	<b>16.19 lbs</b>	Team: Jeff Smith/ Jayce McFarland
Big Stringer 8th Place	<b>16.00 lbs</b>	Team: Gary Matter I Dexter Irwin
Big Bass 1st Place	<b>7.13 lbs</b>	Angler: Colin Juban
Big Bass 2nd Place	<b>6.42 lbs</b>	Angler: Eddy Anderson
Big Bass 3rd Place	<b>6.02 lbs</b>	Angler: Kasey Moore

**40 Teams**  
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**27 Teams**  
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**\$2,000**  
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Among the items to be cleared out is a cement mixer, which George will try to sell. We also need to get some good storage cans for the food used in the brood ponds and feeders at the "mega structure."

Tournament Director, David Wilson, said we have all volunteers lined up to support the spring bass tournament and 37 vendors have donated items for door prizes.

John Jaskiewicz introduced our speaker, Page Johnson, from AMP'd Marine. Page is director of sales and previously in law enforcement. AMP'd Marine builds custom tackle management systems for your boat, made to fit your available compartments. Several members confirmed



*Third Place Big Stringer -  
C. Silvertooth, M. Silvertooth*

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We concluded with our raffle. Winners were: Bag of tackle goodies – John Jaskiewicz (he might need help from AMP'd to get it organized). Spider and Bug clean up spray – Jim Barton. The coveted 5-gallon gas can – yours truly (yesssss). First aid kit – Justin Broomhall. Fishing Pliers – Christian Godwin.

Next meeting is April 13 at the CWC Office, NK 20. Dinner is served at 6:30. Our speaker is Jeff Wilson, with Boat Hoist USA. CFC Memberships are available to shareholders, privilege card holders, and CWC employees for \$20 per adult and \$10 per youth (16 and under). Hope to see you at a meeting soon!

## MONTHLY CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE 2026

**April 13 - 17th**  
**May 11 - 15th**  
**June 8 - 12th**  
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## Lake Cherokee Community Foundation

2026 is a year of change for LCCF. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board was increased by four new Board Members including Jon Traylor, Gates Brelsford, Brenda Koelmay, and Jane Lewis.

The Cherokee Cares program will be the focus of LCCF this year. The Board voted to appoint Jeff and Christie Traylor as Cherokee Cares Co-Chairs and also voted to move \$1,500 to the new Cherokee Cares Fund. For more information on Cherokee Cares see the Announcement in this month's Chatter or go to the LCCF website.

The remaining funds that were donated for the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial (Freedom Park) will be dispersed to Friends of Freedom Park (FFP) for site improvement according to donor wishes.

*Lake Cherokee Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a Mission to provide resources in response to the educational, environmental, and human service needs of the Lake Cherokee community. Learn more at [www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org) and follow us on Facebook.*

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The Lake Cherokee Preservation Club met on March 19, 2026 following the CWC Board Meeting. The meeting was brought to order by Deanna Kalmus.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4, 2026 in the field near the CWC offices located at NK20.

Children and grandchildren of CWC Shareholders are welcome to attend this 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 5-6 age group, and finally 7-10 ages. There will be a food truck available with brunch bites for your enjoyment!

Other fun things going on are face painting, tattoos and games.

The Easter Bunny may be available for photos as well!

We are in need of volunteers to help hide the eggs, if you are interested

please arrive by 8:00am. Help hiding the eggs is very much appreciated!! Mark your calendars for this fun event!!

We are also in the planning stages of the Wet & Wild which will be held on June 13th. We are still in need of some host boathouses, if you are interested please contact Deanna Kalmus (469-964-1765), Darrell Wolven (972-839-7302) or BART Owens (903-918-4601). We are looking for donations for the silent raffle and door prizes. If you or your favorite business would like to donate please contact one of the preservation club members above. We need everyone to help make this event spectacular!!

There is rumor that we may have some other entertainment on fire-cracker island this summer, stay tuned for more information!

We have decided to change the date and location of the next Preservation Club meeting. It will be held on Sunday April 12th at 6:00 pm on the island!!

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## Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The March 10, 2026 Photography Club meeting was sparsely attended. We held a business meeting to discuss plans for the rest of 2026. We have several plans later in the year which still need to be finalized.

April 14, 2026 Boat Safari, meet at NK 20 dock at 6PM Patty says the baby eagles should still be in the nest.

May 12, 2026 Patty Stewart Photography Part 2. Come hear her post covid photography experiences.

June 9, 2026 Marc Bailey returns and most likely send us out to photograph based on the concepts he presents in the presentation. Bring your charged cell phones! We will receive critique and encouragement.

July 14, 2026 Toast to Summer gathering on the NK patio with summer delights. Bring a lawn chair, camera, and favorite summer food.



August 11, 2026 Give us your best shot! Bring 5 of your best shots! start culling. Put images on a thumb drive so we can use a computer with the TV for better viewing.

September 8, 2026 ??? Classic Car Photo shoot. Schedule is tentative at this time.

October 13 2026 Arboretum, but the club date will need to change. Sunday best for those who work. October 11 or 18 (from 2-5:00) are suggested and will need to be decided at a future meeting if we want to meet as a group. There is admission charge for non members.

November 10, 2026 Last year we photographed for Veterans' Day event. A assume there will be a program on November 11, so we need to discuss if the group wants to do that or have a regular November 10 meeting.

December 8, 2026 Holiday event to be determined.

If anyone has additional ideas, please let me know.

The Lake Cherokee Photography club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6PM, at the lake office unless otherwise noted. Updates to schedule will be posted on the Photography Club Face-



book page, and an email will be sent out the weekend before the meeting, We are an informal group and welcome all Lake Cherokee residents interested in photography to join us. If you want to receive emails, please let us know at [greytbiker@yahoo.com](mailto:greytbiker@yahoo.com) or TEXT to 903-399-0066 and indicate "Photo Club" on the subject line. You can come to the meeting at any time as well.

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## Lake Cherokee Community Foundation Kicks Off

# CHEROKEE CARES FUND

April 1, 2026

*The mission of Lake Cherokee Community Foundation (LCCF) is to provide resources in response to the educational, environmental, and human service needs of the Lake Cherokee Community. Establishing the Cherokee Cares Fund will provide resources and volunteers to accomplish the human services piece of our mission.*

### **Purpose:**

The Cherokee Cares Fund is a heartfelt initiative established to support Shareholders within the Lake Cherokee community who are facing challenges or hardships. Our mission is to uplift neighbors in need by offering access to vital resources and compassionate assistance.

### **Who We Help:**

The Cherokee Cares Fund will serve Shareholders (in good standing with CWC) experiencing:

- Aging-related difficulties
- Physical or mobility challenges
- Temporary financial crises

### **Types of Support Available:**

Resources may include:

- Volunteer assistance
- Professional services
- Financial aid (as funds are available through LCCF)

### **How It Works:**

A neighbor, family member, or Cherokee Water Company staff member may nominate a Shareholder by completing the application available on the CWC Portal, LCCF website, [www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org), or at the CWC Office. The application is to be mailed to Cherokee Cares Fund, Lake Cherokee Community Foundation, P. O. Box 7083, Longview, TX 75607.

To maintain privacy and fairness:

- All applications are reviewed anonymously; opened only by the CCF Co-Chairs, then names, lot numbers will be redacted.
- A dedicated committee of fellow Shareholders will evaluate each request. For physical or professional needs, the Committee will assign volunteers and be in contact with the Shareholder.

• For financial needs, the Chairs will make recommendations to the LCCF Board for funding and/or resource allocation based on established criteria, then contact the Shareholder.

We are happy to announce the Co-Chairs of the Cherokee Cares Fund are Christi and Jeff Traylor. New to the lake in the last year, the Traylor's have stepped right up to get involved in helping our Shareholders in need. Many thanks to Christi & Jeff. Their committee will be in place by the printing of this article.

### **Funding:**

Lake Cherokee Community Foundation is supported 100% by donations. The Cherokee Cares Fund will be funded through general donations allocated by the Board to meet the needs presented, as funds are available, OR gifts given to LCCF that are restricted to Cherokee Cares Fund. Anyone may donate to the fund. LCCF is a 501c3 organization, making donations tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS.

### **How to Donate:**

[www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org](http://www.LakeCherokeeCommunityFoundation.org)

**Mail donation to LCCF, P. O. Box 7083, Longview, TX 75607.** If donation is restricted to Cherokee Cares Fund, please designate such on check.

The LCCF does plan to have an annual fundraiser to support all projects and grants, Cherokee Cares Fund being one of those included in the annual budget. A Casino night is planned for later this year; I am looking for a fun group that would enjoy putting that event on. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Bullard at [rbc0613@yahoo.com](mailto:rbc0613@yahoo.com).

We look forward to helping our neighbors through this project!

Rhonda Bullard  
LCCF Development Chair



## Friends of Freedom Park Update

On February 1, the FFP Board and Members met in an open meeting to establish Teams and discuss ongoing and new activities. Minutes can be found on the website. Some highlights are here.

FFP is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This will allow for exemption from certain sales tax on items purchased for the Park. Also, donations made to FFP will be tax deductible.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** FFP and Combat Warriors Inc East Texas will jointly present SHEEPDOG the movie and a Q&A session with its writer/director Steven Grayhm and SPC (R) Will Summers (who spoke at our 2024 fundraising gala). The screening and Q&A will be on Saturday afternoon, May 2 at the Church at Lake Cherokee and will be **free to veterans and their spouses**. Others will be asked to “pay what they can”. Coinciding with this event is a picnic at Freedom Park beforehand and VIP dinner with Steven Grayhm that evening. Go to our website for more information.

The FFP Site Development Team has received 3 bids for a boat dock and will be making recommendations to membership. The Team is also working on a second “Wall of Honor” that will hold more Veterans’ names. The second Wall will be unique from the original Wall but should have the same impact. John Morgan is

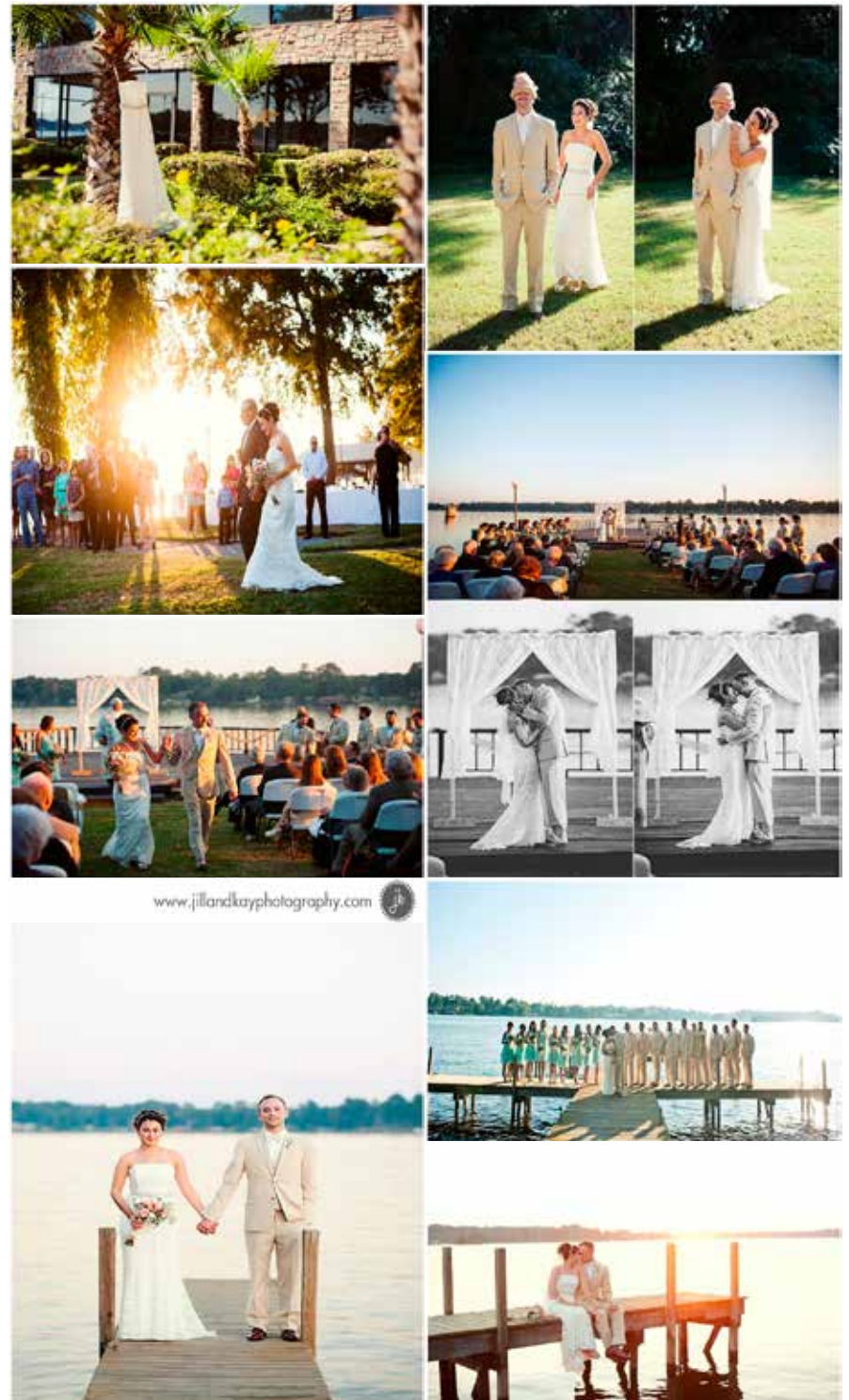
also looking at adding a bronze sculpture. If you have a Veteran you would like to honor, go to the website and complete the Waitlist form. If you would like to join the Site Development team, contact John, Alan Heath or Thomas White.

The FFP Events Team has been busy with organizing the screening of SHEEPDOG as well as planning for the annual Memorial Day ceremony (Monday, May 27) and a Fourth of July activity at Freedom Park. Miguel Fabbiani, Events Chair, would love your help with upcoming events. Contact him if you’d like to volunteer.

The FFP Membership Team would like to remind everyone that if you donated to help build the Veterans Memorial in any way, then your membership dues of \$20 have been waived for 2026! You are welcome to attend our meetings and volunteer for any of our events and projects.

**Unserviceable American Flags.** Are you replacing your American Flag for Memorial weekend? If so, FFP will be holding a ceremony for proper disposal of unserviceable flags on Flag Day, June 14th at Freedom Park. Bring your old flags to John Morgan (NH10) or Ken Pope (SM26). More information on the ceremony will be in Chatter, our website, and Facebook page.

*Friends of Freedom Park Mission 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 Lake Cherokee’s new home of honor and members are needed to run FFP Teams. To become a member or for more information, visit us at [www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org](http://www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org)*



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# APRIL 2026

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

# MAY 2026

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17	18	19	20 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	21 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	22	23 Summer Kickoff Event on the Island
24	25 CWC Office Closed	26 Fuel Center Closed	27 Bridge Club	28	29	30
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