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1st Place - Patriotic Theme - NF61



1st Place - Open Theme - NG34

Summer Food Trucks

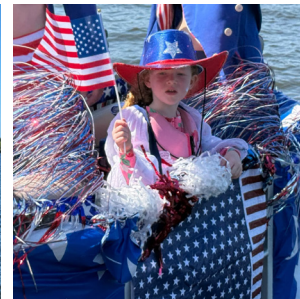
Saturday Aug. 1st
Sunday Aug. 2nd
Saturday Aug. 8th
Sunday Aug. 9th
Saturday Aug. 15th
Sunday Aug. 16th

Chaotic Creations & Tx. Best Ice Cream
Chaotic Creations & Tx. Best Ice Cream
AK BBQ & Tru Drinks
Rightside & Brian & Scotts Snowballs
Back Street Burgers & Snow Joe's
Rightside & Tx. Best Ice Cream



Saturday August 22nd
Sunday Aug. 23rd
Saturday Aug. 29th
Sunday Aug. 30th
Saturday Sept. 5th
Sunday Sept. 6th
Monday Sept. 7th (Labor Day)
Saturday Sept. 12th
Sunday Sept. 13th
Saturday Sept. 19th
Sunday Sept. 20th
Saturday Sept. 26th
Sunday Sept. 27th

AK BBQ & Tru Drinks
I am Hot Street Eat & Ice so Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Back Street Burgers & Snow Joe's
I am Hot Street Eat & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Family Fun Fest (no trucks)
Chaotic Creations & Tx. Best Ice Cream
I am Hot Street Eat & Snow Joe's
Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's
Rightside & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
Back Street Burger & Frios Pops
Rightside & Ice So Happy Snowcones & Lemonade
I am Hot Street Eat & Frios Pop
Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's



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MESSAGE *from the* MANAGER

Hello Lake Family,

Summer is always the busiest and most active time of the year at Lake Cherokee, making it an ideal time to provide our shareholders with an update on the business of Cherokee Water Company, including our recently approved budget, upcoming infrastructure projects, and the strong financial position we continue to maintain as we enter the final quarter of our fiscal year.



Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

As we enter the final quarter of our 2025-2026 fiscal year, I am pleased to report that Cherokee Water Company remains in a strong financial position. Through careful planning, responsible spending, and a continued focus on fiscal accountability, the Company is on track to finish the year successfully. Our Board of Directors recently approved the 2026-2027 operating budget, which serves as the roadmap for the coming year and reflects our commitment to balancing operational needs, infrastructure improvements, long-term planning, and financial stability. Developing the annual budget is a significant undertaking that requires evaluating current conditions, forecasting future expenses, prioritizing projects, and ensuring that shareholder funds are invested where they provide the greatest benefit to our community.

One of the most important projects currently moving through the engineering phase is the creation of a siltation pond in the Mud Creek area. Siltation ponds are an effective tool for reducing sediment entering the lake by capturing soil, sand, and other materials before they reach open water. Over time, sediment accumulation can negatively impact water depth, water quality, aquatic habitats, and overall lake capacity. By intercepting and managing sediment upstream, siltation ponds can help preserve coves, improve water quality, reduce future dredging needs, and extend the useful life of the lake itself. This project represents a proactive investment in the long-term health and sustainability of Lake Cherokee and demonstrates our commitment to protecting one of our community's most valuable assets.

We are also preparing to continue our ongoing road improvement program on the north side of the lake. The next phase will extend from FM 2011 and continue approximately 1.8 miles to connect with the most recently completed road construction project. Our roads are a critical part of the Company's infrastructure, and main-

taining them remains one of our highest priorities. These improvements not only enhance safety and accessibility for residents and visitors but also contribute to the overall appearance and value of the community. By taking a long-term approach to infrastructure planning, we can address maintenance needs before they become larger and more costly issues in the future.

As a private company responsible for managing nearly 7,000 acres of land, approximately 4,000 acres of water, and over 40 miles of roadway, we must continually evaluate opportunities to improve our facilities, infrastructure, and services. Every project undertaken by Cherokee Water Company is carefully considered to ensure that shareholder funds are used wisely and responsibly. Our goal is not only to maintain what we have today but to make strategic improvements that enhance the beauty of the lake, preserve property values, improve the shareholder experience, and strengthen the long-term financial health of the Company.

Looking ahead, I remain optimistic about the future of Cherokee Water Company. The Company continues to be financially stable, operationally sound, and focused on strategic growth and improvement. The Board of Directors and management team remain committed to making decisions that protect our assets, improve our community, and position Cherokee Water Company for long-term success. On behalf of the Board and our employees, thank you for your continued support and investment in Lake Cherokee. We are proud of the progress being made and look forward to another productive year serving our shareholders.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jones, GM

2 Corinthians 4:16

VARIANCE DEADLINES 2026

8/4 - 8/20 Board Meeting
9/1 - 9/17 Board Meeting
9/29 - 10/15 Board Meeting
10/27 - 11/12 Board Meeting

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT JUNE 2026

FACILITY CHECK: 2847
OPEN DOOR: 6
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 3
WELFARE CHECK: 0
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 8
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 16
ANIMAL ASSIST: 2
CLEAR ROADWAY
OF TREES/DEBRIS: 15
EXTRA PATROL: 134
DISTURBANCE: 4
ALARMS: 3
VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 1
WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 5
ASSIST AGENCY: 4
BURGLARY/THEFT: 0

Welcome to
Lake Cherokee
June 2026 Transfers- 8



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Permits

JUNE 2026

Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	1
Boathouse - New	2
Boathouse - Repair	3
Demolition	1
Dirt Work / Drainage	2
Driveway / Walkway	2
Fence	3
Home Repairs / Additions	4
New Construction	2
OSSF	1
Other	
Outdoor Enhancement	
Pool	1
Retaining Wall	2
Dredge	1
Total Permits	25

Message from the CWC Board of Directors

As part of the annual budgeting process, the Cherokee Water Company Board of Directors has approved a \$75 increase in annual lake dues for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The Board recognizes that any increase in dues affects every shareholder, and we do not make this decision lightly. Our responsibility is to ensure that Cherokee Water Company remains financially strong and able to provide the services, maintenance, and improvements that shareholders expect today while protecting the long-term value of our community.

The primary reasons for this increase are the same challenges facing virtually every business:

- Inflation has increased the cost of materials, equipment, fuel, utilities, and contracted services required to operate and maintain Cherokee Water Company.
- Insurance premiums continue to rise, adding significantly to the Company's operating expenses.
- Employee compensation must remain competitive so we can retain the experienced, dedicated employees who are essential to operating our water system, maintaining our roads and facilities, and serving our shareholders.

In addition to meeting these increasing operating costs, the Board remains committed to several long-term initiatives that shareholders have consistently identified as priorities.

Our road improvement program continues to make steady progress. This multi-year effort is designed to systematically rebuild and improve every Cherokee Water Company road, ensuring safer travel and protecting one of the Company's most valuable infrastructure assets.

The Board also remains committed to addressing siltation throughout Lake Cherokee. Working with management, engineers, and regulatory agencies, we continue to evaluate and implement practical solutions that will reduce sediment entering the lake, improve water flow, and help preserve the long-term health and usability of Lake Cherokee.

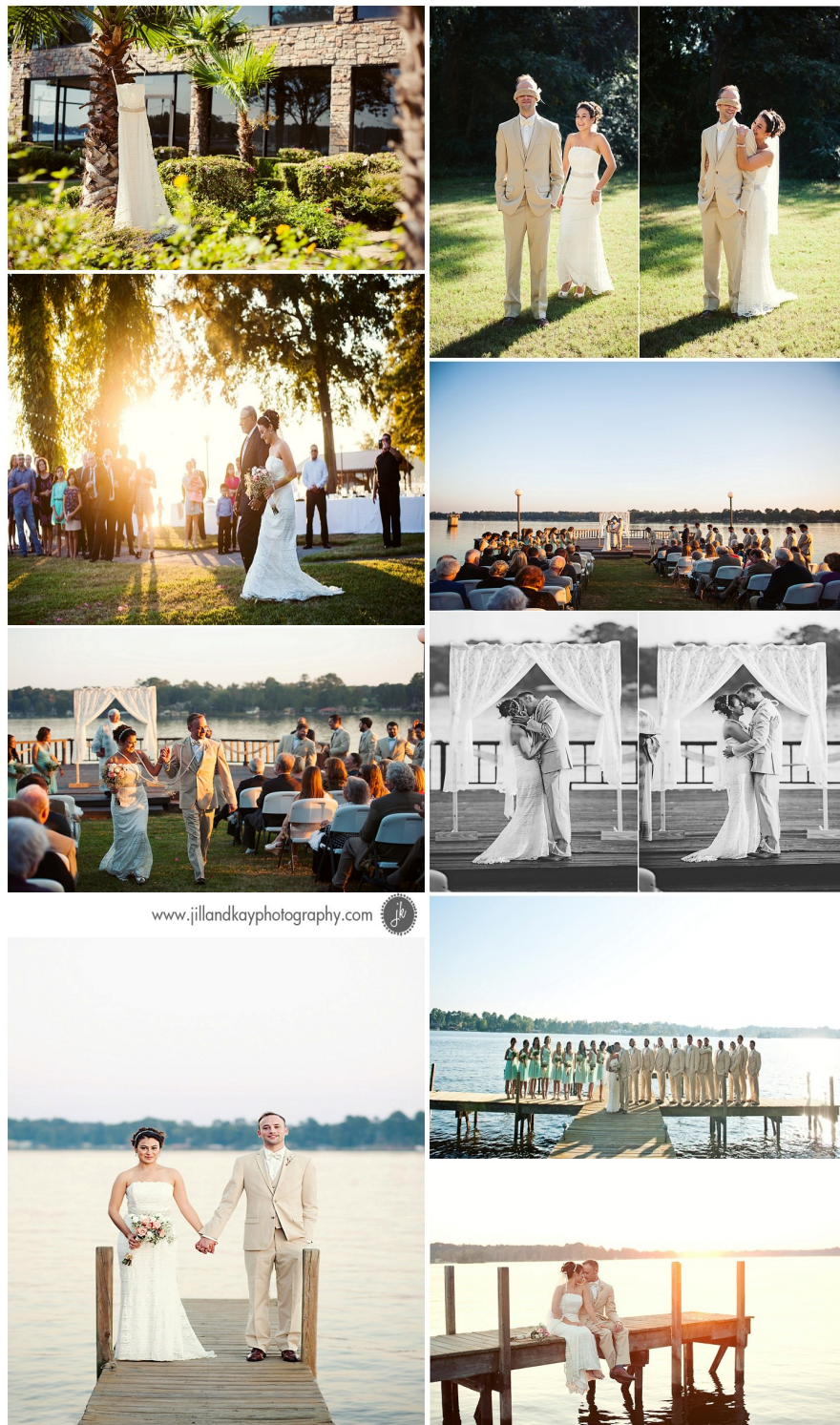
Every expenditure included in the annual budget is carefully reviewed. The Board remains committed to being good stewards of shareholder funds while ensuring that Cherokee Water Company has the financial resources necessary to maintain our infrastructure, provide quality service, and plan responsibly for the future.

Shareholders should also understand that, as operating costs continue to rise, modest increases in lake dues may be necessary in future years. The Board believes that smaller, measured adjustments made over time are more responsible and less disruptive than delaying needed increases and later requiring a substantial adjustment. Any future increase will continue to be based on the Company's actual financial needs and will be carefully considered as part of the annual budgeting process.

This modest increase will help Cherokee Water Company keep pace with rising costs while continuing to invest in the roads, lake, water system, employees, and infrastructure that benefit all shareholders.

We appreciate your continued support and your confidence in the Board as we work to preserve and enhance Lake Cherokee for current and future generations.

CWC Board of Directors



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**JULY 16, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 16, 2026. 6:00 p.m., at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President	Ken Hall
Logan LoBue,	Alan Koelemay
Treasurer	Beth Swindell
Rhonda Bullard,	Mary Yoder
Secretary	Absent: David
Cody Edmondson	McDaniel, Jeff Patty

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Mapes. Misty introduced Stephanie with Republic Sanitation who presented the 2026 4th of July Boat Parade winners with trophies.

Patriotic Theme: 1st Place - NG 61 Kyle Modisette, Steamboat; 2nd Place - NS 03 Steve Hamner, Party In the USA

Open Theme: 1st Place - SN 30, Bart Owens, Super Mario; 2nd Place - NG 34, Maria Campbell, Toy Story Republic was thanked for their support of Lake Cherokee.

President Mapes confirmed with Secretary Bullard that a quorum of the Board was present. He recognized that seven members of the Board were present at the time (one Board member joined the meeting later.) David McDaniel and Jeff Patty had prior personal commitments. In addition, since the last Board meeting, the Board accepted the resignation of Justin Simmons and Colby Mize. President Mapes thanked Justin and Colby for their dedicated service to the Board and wished them well in their future endeavors.

President Mapes called on Secretary Bullard for approval of minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Bullard to approve the minutes of June 18, 2026, as electronically distributed to the Board of Directors. A second was offered by Logan LoBue and the motion passed unanimously.

General Manager Kevin Jones gave an overview of operations, displaying slides regarding transfers, permits,

maintenance hours and Patrol activities. He mentioned that July 4th weekend was very successful, great fireworks, largest Boat Parade in several years with 15-16 entries, and shareholders returned safely to their homes. Kevin gave updates on the road project in NQ to Hwy 2011 section, stating bids will be opened July 23rd then Johnson & Pace will award to the lowest bidder and work will commence soon after. The topographical study for the Mud Creek Siltation Pond project is complete; the project is in the engineering stage and on target to be completed before the end of the fiscal year. The damn/spillway inspection is undergoing. The walk over inspection is done; the noted repairs will be completed in the coming weeks, as well as the inspection of the damn. Kevin also gave an update on the property tax appeal with Gregg County Appraisal District. CWC is appealing the excessive increase in property valuation through appeal process.

Kevin announced the following Shareholders have been chosen to serve on the 2026 Election Commission: Seleta Davis, Daryl Wolven, Paul Oberthier, Will Adamson, Mike Toon, and Randy Platt.

Treasurer LoBue reported that Monday July 13th the board reviewed the June financials. We are now 75% complete with our fiscal year. Through June, we are about 1% over our forecasted revenue and our operating expenses are running about 8% below forecast. There are still several summer maintenance projects such as work on the dam, siltation ponds and road maintenance that are scheduled to be completed in the coming months. Once these expenses are recognized, operating expenses will be closer to forecast but should remain under budget in all departments.

The Board also reviewed progress and spending on the Capital projects scheduled for the 25-26 fiscal year

such as the siltation ponds to be built in the mud creek area and our on-going road repaving project. At this time, it does appear that our capital projects are on track to be completed and funded with current year revenue without need for using reserves.

The proposed 2026-2027 Operating and Capital budgets were also reviewed. Treasurer LoBue reported the management and leadership team have worked hard to execute within their current budget as well as identify cost savings and become more efficient wherever possible, but CWC continues to face inflationary pressures that impact the costs of providing services and amenities to our shareholders. Some examples are property tax increases, insurance cost increases and increases in costs related to employee benefits.

To continue providing services and amenities to Shareholders and continue funding important capital improvements such as road repair/rebuilding and siltation mitigation, the 2026-2027 budget does include a \$75 increase to the annual lease payment.

Treasurer LoBue then made the motion to certify bills paid for June, a second was offered by Alan Koelemay and the motion passed unanimously. Next a motion to approve June financials was made by LoBue, seconded by Ken Hall and passed unanimously. LoBue then made the motion to approve the 2026-2027 Capital Expenditure and Operating Budget. Rhonda Bullard offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda Bullard reported the Rules & Policies Committee did meet and has 2 variances to bring for approval.

NP 84 - to allow an addition to existing home to be located closer than 75' (36') to the shoreline. The committee visited the property and recommends approval. Rhonda made the motion and Logan offered

the second. The motion passed unanimously.

ST 09 - to install a carport over existing concrete pad that will be closer than 6' from the property line (0'-on the property line where the concrete pad is currently.) Both neighbors signed off on variance; the committee is recommending approval. Rhonda made the motion; Cody Edmondson offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda recognized Beth Swindell for further Rules & Policy recommendations. Beth reported the Rules & Policies Committee is recommending a Bylaw change that will reduce the number of Board members from 9 to 12.

Amendment to the By-laws of Cherokee Water Company Resolved, pursuant to Article IX, Section 2, of the by-laws of the Cherokee Water Company, the following article is being proposed.

**Article 5 Directors Sec. 2
Current Language**

The number of directors shall be twelve (12). Each director shall be a shareholder or spouse of shareholder. Each director shall be chosen in a manner specified in Article IV or Article V, section 9 of these bylaws. The term of each director shall be three (3) years. A director's term shall begin when election results are presented at the Annual Shareholder Meeting and expire at the conclusion of the Annual Shareholder Meeting three years later. The terms shall be staggered so that **four terms** expire each year, and **four directors** are elected each year. A greater number may be elected in the event of a vacancy.

Amended Language

The number of directors shall be **nine (9)**. Each director shall be a shareholder or spouse of shareholder. Each director shall be chosen in a manner specified in Article IV or Article V, section 9 of these bylaws. The



JULY 16, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes
Continued

term of each director shall be three (3) years. A director's term shall begin when election results are presented at the Annual Shareholder Meeting and expire at the conclusion of the Annual Shareholder Meeting three years later. The terms shall be staggered so that **three terms** expire each year, and **three directors** are elected each year. A greater number may be elected in the event of a vacancy.

Amendment to the By-laws of Cherokee Water Company

Resolved, pursuant to Article IX, Section 2, of the by-laws of the Cherokee Water Company, the following article is being proposed.

Article 5 Directors Sec. 4

Current Language

Special meetings of directors may be held at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such other place as designated by the president. A special meeting may be called by the president. In the president's absence, a special meeting may be called by the vice president or by any **eight (8)** members of the board of directors.

Amended Language

Special meetings of directors may be held at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such other place as designated by the president. A special meeting may be called by the president. In the president's absence, a special meeting may be called by the vice president or by any **six (6)** members of the board of directors.

Amendment to the by-laws of Cherokee Water Company

Resolved, pursuant to Article IX, Section 2, of the by-laws of the Cherokee Water Company, the following article is being proposed.

Article 5 Directors Sec. 6

Current Language

A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special

meetings of directors shall consist of **seven (7)** members of the board of directors present at a meeting. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at the time of the act is the act of the board of directors of the Corporation unless a greater number is required by these bylaws or law. "Present at a meeting" means actual, personal attendance at the location of the meeting. Present at a meeting does not include attendance by conference phone or similar communications equipment, including videoconferencing technology or the internet or any combination of such that would permit remote participation in the meeting.

Amended Language

A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meetings of directors shall consist of **six (6)** members of the board of directors present at a meeting. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at the time of the act is the act of the board of directors of the Corporation unless a greater number is required by these bylaws or law. "Present at a meeting" means actual, personal attendance at the location of the meeting. Present at a meeting does not include attendance by conference phone or similar communications equipment, including videoconferencing technology or the internet or any combination of such that would permit remote participation in the meeting.

Upon adoption of this amendment, the Board of Directors shall be reduced from twelve (12) directors to nine (9) directors through attrition. No sitting director shall have his or her elected term shortened. As director terms expire, vacancies created by those expirations shall not be filled until the number of directors has been reduced to nine (9). Once the board consists of nine (9) directors, future elections shall be conducted so that three(3) directors are elected



PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

AUG. 24TH - SEPT. 21ST

NORTH SIDE

VS

SOUTH SIDE

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

(Winner gets bragging rights)



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There will be boxes in the office to collect Peanut Butter for East Texas Food Bank

annually to serve three-year terms.

Rationale

The Board of Directors has determined that reducing the size of the Board from twelve (12) directors to nine (9) directors is in the best interests of Cherokee Water Company and its shareholders.

The amendment is intended to:

1. Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of board meetings.
2. Promote more meaningful participation by individual directors.
3. Improve the board's ability to consistently achieve a quorum.
4. Better align board size with the current operational and governance needs of the Corporation.
5. Reduce the difficulty of recruiting qualified director candidates while maintaining broad shareholder representation.
6. Preserve continuity through staggered terms and long-term institutional knowledge.

Mrs. Swindell made the motion to approve these Bylaw amendments; Ken Hall offered the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Infrastructure Committee Chair Logan LoBue reported that Kevin provided an update to the committee on the road repaving project in the NQ to 2011 area. Project scope and design have been completed by Johnson/Pace and bid packets have been sent

to potential contractors. Project still on track to begin in August. Kevin also reported the next section(s) of road to be completed are currently being identified. Traffic counts are now being collected in the SS to SP area.

Committee discussed boat roads and the need to have a defined plan on how to ensure replacement poles are properly placed in the correct location when a pole(s) become damaged or missing. It was suggested that all pole locations on the boat roads should be recorded with GPS lat/long coordinates to be used when replacement is required.

Committee discussed that CWC may need to upgrade or replace the work barge used to drive replacement poles. Currently, replacement of poles in water deeper than 25 feet must be outsourced to a third-party contractor due to limitations of current CWC pile driving equipment. Kevin and Maintenance team will gather information and cost estimates for upgraded equipment for consideration. There were no formal motions to bring before the board at this time.

With no other business, Gary Mapes, President adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Rhonda Bullard Secretary



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Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Cherokee Cares Fund helps support Shareholders within the Lake Cherokee community who are facing challenges or hardships, with a mission to uplift neighbors in need by offering access to vital resources and compassionate assistance. This can be in the form of volunteer assistance, professional services, or financial aid.

As funds are available, applications for assistance are considered by the LCCF Board of Directors or the Cherokee Cares Co-Chairs. If you know of shareholders

who are experiencing age-related difficulties, physical or mobility challenges, or temporary financial crisis, contact Cherokee Cares Co-Chairs Christi and Jeff Traylor. (817-480-3369)

LCCF is 100% funded by donations. The link below will take you to the website for making donations or gaining information on the Cherokee Cares Fund. If every shareholder gave \$20, the fund would be able to care for neighbors who need

LCCF also has information on the CWC Portal for easy access. If you would like to volunteer to help a Shareholder who can't maintain their lot, run errands for a Shareholder who is a shut in, or offer your professional services when needed, contact the Traylor's to join the list of volunteers who can be called from time to time.

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MONTHLY CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE 2026

August 10 - 14th

September 14 - 18th

October 12 - 16th

November 9 - 13th

December 14 - 18th





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- Monday, September 7th
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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Super Simple Summer Pasta Salad

Author: Lisa @ This Pilgrim Life Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 15 minutes Category: Pasta
Method: pressure cook

Description

This chill summer pasta salad is perfectly refreshing on a hot day and a tasty way to enjoy fresh summer tomatoes! It's easy to whip up for a quick lunch, a simple addition to a cookout, or great to prep ahead at the beginning of the week and enjoy all week long.

Ingredients

SCALE

2 1/2 cups dried macaroni noodles
1/2 tsp kosher salt
1/2 cup fresh mozzarella, cut into 1/2" cubes
1/2 cup fresh peas, steamed
1/2 cup cooked, chopped bacon
1/2 cup fresh chopped tomatoes

Dressing

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 tsp champagne vinegar
1/2 tsp kosher salt
1/4 tsp fresh ground pepper
1 tsp dried basil, or 1 tbsp chopped fresh basil

Instructions

- 1 Combine the macaroni and 2 3/4 cups of water in the Instant Pot. Add 1/2 tsp kosher salt. Place the lid on and turn the valve to sealing. Set the cook time for 3 minutes on high pressure. When the cook time is complete, quick release the pressure. Drain the pasta and rinse under cold water. Transfer to a medium-sized mixing bowl.
- 2 Add the remaining pasta salad ingredients to the cooked macaroni- the cheese, peas, bacon, and tomatoes.
- 3 Whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small jar, then pour over the pasta salad mixture. Toss well to incorporate. Enjoy immediately or (even better) chill before serving.

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WAKE RESPONSIBLY

The Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA) strongly recommends the following:

1. Always try to wakeboard or wake surf in the center of any given body of water, and avoid narrow channels or thoroughfares, if possible.

2. Always try to stay at least 200 feet away from any shoreline, dock, or fixed objects.

3. Maintain a reasonable sound level on your stereo.

4. Always respect the shoreline you are using and if the property owner asks that you leave, do so immediately, and always be gracious with the property owner.

5. Repetitive passes result in an accumulation of energy reaching the shoreline. Repetition is never a good idea and can lead to risk of waterway conflicts.

6. The non-surfing side of a wake surfing boat creates waves that are 10% to 23% smaller with 23% to 33% percent less energy than the surfing side. When possible, present the non-surfing side of the boat to the closest shoreline.

7. Waves tend to increase in height on the inside of a gradual turn. Avoid such maneuvers close to shore.

8. Glass calm water is not a requirement for wake surfing, be respectful and operate as far from shore as you can.

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Crappie Tournament	August 29, 2026
Family Fun Fest	September 5, 2026
Fall Bass Tournament	October 17, 2026
Chili Fest	November 7, 2026



BRIDGE CLUB

August
2026

By Jeanne Collins

On-line Bridge play has been available for several years, and with the current uproar about A.I. and Robots, an interesting letter came across in the current issue of the national ACBL magazine, 'Bridge Bulletin'. Following is an excerpt of that letter:

"I have personally found that playing with the Bots was not improving my human bridge game, and I swore off even a casual game when my 'partner' failed to respond correctly for the umpteenth time. As the Robots become super-human at all the other mental/physical games and tasks, I can envision a time in the future when the only way to tell a replicant from a human is to have them play a round of Bridge!"

The CWC players are very human, and our incidents of errors will testify to that fact (!) - but we are very forgiving, and just want to have a good time. Our games are very informal, and men and women of all skill levels are welcome. The person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

We play on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 am and play four rounds, usually finishing by 2:30 pm. On the first Wednesday of each month we have a pot-luck luncheon, beginning at 11:00 am.

If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. 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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Use an engine cut-off switch it's the law.

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Watch the weather.

Always check the forecast before departing on the water and frequently during the excursion.

Know what's going on around you at all times.

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Know where you're going and travel at safe speeds.

Be familiar with the area, local boating speed zones, and always travel at a safe speed.

Never boat under the influence.

A BUI is involved in one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. Always designate a sober skipper.

Keep in touch.

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

About the National Safe Boating Council

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



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

Cherokee 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

Friends of Freedom Park

Miguel Fabbiani and Barrett Newsom, Co-Chairs

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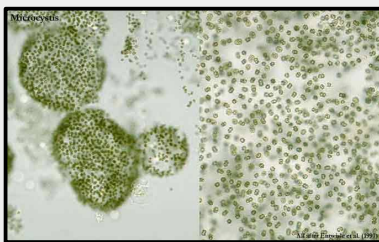
Aquatic ecosystems are complex interactions between water chemistry, ecology, plant physiology, fish population dynamics, and external inputs like water shed, aquatic mammals, and birds. Explaining all of these relationships in monthly articles would change light, informative information into heavy textbook reading, so instead we will focus on the direct food chain in aquatic ecosystems and add in each other layer in subsequent articles.

The Aquatic Food Chain

The simplified aquatic food chain as it relates to growing fish starts with phytoplankton, which are eaten by zooplankton, which are eaten by larval and forage fish, which then are eaten by predatory fish, which are then eating by us and other predators, completing the food chain.

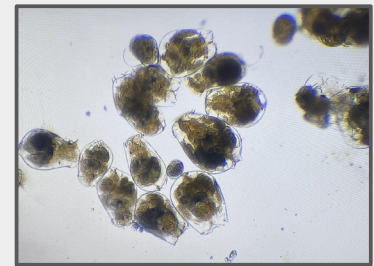
Phytoplankton

Phytoplankton are microscopic plants that free float in the water column and give ponds and lakes a green to brown coloration (different from tannins). These microscopic plants utilize nutrients from the water column to grow and are essential to aquatic ecosystems. Super clear water contains less phytoplankton and therefore grows less fish than very fertile green water.



Zooplankton

Zooplankton are nearly microscopic aquatic animals that rely on phytoplankton for food. These tiny animals live in the water column and are the primary food source for every larval fish regardless of species. Without zooplankton, no fish can be grown from larvae to adult.



Larval Fish/Final Stages

Larval fish depend on both of these tiny organisms for survival for without one, the other doesn't exist and larval fish starve. These tiny organisms that are almost never seen are the primary drivers of the entire aquatic ecosystem from 10lb bass to 1/4 inch bluegill. Understanding this allows us to better manage ponds and lakes and find balance between plankton growth, aquatic vegetation, and water quality.

For more information on aquatic ecosystems, fisheries management, or vegetation management please contact us at:

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by Cherie Anglin

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NEW TIME for the Fun Bunch Scramble which is every Saturday except for Tournament day. Scrambles start at 8:00 AM, check in begins at 7:30. Its a blind draw for partners so come out and play.

Ladies day is every Tuesday, tee off during the summer is usually between 8 and 8:30 AM, contact the Pro Shop for start time. Ladies have priority of play, please give way. Ladies start on holes 1-4 depending on players. Restrooms are located on hole #6 and in the club house.

Our next Tournament will be on August 15th which is a Par 3 4 person. Sign up in the Pro Shop the cost is \$30.00. Start time is 8:00 AM Check in begins at 7:30 AM. Lunch will be provided.

Our fundraiser tournament was a success thank you to all who played. Lunch



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

included smoked chicken courtesy of Phil Porter they were fantastic, THANK YOU PHIL PORTER. Thank you to Spuds, The Right Side and T-Blancos restaurants for donating gift certs for our auction.

Winners of the tournament First place: Mike Erwin, Mark Anglin, Danny Matherne, and Phillip Works; Second place: Robby Hope, Rebekah Taylor, David McClenny and Eric Nichols; Third place: Kevin Oden Marilyn Martin, Leonard Martin and Carson Embry

Our next board meeting will be on August 13th at 6:00 PM all are welcome to attend.

We want to welcome our new members: Michael Riley, Cory Eason and Leonel Martinez

FREE GOLF NP 102

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Patriotic Theme 1st place - Steam Boat NF61



Open Theme 1st place - Super Mario. SN30

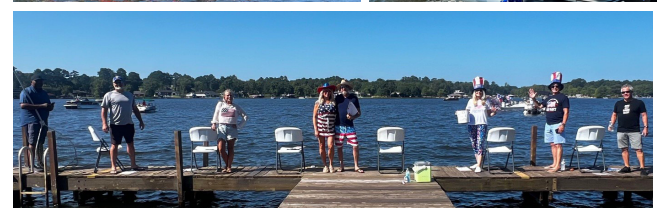
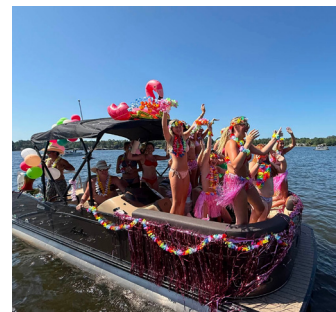


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Open Theme 2nd Place - Toy Story NG34





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Lake Cherokee Photography Club

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The July meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held July 14, 2026 at the water company office. The plan of the day was a summer social and get together to catch up on what we have been doing recently. We shared a feast of summer treats, from Patty's home made sweet potato ice cream with help from Gates to Bill's favorite cookies. In between Carol brought Tom and her famous home made fig jam over goat cheese, Deana and Jarrett provided macaroni salad and a dip, Craig and Holly provided meats, cheeses and vegetables, and Ken and Gay provided shrimp dip.

August 11, 2026 Bring your 5 best ever photographs on a thumb drive. We will use the big screen TV to view. Be prepared to tell why you consider these your best.

September 8, 2026 Classic Car shoot. Try your hand at some unusual photographic interpretations of some beautiful Classic Chevy's, Corvettes, and a Thunderbird among others. This is scheduled to be on Sweetgum Lane (SB section) Karen and Allan Franklin are coordinating.

October 13, 2026 We have talked about going to the Arboretum on Sunday

October 11 or 18 from 2:00- 5:00. We will need to discuss and finalize a plan.

November 10, 2026 Deans and Jarrett Harkness and Patty Stewart will compare and contrast their respective trips to China. Expect to hear what they saw as well as how life is different from what we expect here. Patty indicates they take photographers seriously and restrict what can be photographed.

December 8, 2026 Holiday Event usually involves food, drink, and a white elephant gift exchange. Always fun. Place to be determined.

January 12, 2027 Marc Bailey will educate us once again. We never know what he may ask us to photograph in class using our cell phones.

I want to remind all photographer on the lake, and there are many of you, to come to our meetings at 6PM the second Tuesday of the month, usually at the lake office unless otherwise specified. Just a reminder that many members are cell phone photographers although you may see others with cameras and long lenses especially on the annual boat safari. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Treadway at 9033990066. (Texting may work better due to my call blocker) Just say Photo Club, so I won't think it's spam!

Photos Holly Treadway



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Cherokee Fishing Club

2026 Crappie Tournament Entry Form

MUST BE A CURRENT CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB MEMBER

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Event Start Time: 6:30 A.M.

Event Weigh-in Time starts 10:30 A.M. through 11:30 A.M.

Must be in weigh-in line no later than 11:30 A.M.

Team Members

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

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 undersigned 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.

Shareholder/Privilege Cardholder Information

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

CFC Annual Membership: Adult \$20, Youth (16 and under) \$10

Entry Fee: \$50.00 boat/2-member team, add \$25.00 for each additional person

CFC Membership: _____ Donation to Club: _____ Entry Fee: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Mail forms with payment to Cherokee Fishing Club, c/o Bryce Tawney, NG54 Lake Cherokee, Longview, TX 75603. Entry and payment must be received by Thursday, before the tournament. Entry forms may also be dropped 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.

CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

CFC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

MUST BE A CURRENT CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB MEMBER

A. General Rules

1. All Texas rules of the Texas Water Safety Act apply to all tournaments. The CWC Lake Patrol will enforce the CWC Rules, TP&W Rules and Regulations, and the Texas Water Safety Act.
2. A USCG-approved life vest must be worn by each boater 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 Tournament Director's attention 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 the 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 Tournament Director.
11. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.

B. Crappie Tournament (White, Black, or Black-Nosed)

1. Registration Fee is \$50.00 per boat for two people and \$25.00 for each additional person in the boat. The team-sponsoring shareholder, or one person in the boat, must be a current paid-up CFC member.
2. Only rod and reel fishing is allowed with live or artificial bait. No nets, traps, or other methods are permitted. Each Participant is limited to no more than 2 poles with not more than 2 baits on each pole in the water at a time.
3. Start time is 6:30 a.m. and Weigh-in time is 11:30 a.m. Participants may weigh in any time after 10:30 a.m. until the final weigh-in time, or in line by 11:30 a.m. Late arrivals will not be allowed to weigh in.
4. Bag limit is five (5) Crappie per boat and must be alive at weigh-in. No dead fish can be brought to the weigh-in.
5. Must be a minimum of ten (10)" in length. Smaller fish may be kept for harvesting, but not weighed in.
6. The total weight of the eligible crappie will determine the winner. The heaviest total weight wins. Ties will be awarded to the participant who weighed in earliest.
7. Prizes awarded and paid to the winning Tournament Registrants based on a boat team and not as an individual. The Tournament Director or designee will determine the number of winning places to be paid.

CFC may survey and harvest all undersized legal fish brought to the weigh-in. Fishermen who want to retain their fish may do so.

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Cherokee Fishing Club
July 13, 2026 meeting

What a crowd! Sixty-three members and guest were there to enjoy Pete and Carol's smoked brisket and beans. Roxanne Brink, Jerald Lewis, Larry Willis, Larry Lacewell, Anna O'Brien, Jessica Modisette, Wylie Thomas, Kathy Baker, Don Anderson, Bob Tippitt and Linda Steele provided delicious desserts and sides. Thank you everyone!

President Keith Hightower welcomed our new members - Nathan and Marshall Wright, Will Davis and Paul Goettle; returning members - Wesley Graves, Roxanne and Fred Brink; and guests - Lisa Goettle, Nathan, Erin, Marshall and Audrey Wright, Tate Holland, Kristina Coolidge, and Jeb Underhill and Morgun Martin from Plano Marine.

Keith thanked the volunteers who helped with table set up on Sunday: Jerald Lewis; and those that were staying for kitchen clean up after the meal: Pete Peerenboom and Larry Willis.

Bryce Tawney gave the treasurer's report. We now have 120 members.

George Steele reported crappie are getting harder to find these days on the habitats. Gary Lindsey reported the hatchery ponds are in maintenance mode, and there is evidence the blue gill are spawning. The Florida Bass fingerlings were released into the lake, but a good number were also retained in the hatchery ponds to observe if we are able to "grow" them to a larger size before releasing, thus creating a better survival rate. The timing to empty the hatchery stock into the lake is lake-level dependent, but likely around September.

David Wilson reminded everyone of the Big Bass Bounty, which is underway until the Fall Bass Tournament. Current leader is Dawson Jaskiewicz

with an 8 lbs., 2 oz catch. Latest results can be found on our CFC Facebook page. Send your photo to fishingcherokee@gmail.com to enter. Winner will receive a nice rod from Pride Fishing Rods!

Crappie tournament is August 29. Entry rules and forms are in this edition of the Chatter.

Doug Klump then introduced Kristina Coolidge to present the winners of the



June Kid's Fishing Contest: Tate was the catfish winner, at 4 lbs., 11.5 ozs AND he was the bream winner with a 13.4 oz. fish. Marshall caught a nice 5 lbs., 7 oz. bass. Crappie winner, Ty was unable to attend but was recognized for 1 lb., 11 oz fish! Contest runs through August. Submit photos of kids holding their fish on a scale to fishingcherokee@gmail.com. Winners are announced each month and ALL entries are eligible for the grand prize drawing at the end of the contest.

John Jaskiewicz introduced our guests from Plano Marine. Jeb Underhill, Service Manager spoke of the impor-



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all the fishing lures, supplies and sunglasses from Solid Pawn, creating quite a selection in the store.

Morgun also has his own business, making and selling lures...most notably the "urchin"-type lure so popular right now. Morgun truly impressed everyone. A recent high school graduate, very well-spoken and knowledgeable about lures, proper rigging and electronics configuration, you just need to go to their shop and meet him! He's started his own business with his lures, which can be found in the store and online at: ambushbaitco.com.

With such a big group, we had a lot of raffle entries. Winners were: Nathan Wright - mosquito trap; George Steele - fishing pliers; Danny Weant - coupons to Donut Box (we won't tell Martha); Will Davis - Jucy's gift cards; Randy Hudgins - bag of tackle goodies; Lori Klump - First Aid kit (perfect for the camper or boat, I can't decide which) and tackle goodies. Congratulations to all!

Next meeting is August 10 at NK 20, CWC Office. Dinner is at 6:30 and our speaker will be Jeff Pinkerton, from the Hook and Arrow Outdoor Store. Guests are welcome and membership is only \$20 per calendar year. Hope to see you there!

- Lori Klump, Secretary

tance of regular maintenance, particularly the "dry rot" that happens to the impeller if the boat is not driven for a while. Yamaha suggests replacing the impeller and water pump every two years. Plano Marine offers a trailering service from our boat ramps if needed.

Morgun Martin then spoke of the additional services and supplies now available at Plano Marine. They sell new and used electronics and will provide consultation on how to configure them. Plano Marine also acquired

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- Contest runs April 1st – August 31th
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- 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
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 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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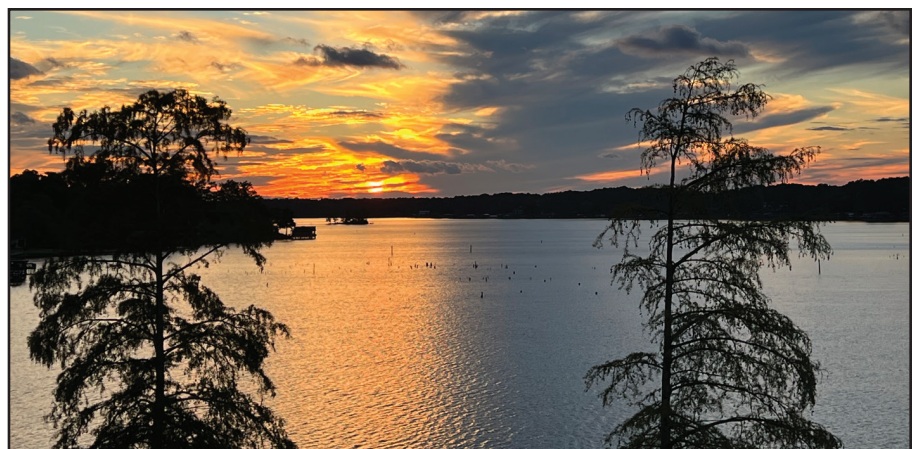
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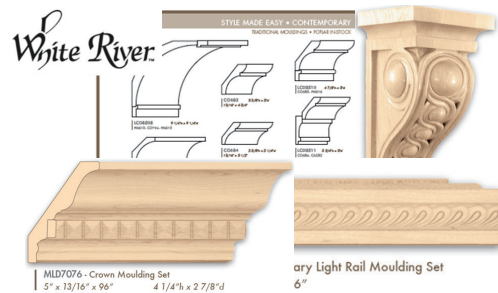
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2 Corinthians 4:16

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						1 Chaotic Creations & Tx Best Ice Cream
2 Chaotic Creations & Tx Best Ice Cream	3 Variance Deadline	4	5 Bridge Club Luncheon	6	7	8 AK BBQ & Tru Drinks
9 Rightside & Brian & Scotts Snowballs	10 Fishing Club	11 Monthly Cleanup Community Gardeners Photography Club	12 August 10-14 Bridge Club	13 10 am to 5 pm Golf Course Board Mtg	14	15 Back Street Burgers & Snow Joe's
16 Rightside & Tx Best Ice Cream	17	18	19 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	20 First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	21	22 AK BBQ & Tru Drinks
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SEPTEMBER 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Variance Deadline	2 Bridge Club Luncheon	3	4	5 Family Fun Fest
6 Chaotic Creations & Tx Best Ice Cream	7 I am Hot Street Eats & Snow Joe's CWC Office Closed Labor Day	8 Community Gardeners Photography Club	9 Bridge Club	10 Golf Course Board Mtg	11 Patriot Day	12 Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's
13 Rightside & Ice so Happy Snowcones & Lemonade	14 Fishing Club	15 Monthly Cleanup Board of Director Candidate Filing Period Begins	16 September 14-18 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	17 10 am to 5 pm First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club	18	19 Back Street Burgers & Frios Pops
20 Rightside & Ice so Happy Snowcones & Lemonade	21	22	23 Bridge Club First Day of Autumn	24	25	26 I am Hot Street Eats & Frios Pops
27 Chaotic Creations & Snow Joe's	28	29 Variance Deadline	30 Board of Director Candidate Filing Period Ends Bridge Club			



The Preservation club met on July 16th 2026.

We discussed the upcoming events for the remainder of our too short summer.

The first event will be the Family Fun Fest on September 5, 2026!

There will be water slides, hotdogs, ice cream and so much more!

This event is free to all shareholders and their families. Follow us on our facebook page and the chatter for more details.

The second event we have coming up is the Chili Fest, which will be held on November 7, 2026.

Get your teams together and submit your chili for tasting and bragging rights!

More information coming soon.

Our Next meeting will be held on August 20th after the board meeting. Bring your ideas for that you feel would enhance our beautiful Lake!!

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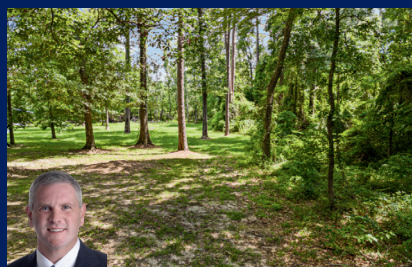
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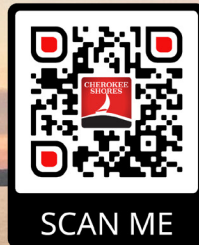
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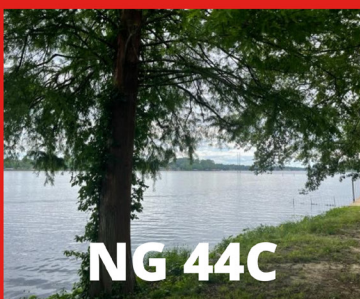
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