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THE Apple Core

Apple Canyon Lake: a playground for all seasons

The Apple Core is the official monthly newsletter of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association, and is the Association's legal vessel used to inform every property owner of important notices, rules and policy changes, board actions, and other pertinent information of which property owners must be aware.

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One way to ring in an awesome 2016 at Apple Canyon Lake is aboard a vintage toboggan while hitting the slopes near Pioneer. Jake Magsamen (on four legs with tennis ball in mouth) oversees the Gallwas-Magsamen team during their winter tobogganing adventures on January 1. From left: Paige Gallwas, Mikey Magsamen, Audrey Gallwas, and Rick Gallwas at the tail end.

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE INTERIM Operations Director

RICK PAULSON
generalmanager@applecanyonlake.org

Well, here we are heading into February and I am writing my last news article. The past 16 months have been exciting, fun, nerve racking, sometimes exhausting, but fulfilling. When I was approached by President Ballenger back in October of 2014 to be the Interim Operations Director, I never thought that I would remain in the position for this long. Over this time period, I had the support of many people and for that I am forever grateful. The majority of the property owners had kind and supportive words and encouragement for me throughout the 16 months as interim, and I appreciate that. I want to especially thank my wife Robin for her support. Without her support, I would not have accepted the position or remained in the position for as long as I did. Furthermore, I could not have done this job without all of the amazing staff around me every day, and those staff who really stepped up to the plate to hold down both offices when I was going between two jobs. Megan, Carrie, Julie, Linda and Steve, thank you for helping me manage the day to day operations of all aspects of the association. These individuals completed tasks that went far beyond their daily responsibilities of their jobs. I want to thank the previous and current Board of Directors for having the confidence in me to perform the job that needed to be done, and for giving me the support and advice that is needed to run this association.

As we move into the next chapter of ACL, I want everyone to realize that being the GM/Operations Director of this association is not an easy job. From answering property owner complaints, executing detailed contracts with vendors, to dealing with personnel matters; this position is a constant challenge. I am happy to say that with the addition of Shaun as GM, I believe ACL is heading in a direction that we have never seen. As property owners, we need to be committed to the success of ACL and support our new GM, and continue to make ACL better.

I will be going back to my former position as the Maintenance Analyst/Building Inspector. We have

already started many of the R & R projects for 2016. The 2016 projects include the construction of over 100 new boat slips, a new roof on the club house, a new roof on the beach house, replacement of the doors at the club house, reconstruction and the installation of mulch at the playground, new forward tee on hole # 2, reconstruction of the trail from North Bay to Remington, reconstruction of additional pathways to boat docks, continued dredging operations in Independence Bay, and a weed management program for the entire lake.

Many of you submitted work orders in regards to beaver damage and unstable docks. We trapped 9 beavers prior to the high water and ice forming on the lake. As soon as weather conditions permit, we will continue to trap beavers and control the damage that we have experienced the last two years. In regards to unstable boat docks: these unstable docks are caused from the fact that many of our docks have Styrofoam floats that are several years old. As I indicated earlier in my article, maintenance is constructing over 100 new boat slips for installation over the summer. The docks located outside of Nixon Beach and the Marina will be replaced first. The process of switching out the boat dock is very time consuming and will probably not be completed before Memorial Day. During the process of switching out docks, we will move your boat. If you have a drive on dock that is currently attached to an association boat dock, it will be your responsibility to remove the dock and reattach it once the new dock has been put in place. Once the first phase of dock replacements has been completed, maintenance will begin building additional slips for placement in the fall or the spring of 2017.

In conclusion, I once again want to thank everyone for their support over the past year and a half and I look forward to a continued working relationship with a great staff and creating a successful team with Shaun, our new GM to make Apple Canyon Lake bigger and better than ever.



President's Message

MIKE HARRIS

It is with great pleasure that I announce to the membership that the General Search Committee, made up of Joe Forman, Marge Clark, Rich Krasula and Jody Ware, have completed the process for identifying a new General Manager. On Saturday, January 19, 2016, the Board of Directors approved an employment agreement for extending an offer for employment to Shaun Nordlie.

Shaun will be joining our leadership team with many experiences in responsibilities related to the General Manager position. Shaun is a graduate of University of Minnesota - Curtis L. Carlson School of Management with an emphasis in marketing and management. During his high school, college, and post graduate years, Shaun worked at different golf courses including American Junior Golf Association, Hazeltine National Golf Club, and as Golf Director for Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro, Texas. Shaun stayed with Tanglewood Resorts after a promotion to Front Desk Manager. Following his employment as Front Desk Manager, Shaun was promoted to Operations Manager for the hotel. Shaun also served in the capacity of Hotel Director. During Shaun's time at Tanglewood Resorts, he managed budgets from \$2 to \$3 million dollars.

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Shaun will be starting in his new position on Monday, February 8, 2016. Please stop in and wish him well. Shaun is anxious to meet the membership. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am happy to welcome Shaun to the Association.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the four members of the General Manager Search Committee for their time, effort, and due diligence on completing a thorough Search process in partnership with Wipfli Consultants.

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**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
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2016 Calendar of Events

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with our activities. If we cannot find enough volunteers for the following events, they may be cancelled. Please call Cindy (815-492-2769) today to volunteer for any of these events!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Ladies Games..... Mon & Fri 1 pm (Fridays tentative)
 Bass Club 1st Wed/Monthly7 pm
 Nimble Thimbles Quilters 2nd Wed/Monthly.....9 am
 Potluck 3rd Tues 5:30 pm
 Euchre Party..... 4th Thur1 pm
 Yoga with Dr Liz Tues/Thurs8 am
 Morning Workout..... Mon/Wed9 am
 Martini Night Thurs 5:30 - 8 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS - DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Feb 13, 12:30 pm Pinewood Derby
 Feb 13, 6 pm Sweetheart Dinner @ Pro Shop
 Feb 14, 11:30-2 pm Cake & Coffee for Interim OD Rick Paulson
 Feb 16, 5:30 pm Monthly Potluck
 Mar 4 & 5 Hunter Safety Class
 Mar 10, 7 pm Watershed Informational Mtg
 Mar 12, 10:30 am Watershed Informational Mtg
 Mar 15 Primary Elections, **No Potluck**
 Mar 19, 3 pm Wine & Canvas at the Pro Shop
 Apr 9, 10 am Slip Swap
 Apr 9, 5 pm Relay for Life Spring Dinner
 Apr 11 & 18, 6:30 pm .. HCC Intro to Email & Social Networking Class
 Apr 16, 10 am Meet the Candidates
 Apr 19, 5:30 pm Monthly Potluck
 Apr 20, 11 am Garden Club Spring Luncheon
 Apr 23, 10 am Slip Assignment Day
 Apr 23, 9 am Spring Clean Up
 Apr 28, 9 am Garden Club Clean Up
 May 3, 6-8 pm HCC Fishing to Catch Fish Class
 May 14, 10 am HCC Intro to Fly Fishing Class
 May 17, 5:30 pm Monthly Potluck
 May 29, 8-noon Pancake Breakfast & Plant Sale
 June 4, 8 am-4:30 pm Boater Safety Class
 June 4, 8 am – 2 pm ACL Garage Sales
 June 11, 1 pm Annual Meeting of the Members & BOD Election
 June 24, TBA World's Largest Swimming Lesson
 June 25, 10-1 Farm Fun Day
 June 25 Grandparents Golf Outing
 June 26, 8:30 am Kids Fishing Tournament
 Jul 2, TBA Golf Cart Contest & Parade
 Jul 2, TBA Rumble & Roll Ball Race
 Jul 2, dusk Fireworks
 Jul 6-8, 1 pm Canyon Kids Camp
 Jul 9, 7pm Open Air Concert

ACLPOA 2016 Board Candidates Announced

Eight property owners have filed applications to become candidates for seats on the ACLPOA Board of Directors. The election takes place at the Annual Meeting on June 11, 2016.

Candidates for three-year terms. Three will be elected (listed in alphabetical order):

**Mike Harris
Barbara Hendren
Chuck Larsen
Vickie Sershon
Jon Sonntag
Michael Ward
Gordon Williams**

Candidates for One-Year Term: Gary Hannon

Please watch the March and April Apple Core for photos, bios, and opinions of the candidates. We will post the information on the website as soon as we have all the information from the candidates.

Anyone with questions for the Nominating Committee to include during the Meet the Candidates forum on April 16, should email them to officemanager@applecanyonlake.org.

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See Amenity hours at www.applecanyonlake.org/hours.php

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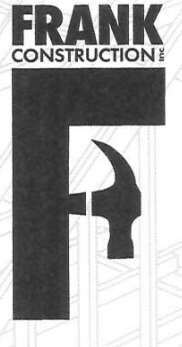
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ACLPOA Treasurer's Report

BASED ON NOVEMBER 30, 2015 RESULTS

To: ACLPOA Board of Directors
December 29, 2015

November Revenues were \$249,800, which represents 7.0% of our annual Revenues Budget. November Expenses were \$ 234,401, which represents 6.8% of our annual Expenses Budget. (For reference, one month represents 8.3% of a year.)

YTD Revenues were \$ 3,421,799, which represents 95.4% of our annual Revenues Budget. YTD Expenses were \$ 2,846,261, which represents 82.1% of our annual Expenses Budget. For reference November YTD represents 91.7% of the year).

The above activity resulted in YTD Operating Income of \$ 575,538.

YTD results for 2015 are slightly lower than the YTD Revenues and Expenses through November, 2014 of \$ 3,451,121 and \$ 2,930,956, respectively. YTD Operating Income for 2015 is slightly greater than the \$ 520,165 produced in 2014.

R&R expenditures for November were \$ 44,849 for boat slip replacements, paths to boat slips, and dredge repairs. YTD R&R expenditures were \$ 322,720.

Submitted by,
Richard Krasula, Treasurer



APPLE CANYON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
November 30, 2015

	MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			ANNUAL
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)	BUDGET
REVENUES	249,800			\$ 3,421,799			\$ 3,585,660
DIRECT/INDIRECT EXPENSES	234,401			2,846,261			3,466,450
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 15,398	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,210

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				
ASSETS	Operations	Cap Projects	R&R	COMBINED
CASH MGMT FUND	\$ 328,588		\$ 541,122	\$ 869,710
OTHER CASH	376,313	42		376,355
RECEIVABLES	156,513			156,513
DUE TO (FROM)				0
OTHER PREPAIDS ETC.	49,761			49,761
TOTAL CURRENT	\$ 911,175	\$ 42	\$ 541,122	\$ 1,452,339
INVESTMENTS	\$ 253,763		\$ 167,293	\$ 421,056
Due from Capital Project Fund			\$ 653,901	\$ 653,901
PROPERTY and EQUIP (NET)	6,394,916			6,394,916
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,559,854	\$ 42	\$ 1,362,315	\$ 8,922,211
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
CURRENT	\$ 169,228			\$ 169,228
Due to R&R Fund		\$ 653,901		\$ 653,901
DEFERRED INC & ESCROW	222,372			\$ 222,372
FUND BALANCE	7,168,253	(653,859)	1,362,315	\$ 7,876,709
TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	\$ 7,559,854	\$ 42	\$ 1,362,315	\$ 8,922,211

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	COST	DEPRECIATION	NET
LAND & LAKE	\$ 4,027,980	\$ 2,158,694	\$ 1,869,286
POOL/BATHHOUSE FACILITY	1,921,812	206,756	1,715,056
BLDG	3,471,927	1,385,097	2,086,830
EQUIP	2,240,558	1,787,065	453,493
VEHICLES	386,401	292,720	93,681
OTHER INCOMPLETE PROJECTS	176,570	0	176,570
TOTALS	\$ 12,225,248	\$ 5,830,333	\$ 6,394,916

POOL CONSTRUCTION LOAN BALANCE	\$ -
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By: Rich Krasula, Treasurer of ACL Board of Directors

Richard W. Krasula

REPLACEMENT & RENOVATION FUND				
	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	FISCAL YEAR BUDGET	REMAINING BUDGET
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,406,585	\$ 1,276,092		
INCOME EARNED-Interest	580	2,744		
Annual Assessment Transfer	0	406,200		
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 1,407,165	\$ 1,685,036		
RESERVE STUDY UPDATE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LAND & LAKE EXPENSES	43,720	201,039	252,000	50,961
BUILDING EXPENSES	0	8,495	42,000	33,505
MACHINERY & EQUIP EXPENSES	1,129	113,186	12,200	(100,986)
VEHICLE EXPENSES	0	0	0	0
F&F Expenses	0	0	100,000	100,000
319 GRANT-Shoreline/Invasive Sp	0	0	0	0
TOTAL R&R EXPENDITURE	\$ 44,849	\$ 322,720	\$ 406,200	\$ 83,480
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,362,315	\$ 1,362,315		

CAPITAL PROJECTS (POOL AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM)			
	MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	PROJECTS TO-DATE
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ (653,859)	\$ (777,996)	-
Annual Assessment Transfer	0	222,000	1,427,607
Operating Fund Transfer	-	0	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ (653,859)	\$ (555,996)	\$ 1,427,607
ARCHITECT	\$ -	\$ -	243,617
ENGINEERING	0	0	9,600
CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS	0	0	1,636,822
EQUIPMENT (Pool)	0	59,367	84,201
INTEREST	0	17,777	75,487
LOAN PREPAYMENT IND.	0	20,719	20,719
OTHER (Financing, Postage etc)	0	0	11,021
	0	0	0
TOTAL CAP PROJ EXP	0	97,862	2,081,466
ENDING BALANCE (DEFICIT)	\$ (653,859)	\$ (653,859)	\$ (653,859)
Costs incurred not capitalized	0	38,496	86,508
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Shaun Nordlie assumes General Manager role on February 8, 2016

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Rules and Regulations Committee begins revisions to Governing Documents

Property Owner input is valuable

Submitted by Jim Petelle

Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

In addition to dealing with day-to-day questions on rule changes, the Rules and Regulations (RR) committee is developing a standardized approach to these issues. This approach will consist of a tracking system, a set of criteria, and standardized forms.

This is done because we anticipate a heavy influx of changes to all of our Governing Documents due to the approaching 2016 opportunity to change the Restated Covenants and Restated Bylaws of Apple Canyon Lake, which went into effect in November of 2011.

This procedure is open to all property owners who wish to make suggested rule or regulation changes. We encourage your input. We have created a form for revision requests that can be tracked. Forms are available in the office lobby and on the Association's website at <http://bit.ly/1GiVFLg>

The form will include the following:

TITLE: Assigned by the RR Comm

TRACKING NUMBER: Assigned by the RR Comm

DATE: Assigned by the RR Comm as received

AFFECTED DOCUMENT: Please identify or stipulate the documents that you wish to change/revise. (i.e. Rules and Regulations, Section VIII ICE FISHING, A, 1.)

DESIRED CHANGE: Please describe the change that you desire. Be as specific as possible. Use additional pages if necessary.

REQUESTED BY: Identify yourself, and include contact phone and email.

Once the form has been completed, please submit to the Association Office to the Attention of Rules and Regulations Committee.

Documents Governing Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association

As of November 6, 2011 Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association is governed by a set of governing documents prepared and approved by the members of the Association, and is no longer governed by the original documents prepared by the Branigar Organization, Apple Canyon Lake's developer.

ACLPOA's Governing Documents include the State of Illinois Statutes Governing Homeowner Associations, commonly known as the Common Interest Community Association Act or CICA. These documents are the benchmark under which all of our Association governing documents are written. However, changes to the state statutes may be ongoing.

ACLPOA's Primary Governing Documents remain the same from year to year unless there is a vote and approval of the membership before any changes can be made.

These documents consist of:

1. Articles of Incorporation
2. Restated Covenants and Restrictions
3. Restated Bylaws

The Secondary Governing Documents can be changed at any time with those changes going into effect immediately, but require approval by the ACLPOA Board of Directors. These changes go into effect immediately.

These documents include:

1. Rules and Regulations
2. Board Policies
3. Committee Procedures/Mission Statements & Charges
4. Operating Procedures and Programs

Help us say 'Thanks!'

Do you know a property owner who needs recognition for the little and big things they do for their neighborhood or ACL as a whole? It's the least we can do to show our appreciation to the many property owners who take that extra time to make Apple Canyon a special place.

Email applecore@applecanyonlake.org, or call Cindy at 815-492-2769 if you would like us to recognize someone you think deserves a little pat on the back.

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Call for updates on weather related closings at ACL.

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Join the Legal Committee

Take on an important role in the future of the Association


The ACLPOA Legal Committee seeks members with some knowledge of our governing documents who are interested in working to update the Covenants, Bylaws, Policies, rules, etc.

This is a very exciting time for Apple Canyon Lake. Please consider offering your legal, secretarial, or practical expertise to the committee by filling out and submitting a Committee application, available at http://www.applecanyonlake.org/files/Committee_Application.pdf.

The Legal Committee charge:

The Legal Committee shall review the ACLPOA Covenants and Restrictions, Bylaws, Board Policies, and Rules and Regulations and make recommendations to the Board of Directors and membership for changes based on current and perceived future needs of the Association. These recommendations to include long range planning and use of private properties as addressed in the governing documents. The Legal Committee shall make reports when appropriate to the membership with the objective of informing and educating the ACLPOA regarding their recommendations.

The committee will prepare a summary of activities and projects the committee has been involved in over the past year for presentation at the annual meeting.



ACL Security Report
 LEONARD "WOODY" WOODYBURY
 security@applecanyonlake.org

JANUARY 2016

During the month of January, 8 officers:

- worked a total of 764 hours
- patrolled 4,535 miles of roads
- used 457 gallons of gas
- checked ACL owned buildings 557 times
- checked 96 residential homes
- made 13 welfare checks, with weekly checks on some residents
- responded to 1 EMS/First Aid call
- responded to 20 heat light alerts
- assisted Property Owners 11 times, responding to property owner concerns and complaints about a barking dog, fireworks, noise, flooded house, open door, dissatisfied customer at pro shop, garbage on road
- investigated person at camp grounds, 5 suspicious cars, gun shots, vehicles with no decals
- performed 6 creel checks on lake
- performed 33 service calls, accepting deliveries for the pro shop, Marina store, and gasoline deliveries
- assisted Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute, possible break in, medical call, 1 house fire



ACL Safety and Security staff attends the 30th Annual Working Together EMS Conference in Milwaukee, WI on January 29. From left: Jim Richardson, Julie Janssen, Pat Quinn, Zack Downs, and John Love.

Safety and Security staff attends EMS Conference

BY JULIE JANSSEN
 Aquatics Manager/EMS Coordinator

Our ACL Safety and Security Department attended the 30th Annual Working Together EMS Conference in Milwaukee, WI on January 29. All First Responders are required to have 18 hours of continuing education in a 4-year license period.

Our officers first attended the lecture of Anthony Kastros, a 29-year veteran of the fire service and battalion chief of Sacramento Metro Fire District. His message was teamwork and using incident command on all types of incidents from house fires to large incidents like an active shooter.

We then attended a lecture hosted by the famous cartoonist from Jem's magazine, Steve Berry. Steve is a current paramedic for the Southwest Teller County EMS in Colorado. We were able to listen to two of his lectures that touched on problems that EMS is facing today including a decrease in volunteerism, new-generation employee behavior, aging population, budget cuts, poor managing and hiring techniques, to name a few. Our last lecture was Death: A Medical Examiner's Perspective. Discussion included what happens when we arrive to find somebody whom has died? Is the death the result of natural causes or a crime scene? How do we provide service to grieving families on the scene? Staff then had the opportunity to walk through the expo with hundreds of exhibitors showing state of the art and new innovations in EMS equipment. Attending this conference was an excellent opportunity for staff to continue their training while representing Apple Canyon Lake to the surrounding communities also attending the conference.

Protect the Rip Rap

It has come to our attention that someone has been tossing large rocks onto the ice at the Marina and Nixon Beach. These rocks are being removed from areas that have been rip rapped along the shore.

The Rip Rap program is costly and benefits all members of the Association by preventing erosion and deterioration of shore line. Anyone observing individuals doing this is asked to contact the Safety and Security Department at 815-492-2436.

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Boat Slip License procedures explained

If you license an Association Boat Slip, March 1 isn't just the due date for your Annual Assessment (Dues) and fees, it is also the deadline to submit the Annual Boat Slip License and registration documents for your boat. In order to maintain a boat slip assignment from year to year all of the following must be completed by March 1 for each slip.

- All assessments and fees must be paid on all lots owned.
- A boat must be registered to the slip by providing current insurance and a current State Watercraft Registration Card or Water Usage Stamp, as defined in the Rules and Regulations, to the Office.
- A completed and signed Boat Slip License must be provided to the Office.

The State of Illinois no longer sends registration reminders for watercraft. If your Watercraft Registration is expired, we strongly suggest that you apply for a renewal online. When renewing online, there is a printable confirmation page that serves as your temporary registration card. The Office accepts copies of this confirmation page as proof that the registration has been renewed until the actual card is received. When renewing over the phone, the DNR provides a confirmation number that the DNR can check if they stop you. ACL has no way to look up the confirmation number and cannot accept it as proof of registration renewal. Most non-motorized boats, including kayaks and canoes, no longer need to be registered through the DNR. Instead, a Water Usage Stamp, available over the counter at any DNR point of sale terminal, is needed for each watercraft. These Stamps must be purchased annually. The 2016 stamps will not be available until January 18, 2016. If you need to locate an Illinois DNR vendor, please visit <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx> and search by county.

The best practice is to submit your insurance and Watercraft Registration/Water Usage Stamp information along with your completed and signed License Agreement and payment. Please do not assume that your agent or anyone else has taken care of it for you!

Any property owner who fails to pay their assessment and/or fees on time, and/or fails to submit a completed and signed Boat Slip License, and/or fails to register a boat to the slip by March 1 will be assessed a \$100 Boat Slip Late Fee and will receive a letter via regular and certified mail warning of imminent forfeiture of the boat slip. Any property owner who has not paid all assessments and fees (including late fees), submitted a completed and signed Boat Slip License, and/or registered a boat to the slip by March 15 will forfeit their rights to the boat slip. That slip is then placed in the pool and assigned to another property owner at the Slip Swap or Slip Assignment Day.

The Board of Directors has directed Association staff to strictly enforce these boat slip Rules and Regulations and Operational Programs and Procedures. The above applies to all Association Transferable and Non-Transferable Boat Slips. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at (815) 492-2238 or email officemanager@applecanyonlake.org. Registration information can also be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.

APPLE CANYON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2016 ANNUAL BOAT SLIP LICENSE

Licensor: Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association ("ACL")

Licensee: Name: Property Owner Name(s)

Address: lot number

This agreement effective as of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, between Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association (hereinafter referred to as "ACL") and Property Owner Name(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Boat Owner" or "Licensee"). This Boat Slip License supersedes all prior agreements between ACL and Licensee. ACL grants to Boat Owner, and Boat Owner accepts from ACL, a boat mooring license for the Slip space known as Association Slip # boat slip # subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. **DEFINITIONS:**

A. **Transferable Slip (T).** Slip leases granted by ACL to lot owners prior to November 17, 2002 are Transferable Slips. (Rules and Regulations, October 2014 edition, pg. 11) Lot owners having Transferable Slips may exchange slips to a different location without impacting the transferability of their Slip. Transferable Slips are subject to all Governing Documents of ACL including Rules and Regulations and Operational Programs and Procedures, violation of which may lead to forfeiture. Transferable Slips can be transferred to a new property owner at the time of the sale of a lot. If a Transferable Slip is transferred to a new buyer, both seller and buyer must sign the Assignment of Transferable Dock form prior to the close of the sale. Failure to complete and sign the Assignment of Transferable Dock form results in the Transferable Slip automatically returning to the ACL Slip Pool and becoming a Non-Transferable Slip.

B. **Non-Transferable Slip (NT).** All Slips assigned by ACL after November 17, 2002 are Non-Transferable. Non-Transferable Slips are subject to all Governing Documents of ACL including Rules and Regulations and Operational Programs and Procedures, violation of which may lead to forfeiture. Non-Transferable Slips may only be transferred to another ACL property owned by the sale and every year on **March 1**, Slip License holders who pay their license fee and submit their annual Boat Slip License Agreement between **March 2 and March 15** shall be assessed a \$100 late fee. Slip License holders who have not paid and/or submitted their completed License by **March 1** shall be mailed a certified letter containing a warning that their Slip shall be forfeited if the annual fee plus late fees and/or completed License are not received by March 15. **ALL SLIP LICENSE HOLDERS NOT PAYING THEIR ANNUAL FEE AND ANY APPLICABLE LATE FEES AND/OR NOT RETURNING THEIR COMPLETED ANNUAL BOAT SLIP LICENSE ON, OR BEFORE, MARCH 15 SHALL FORFEIT THEIR SLIP(S) TO ACL AND THE SLIP SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER ACL LOT OWNER AS A NON-TRANSFERABLE SLIP.** See #7 below for requirements to complete the License.

4. **LIMITATION OF ACL LIABILITY:** Licensee acknowledges that he or she has inspected the Boat Slip and is satisfied that the mooring space is adequate for safe mooring of his or her boat. This agreement is not a bailment of the Boat Owner's boat but a license to occupy a slip and ACL's liability is limited to supervision and maintenance of the piers. ACL assumes no responsibility for tending moor lines.

5. **DAMAGE TO ACL PROPERTY:**

8. **TERMINATION:** On the sale of an ACL lot with accompanying Non-Transferable Slip rights, this agreement shall automatically terminate. The Slip License shall forthwith be reassigned to another ACL lot owner at ACL's sole discretion and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. (In accordance with ACLPOA's Operational Programs and Procedures, Long-Term Boat Slip Transfers, a Non-Transferable Slip can be transferred to another lot owned by the same owner.)

9. **REMOVAL OF BOAT ON TERMINATION:** On termination of this agreement, Boat Owner shall immediately remove the boat from the mooring slip and shall remove all other of his/her personal property. Should ACL deem it necessary to move the boat and personal property, it will be at Boat Owner's expense. If Boat Owner fails to remove the boat within three (3) days after termination of this agreement, Boat Owner agrees that ACL may cause (but is not required) the boat to be removed, together with any personal property located on or about the boat to a mooring or dry Slip location of ACL's choice, and Boat Owner shall pay or reimburse to ACL all costs incurred or charged by ACL and any third party by reason of such removal. Boat Owner agrees that ACL, its officers, directors, agents and employees shall have no liability to Boat Owner or to any other person for any loss or damage resulting from any such removal of boat or failure to remove such boat, whether occurring by negligence or otherwise, and Boat Owner waives any rights against all such persons and entities by reason of such removal.

LICENSOR: APPLE CANYON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By: Rick Paulson, Interim Director

LICENSEE(S)/BOAT OWNER(S):

By: Property Owner Signature(s)

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2 Frank, James/Jill	36 Koehler, Vance	70 Yereb, Kay	104 Huenefeld, Robert/Lori	137 Williams, Gordon
3 Ugalde, Ruben	37 Gnad, Terry	71 Nieman, Randy/Beth	105 Klippert, Andrew/Alaina	138 Penticoff, Rick
4 Armagno, Joseph/Dana	38 Marxen, Adam & Christine	72 Zuleger, Edward	106 Berens, Mike	139 Driscoll, Mark/Shannon
5 Rudny, Tony/Judith	39 Strazzante, Dale	73 Just, Mike	107 Quinn, Timothy/Sameena	140 Ditsworth, Casey/Tami
6 Rudny, Tony/Judith	40 Sparr, Dennis	74 Connolly, Mike/Heather	108 Pierce, Ryan/Brandi	141 Bonnet, Matt
7 Martin, Kenneth "Pat"	41 Flatley, John	75 Manders, John	109 Moellendorf, James	142 Marquith, Judy
8 Hall, Patricia	42 Switzer, Terry	76 Stillo, Thomas	110 Clancy, Timothy	143 Soprych, Brian
9 Gozdzia, Gene	43 Schultz, Ronald	77 Kielczewski, Jan	111 Sigafus, Heidi	144 Kleiser, Robert
10 Maculitis, Jerry	44 Powers, Jim	78 Raisbeck, Tim	112 Milliken, Brad &	145 Pople, DuWayne
11 Miller, Larry/Mary Jo	45 Drezek, Kamil	79 Bauer, David	Jennifer	146 Yerk, George
12 Murphy, Gerald	46 Fiorini, Donna	80 Griffin, Mark	113 Ohms, Michael	147 Klunick, Greg/Valerie
13 Radisavljevic, Srbo	47 Mullen, Nathan	81 Fransen, Deborah	114 Barker, Andrew	148 Pratt, Gregory
14 Newman, John	48 Motzer, William	82 Libby, David	115 Randecker, Rodney	149 Lacey, Michael
15 Hermanson, Larry	49 Nolan, William	83 Schuster, Gwen	116 Batease, Brian	150 Maas, Brittany
16 Noga, Casimir	50 Winter, Josh	84 Atilano, Daniel	117 Frick, Jeff	151 Bluhm, Tim
17 Coffey, Jim	51 Lockwood, Linda	85 Alexander, Chad	118 Tag, Zhao	152 Virtue, Dave
18 Ferguson, Frank/Jessica	52 Liszewski, Thomas	86 Mathys, Jim	119 Purifoy, Tommie	153 Huber, Eric
19 Manderschied, Ron	53 Mullen, Nolan	87 Rundell, Dave	120 Butts, Dale	154 Wolff, Ben
20 Gall, Daniel	54 Przybylski, Bill	88 Buckley, John	121 Yorke, Michael K.	155 Nolan, Tim
21 Beck, Mark/Joann	55 Diorio, James	89 Breitbach, Steve	122 Karolek, Charles	156 Roberts, Angie
22 Carpenter, Ron/Priscilla	56 Sproule, Allison	90 Niles, Joe	123 Majors, David	157 Lange, Randy & Karla
23 Werner, Brad/Keri	57 Deneen, Michael	91 Skoskiewicz, Bogdan	124 Flynn, P. Michael	158 Slovin, Don
24 Olvera, Andrew	58 Bohnsack, Norman	92 Marcotte, Kurt	125 Serpliss, Ron	159 Mago, Mark
25 Moone, Mike/Pat	59 Parkinson, James	93 Giudice, Gerry	126 Seas, Robert	160 Miller, Adam
26 Furio, Dawn	60 Fransen, John	94 McMahan, Stephan	127 Krone, Sharon/Francis	161 Mischia, David M.
27 Steichen, Bradley	61 Anderson, George	95 Zophy, Cynthia	128 Michelini, William	162 Said, Amrou
28 Howard, Bryon	62 Buehler, Ron	96 Knautz, Keith	129 Carey, Ryan	163 Mlynski, Matthew
29 Hurst, Lydia	63 Bourquin, William	97 Toot, Brenda	130 Ubert, Bill	164 Fawver, Jeff & Lisa
30 Rowe, Stafford	64 Seivert, Charles	98 Havens, Scott	131 Rowe, Jason/April	165 Hamilton, Ronald
31 Pries/Spratt, Donna/Ryan	65 Rosalez, Louie	99 Frank, David	132 Reynolds, Eric/Erika	166 Maniglia, Jeff
32 Dunning, Michael/Deborah	66 Engelke, Jacob	100 Bullard, Scott/Karla	133 Bertsch, Charles	167 Fischer, Roger
33 Olvera, Andrew	67 Kavanaugh, Michael	101 Jurasek, Matt	134 Beresford, Dean	168 Adrian, Aaron
34 Sullivan, Anita/Bob	68 Mischia, David W.	102 Berget, Scott	135 Carter, Heather	

2016 Slip to Trade Waiting List*

1 Arp-Laing, Janice	14 Kaleta, Terry & Paulette	29 Huoy, Jolene	43 Winslow, Stephen	56 Gaul, Robert
2 Israel, Raymond & Gail	15 Scott, Thomas	30 Watter, Eric	44 Wiesemes, John	57 Laethem, Robert
3 Schroeder, Roland & Gisela	16 Richards, Kathy	31 Carlson, Mark	45 Slaght, Daryl	58 Pavlak, Jason
4 Wagner, Don & Theresa	17 Cammack, Michael	32 Meyer, Linda	46 Stupka, Michael & Jeanne	59 Mathson, Scott & Michelle
5 Rice, Jeffrey & Pauline	18 Tessendorf, Tim	33 Jenkins, Joseph	47 Cichon, Anna & Jozef	60 Rosenberg, Michael
6 Anderson, Tom	19 Hanson, Harry	34 Weegens, Jeff	48 Patzke, Frank & Carsello, Susan	61 Dimke, Jr., Robert
7 Skoskiewicz, Bogdan & Deborah	20 Zimmer, Cheryl	35 Okazaki, Robert & Judy	49 Kaufmann, Bonnie	62 Davis, Alan
8 Carey, Ronald & Patricia	21 Ryan, Greg & Debi	36 Jewell, Terry & Linda	50 Meinert, William	63 Simmons, Charles
9 Matheson, John & Candy	22 Beck, Mark	37 Reuter, Michael James	51 Mensching, Ron & Michaeline	64 Busch, Darrell
10 Agostino, Domenico	23 Travis, Brad	38 Keleher, Dennis	52 Morawa, John	65 Rutkowski, John & Margaret
11 Curtin, Denis	24 Mosley, Richard	39 Kuebler, Mike	53 Stienstra, Diane	66 Oberman, Jim
12 Richardson, Randall	25 McCabe, Doug	40 Jones, Robert	54 Quittschreiber, Bradley	67 Keating, Laura
13 Crnich, Walter	26 Durso, Diana	41 Reichling, Thomas & Kristine	55 Owens, Kevin & Kathy	68 Kohl, Sue
	27 Strohecker, Dan	42 O'Brien, Michael		69 Hiveley, George
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1 Karner, Roger	28 Owens, Kevin	51 Rocco Lagioia
2 Rubin, Jerry	29 Kruse, Brad	52 Stienstra, Diane
3 Gonzalez, Ruben	30 Vick, Jon	53 Jeffrey, Susan
4 Stewart, Dana	31 Byerly, Jerald	54 King, Roger
5 Furio, Dawn	32 Bruno, Frank	55 Ubert, William
6 Miller, Larry	33 Penticoff, Jason	56 Pape, David
7 Martino, Rocco	34 Zuleger, Edward	57 Stewart, Scott
8 Weber, Norm	35 Marron, Sue	58 Kutrombis, Frank
9 Clark, Rick	36 Griffin, Mark	59 Szymanski, James
10 Phillips, Mike	37 Haas, Lisa	60 Murphy, Mike
11 Nevarez, Enrique	38 Lockwood, Linda	61 Ditsworth, Casey & Tami
12 Lutz, Al	39 Krupinski, Patrick	62 Smith, George
13 Giannola, Eugene	40 Dittmar, Jeremy	63 Lamz, Daniel
14 Roberts, Richard	41 Rhinerson, Trent & Renee	64 Blackwood, Rich
15 Zweep, Cheryl	42 Studier, Gary & Joan	65 Book, Ericka
16 Denney, Charles	43 Johnson, Jerry	66 Wolff, Ben
17 Holm, Charles	44 Chumbler, Byron & Rose	67 Randall, David & Lynn
18 Evans, Kenton	45 Schulget, John	68 Johnson, Ron
19 Roderweiss, Irene	46 Mullins, Jill	69 Lange, Randy & Karla
20 Coconato, Phillip	47 Fischer, Robert & Kathleen	70 Miller, Adam & Ashlee
21 Switzer, Terry	48 Miller, Joy	71 Dittmar, Jonathan
22 Huber, Eric *	49 Fill, Mark	72 Adrian, Aaron
23 Davis, Alan	50 Aurora & Rocco Lagioia	
24 Flesch, Steve		
25 Carlson, Don		
26 McMahan, Steve		
27 Sibenaller, Greg		

*ABOVE LISTS ARE CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 25, 2016



Communiqué

CINDY DONTN-CARTONS
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I am excited to say that the little pink Give2 sheets that were included in the annual statements are rolling in. Our property owners are telling us they are interested in getting involved. Whether one can give time or talent for two hours a year, two hours a month, or two hours a week, we hope to reach out to each and every member who wants to become a bigger part of this community. This volunteer work can only make our association stronger.

The face, expertise, and dedication of the ACL volunteer is diverse. If you read *The Apple Core*, you are likely familiar with the lengthy committee roster published each month, and see all the members who volunteer their time to do the grassroots work it takes to make this association function. There is always room for new members on these committees, and we are moving forward in addressing the complex issue of the member who wishes to be involved but cannot physically attend the meetings. Watch for changes in procedures as we attempt to engage our distant members via conference call, Skype, and other online meeting programs.

We all recognize and enjoy the beauty the Garden Club shares with us when they plant and care for the gorgeous flowers around the clubhouse and entrance signs, but there are so many more people who also do their part to make Apple Canyon Lake an amazing community. Take property owner Fran Higgs, for example. Fran stops in at the clubhouse once a week and grabs any laundry from the kitchen that needs cleaning. She saves the Association from having to purchase monthly paper supplies and helps us be more environmentally conscious as well. Have you ever been in the restrooms at the clubhouse? If so, you may have noticed the beautiful flower arrangements—always in season I might add—that Marilyn Detwiler provides. Have you noticed a woman with broom in hand as you cruise west on Canyon Club Drive towards the Association office? This would be Deb Laethem, who is always helping to keep the shine on the apple and the trip hazards out of the paths of walkers in and around the clubhouse.

Take a peek at the spooky trick-or-treaters in this issue of *The Apple Core*. These shots were taken and submitted by Mary Bluhm who helps host Halloween at the Campground in late October. Also, take note of the photos of Recreation Committee members who work their tails off to bring fun activities and events to the community. ACL is very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers.

Last year was a tough one for the volunteer corps at ACL. We lost many members who had volunteered their time and talents for so many years. To name just a few off the top of my head, we remember Ken Sherwood—author of *The Apple Core*'s Nonsense column, Tom Calero—author of Review from the Lake, Eugene Wiest—longtime Recreation volunteer who helped with anything and everything his sweet wife Carol Jean asked, Norm Hunt—who helped build the deck on the clubhouse and the information kiosk with a smile and a laugh. We salute these generous people and are so appreciative of the time they shared with us.

With new programs on the horizon and a full calendar of events planned for 2016—and more ideas popping up all the time—we are in need of volunteers to help us launch these programs and host these events. Property owners with professional expertise can assist the association in saving costs in a wide variety of areas. At this particular moment, as I scan the folders sitting on my desk, I can tell you that we are particularly in need of:

- teachers who can breathe new life into our Kids Camp and other youth activities.

- crafters or instructors willing to teach a class or session in any subject.
- members with copywriting experience to help with the new website, service directory, *Apple Core* and other exciting print projects.
- persons with CMS experience to help load information onto the new website.
- marketing professionals who can assist us with our branding process and help us create a fresh new message to market ACL as a fun and beautiful place to own property.
- persons with volunteer management experience who are willing to lend a hand in organizing all of ACL's amazing volunteers.

There are so many more people who do great things for this community. Whether one serves on the board or a committee, helps with recreation events, offers their intellectual property, makes our programs successful with their mere presence, ACL really does appreciate it all.

Continuing Education and bringing it home

Brittany Robinson and I recently attended the 2016 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference in Chicago on January 29. The conference, hosted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts, and Illinois Park and Recreation Association, brings together more than 4,400 professionals and elected officials for three days of educational programming, networking, and professional development. With over 150 educational sessions available, and more than 325 exhibitors showcasing their products and services, we left with our brains buzzing and our bags full of notes and information. Brittany and I broke out and attended 6 sessions in just one day; her focus was Recreation and Fitness, and my focus was Communications and Volunteer Management.

Brittany's first conference session was called *Get Fit and Flourish!* She tells me "it was more of a P.E. class for adults than your typical conference, much to the dismay of one very pregnant, high-heel clad attendee." Led by Sandy Noel, a professor at Concordia University, *Get Fit and Flourish!* focused on a variety of lessons, games, and activities centered on teaching children the importance of physical activity, nutrition, team building and cooperative learning. Brit's second conference session, *Wanted! Natural Wonders* was an interactive class led by Jessica Reyes, a Naturalist with the Heller Nature Center of Highland Park. Jessica emphasized the importance of facilitating a love and respect for nature at a young age, providing several resources for doing just that. The knowledge that these sessions provided will prove invaluable in the growth of our current kid's activities and well as the development of future programs.

I attended four sessions—two about managing volunteer resources, one about web adaptability, and one about developing a district-wide marketing plan. These sessions are particularly significant right now as we are moving forward with the ACL website redesign, Give2 volunteer program, and our upcoming branding process. I enjoyed the interactive discussions centered on working with volunteers, and plan to take advantage of the Volunteer Program Benchmark Assessment, a free management tool developed by the Executive Service Corp of Chicago. I am anxious to try out new ways to evaluate our own volunteer programs here at the lake.

The *Web Adaptability: Keeping Your Website Ahead of the Curve* session spoke to constantly changing technologies and standards. It familiarized me with current ways to manage the user experience on our website, and illustrate how our website and its content is viewed and consumed in today's world with the latest digital trends.

The *Developing a District-Wide Marketing Plan* session was chock full of ideas about everything that goes into a district-wide marketing plan from development to implementation to evaluation. I look forward to working with a marketing team—whether they be volunteer or consultants—and helping to move Apple Canyon Lake into its next stage of growth.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Following are the **UNAPPROVED MINUTES** of the January 16, 2016 regular Board of Directors' Meeting. Minutes are in unapproved draft form for informational purposes only, pending approval at the February 20, 2016 BOD meeting.

January 16, 2016

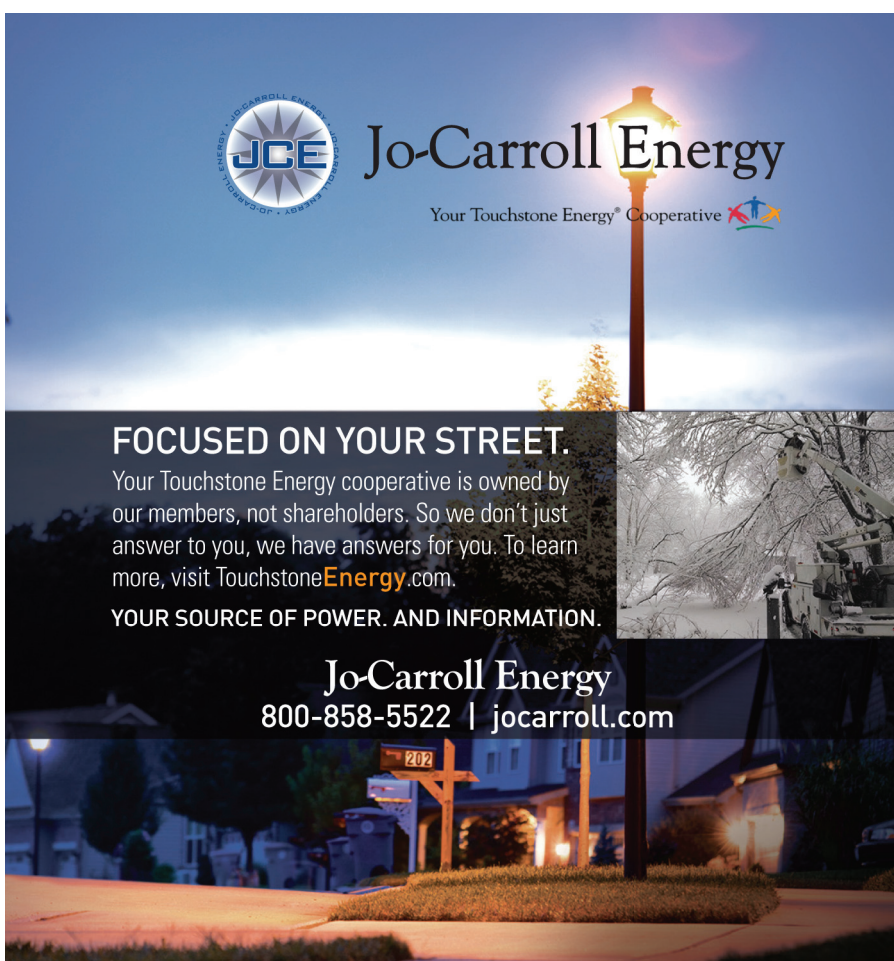
- 2.0 Call to Order – President Mike Harris called the regular monthly meeting of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2016.
- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present the following directors in attendance: John Asta, Marge Clark (via teleconference), Chuck Larsen, Mike Harris, Rich Krasula, Jody Ware, Fred Turek, and Jim Craig. Director Bob Ballenger was absent. Interim Operations Director Rick Paulson was also in attendance.
- 4.0 Approve/Adopt November 21, 2015 Minutes – Rich Krasula motioned “to approve the November 21, 2015 minutes”; seconded by Jim Craig. Minor corrections were made in 6.0 Committee Reports and 12.1 Honkamp Software Consultant Engagement Letter. Motion carried with one abstention from Marge Clark.
- 5.0 Treasurer’s Report – Rich Krasula read from the November Treasurer’s Report. December financials are not available yet. The full November report will be published in The Apple Core and on the website.
- 6.0 Committee Reports –
 AECC – Mike Harris reported they did not meet in January.
 Legal – Marge Clark reported they have done most of the preliminary work aligning the Covenants with CICAA and will complete a final review at their next meeting before presenting their recommendation to the Board.
 Conservation – Rich Krasula reported they also did not meet in January.
 Chuck Larsen - On February 6 the Happy Campers will meet at 1 pm in the Clubhouse for food, games, and movies. All are invited to attend; it is not just for campers. The campground is scheduled to open the first weekend in April, weather permitting of course. The Dam Advisory Panel is working to ensure the dam outlet pipe inspection is completed in the first half of 2016. The Panel is in need of more members.
- 7.0 Operations Director’s Report – Rick Paulson gave updates on projects completed and sent for bid. The new (used) Security squad was parked outside for people to see. We got a great deal on this vehicle thanks to the research of Steve Mischler and mechanical expertise of Deryl Broshous. The Clubhouse doors will be replaced in April and the new roof section in April or May. New boat docks are stacked high behind the Maint. building. Mike Malon has created a plan for rip rap. RFPs have been sent for campground mulch, a greens roller, and a boat trailer. Rick has completed the campground analysis with the exception of payroll. The analysis will be presented at the February Board meeting. Staff has completed a detailed equipment inventory with replacement values. He and Joe Forman are working with the insurance company to ensure we are properly covered.

- 8.0 President’s Report – Before giving his report, President Mike Harris asked that the Board act on item 12.4 Compensation proposal for new GM/Operations Director – Rich Krasula motioned “to approve the offer letter and compensation package for Shaun Nordlie for the position of Operations Director/General Manager as specified by the Board at the special Board meeting on January 9, 2016.” Seconded by Jody Ware. With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Mike reported that last Friday the GM Search Committee interviewed two candidates, who also had lunch with staff. On Saturday, the Board interviewed both candidates and came to a unanimous decision to hire Shaun Nordlie as Operations Director/General Manager. Shaun is a graduate of the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis Curtis L. Carlson School of Management. He has previously worked at Tanglewood Resort in Texas and is currently at Lake Carroll. He has many years of experience and we are happy to welcome him to ACL. Shaun Nordlie then said a few words, he is excited to be a part of the team and will start in February. He is excited to be here. Mike then thanked Rick for everything he has done, Shaun has big shoes to fill. Rick will go back to his position at Maintenance.
- 9.0 Property Owner Comments – George Drogosz, 8-48, urged all property owners and Board members to attend the Watershed meetings. Our focus should be protecting the lake.
- Bob Achille, 13-67, read from an email he sent to the Board on Friday, January 15. He believes that Restricted Lots should continue to be allowed, but with additional amenity fees charged to these lot owners who want to use the facilities. He offered his assistance in creating these changes if the Board is interested.
- 10.0 Consent Agenda – Chuck Larsen motioned “to approve the consent agenda items: committee changes (to appoint Kim Rees, Erin Winter, and Gary Hannon to the Lake Monitoring Committee, and Vickie Sershon and Amanda Freidag to the Rules and Regulations Committee; and to accept the resignation of Jan Rich from the Recreation Committee, Jim Craig from the Rules and Regulations Committee, and Darryle and Sharon Burmeister from the Lake Monitoring Committee); and dissolution of the Campground Task Force” seconded by Fred Turek. The motion carried unanimously.
- 11.0 Unfinished Business
- 11.1 Planning Resources – Chuck Larsen motioned “to pay \$4,131.25 to Planning Resources. Funds will be paid from the 2016 R & R Budget.” Seconded by Rich Krasula. With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 12.0 New Business
- 12.1 Jo Daviess County SWCD Professional Services Agreement – Chuck Larsen motioned “to renew the Professional Services Agreement with the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.” Seconded by Rich Krasula. Marge Clark questioned if this agreement is always annual, Mike Harris responded yes, it is. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 12.2 Golf Committee Designated Fund purchase – Chuck Larsen motioned “to approve the Golf Committee’s purchase of stone for a retaining wall at the new forward tee on hole #2. The cost of the stone will not exceed \$500. The money will be deducted from the Golf Committee’s Designated Fund. The balance in their fund as of November 30, 2015 was \$9,711.11. All work will be done in house.” Seconded by Fred Turek. With no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 12.3 General Manager job description – Jody Ware motioned “to approve the General Manager job description as presented.” Seconded by John Asta. With no discussion the motion carried unanimously.
- 13.0 Other – Jody Ware motioned “to accept the President’s recommendation to form four ad hoc committees: Transition Ad Hoc Committee - Mike Harris, Jody Ware, Joe Forman, Marge Clark and Rich Krasula; Employee Job Description Ad Hoc Committee - Jody Ware, Gary Hannon, and John Asta; Employee Handbook Ad Hoc Committee - Mike Harris, Rick Paulson, Jody Ware, and Marge Clark; and Pro Shop Food and Beverage Study Ad Hoc Committee - Kevin Kavanaugh, Rich Krasula, and Rick Paulson.” Seconded by Rich Krasula. Shaun Nordlie will participate in all once he comes on board. Anyone looking to join any of these committees should contact the office. Charges will be created for each ad hoc committee and approved at the February Board meeting. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 A.M.
 Recording Secretary, Megan Shamp
 President, Mike Harris

January Board Actions

- 10.1 Committee changes – APRVD
 10.2 Dissolve Campground Task Force – APRVD
 11.1 Planning Resources – APRVD
 12.1 Jo Daviess County SWCD Professional Services Agreement – APRVD
 12.2 Golf Committee Designated Fund purchase – APRVD
 12.3 General Manager Job Description – APRVD
 12.4 Compensation proposal for new GM/Operations Director – APRVD
 13.0 Creation of four ad hoc committees – APRVD



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Monthly Committee Reports

General Manager Search Committee Minutes — December 10, 2015

APPROVED

Present: Joe Forman, Chair; Marge Clark; Rich Krasula; and Jody Ware. Mike Harris, Board President was also present.

- 1.0 Call to Order - The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.
- 2.0 Approve Minutes of December 3, 2015 - A motion was made to approve the December 3, 2015 minutes by Marge Clark. Rich Krasula second the motion. All members approved the minutes.
- 3.0 Old Business
- 3.1 Finalize Compensation Package - A spreadsheet was compiled with compensation packages of the last two General Managers to benchmark past practices. The committee created a Salary Package to propose to the Board for hiring the new General Manager.
- 3.2 Other Old Business - General Manager job description final copy was distributed. A couple of corrections were identified.
- 4.0 New Business
- 4.1 New Applications - Two new applications were received from Zach Lehmann, Wipfli. A discussion was held on the two new resumes. Joe Forman will contact Zach Lehmann and ask for a phone interview for one of the candidates. Joe will also share with Zach Lehmann to please notify all applicants regarding receipt of application.
- 6.0 Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rich Krasula at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jody Ware, Secretary

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Nominating Committee Meeting — January 6, 2016

UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mike Cammack at 1:03 P.M. Those in attendance were: Mike Tyson, Mike Cammack, Mike Harris, Edie Petelle, Vickie Sershon, Barb Hendren, and Rosanne Brandenburg. Rich Miranda absent due to illness.
- 2.0 Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes approved by Mike Tyson, seconded by Barb Hendren.
- 3.0. Discuss results of phone calls to possible candidates: Names submitted from the last meeting were check listed for an affirmative or negative response to becoming a candidate. It was noted that we now have five candidates for the 3-year position. No one has submitted an application for the one-year position. The deadline is January 18, 2016.
- 4.0. Suggestions from committee members: Board questionnaire was updated with one omission and current dates.
- 5.0 Next meeting date and time: January 22, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.
- 6.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Vickie Sershon at 2:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rosanne Brandenburg, Secretary

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Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes January 11, 2016

UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order - Chairman Mary Hannon called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present: Mary Hannon (Facetime), Pat Reese, Lee Causero, Cindy Carton, and Betsy Osika. Member absent: Rosanne Brandenburg.
- 2.0 Election of Officers - Mary Hannon, Chairman; Betsy Osika, Vice-Chair; Pat Reese, Secretary.
- 3.0 Approve Minutes - Lee Causero motioned, Betsy Osika seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Reports - Cindy Carton reported that the Musicale was a success and thanked the hostesses for all their help... Rosanne Brandenburg, Edie Petelle, Vickie Sershon. Cindy Carton also noted that there are several ways for people to donate to the fireworks...Bottom of the form when paying dues, donation boxes.

5.0 Old Business - None

6.0 New Business - Brittany Robinson will be handling the cookies and cocoa at the Pro Shop for the Sledding Party. Pinewood Derby will be held Feb. 13. 12:30 check-in, 1:00 races. Lee Causero & Betsy Osika will help that day. Mary Hannon also asked the Committee members to help recruit much needed new members.

7.0 Other – None.

8.0 Next Meeting Date - Next meeting will be held March 21, 2016. No meeting in February.

9.0 Adjournment - Lee Causero motioned to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Reese

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Nominating Committee Meeting — January 22, 2016

UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by Mike Cammack.
- 2.0 Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes approved by Edie Petelle and seconded by Vickie Sershon.
- 3.0 Discuss new BOD applications: We have received 7 applications for the 3-year term (Chuck Larsen, Steve Tribbey, Barbara Hendren, Vicki Sershon, Jon Sonntag, Gordon Williams and Mike Harris). Gary Hannon is running for the one-year term. Background checks have been completed.
- 4.0 Suggestions from committee members: It was brought up by Edie Petelle that members of the Nominating Committee who are also applicants for the Board may be recused from selecting questions for the Candidates on Meet the Candidates scheduled for April 16, 2016.
- 5.0 Next Meeting Date and Time: April 11, 2016 at 1 P.M.
- 6.0 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Vicki Sershon.

Respectfully submitted, Rosanne Brandenburg, Secretary

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AS OF JANUARY 16, 2016

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Meeting Dates TBD
Beckel, Ron, Vice-Chair
Miranda, Rich, Secretary
Bartell, Gary
Petelle, Edie
Richards, Kathy
Shamp, Megan, Staff

Asta, John
Clark, Marge
Craig, Jim
Larsen, Charles
Turek, Fred

BUDGET/FINANCE

Krasula, Rich, Chair
Asta, John, Board Liaison
Brennan, Thomas
Carpenter, Ronald
Finn, John
Forman, Joe
Ryan, Jr., Edmond
Smith, Karen
Suits, Duane
Windisch, Bill

APPEALS

Meets 2nd Saturday, if needed
Miranda, Rich, Chair
Beckel, Ron, Vice-Chair
Helgason, Janet
Petelle, Edie
VanDerLeest, Roger

ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Meets 1st Saturday, 8 am
Wiener, Joe, Chair
Zophy, Cindy, Secretary
Ballenger, Robert
Frank, Jim
Harris, Mike
Ryan, Jr., Edmond

CAMPGROUND

Meeting dates TBD
Larsen, Charles, Chair
Reifsteck, Joseph, Vice-Chair
Richards, Kathy, Secretary
Carpenter, Ron
Krzeminski, Robert

CONSERVATION

Meets 1st Saturday, 9am
Wiener, Paula, Chair
Krasula, Rich, Vice-Chair,
Board Liaison
Asta, Betty
Burmeister, Darryle
Cady, Phyllis
Cammack, Mike

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets 3rd Saturday, 9am
Harris, Mike, President
Ballenger, Bob, Vice-President
Krasula, Rich, Treasurer
Ware, Jody, Corporate Secretary

Doden, Henry
Hannon, Gary
Drogosz, Karen, Recorder

DEER MANAGEMENT

Meets last Sat, 9am, April-Oct
Finley, Jack, Chair
Petelle, James, Vice-Chair
Sershon, John, Secretary
Butvilas, Tim
Chiaro, Joe
Janikowski, Phil
Lutz, Al
Rees, Kim

EDITORIAL REVIEW

As needed
Paulson, Rick
Carton, Cynthia
Finn, John
Vandigo, Doug
Ware, Jody, Board Liaison

GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH

Clark, Marge
Forman, Joe
Krasula, Rich
Ware, Jody

EMPLOYEE JOB DESCRIPTION AD HOC

Asta, John
Hannon, Gary
Ware, Jody

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AD HOC

Clark, Marge
Harris, Mike
Paulson, Rick
Ware, Jody

GOLF

(1st Tues, 1:30 pm, Apr-Oct)
Reese, Tim, Chair
Turek, Fred, Vice-Chair
Reese, Pat, Secretary
Bethke, Dan
Curtiss, Pauline
Hannon, Mary
Knuckey, Marsha
Moore, Ron
Schmidt, Richard
Smith, Greg
Stanger, Marcy

LAKE MONITORING

Meeting Dates TBD
Hannon, Gary
Rees, Kim
Winter, Erin

LEGAL

Dates TBD
Clark, Marge, Chair
Doran, William, Secretary
Jennings, Steve
Krasula, Rich
Loete, Laurence
Skoskiewicz, Bogdan
Ware, Jody, Board Liaison

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Ford, Don, Vice-Chair
Miranda, Rich, Secretary
Asta, John
Forman, Joe

Krasula, Rich
Ware, Jody

MAINTENANCE

Meets 1st Tues. 9am
Forman, Joseph, Acting Chair
Drogosz, George
Miranda, Rich
Stanger, Bob
Volpert, John

NOMINATING

Next Meeting, TBD
Cammack, Michael, Chair
Miranda, Rich, Vice-Chair
Brandenburg, Rosanne,
Secretary
Harris, Mike, Board Liaison
Hendren, Barbara
Petelle, Edie
Sershon, Vickie
Tyson, Mike

PRO SHOP FOOD & BEVERAGE STUDY AD HOC

Kavanaugh, Kevin
Krasula, Rich
Paulson, Rick

RECREATION

Meets 3rd Monday, 9 am
Hannon, Mary, Chair
Osika, Betsy, Vice-Chair
Reese, Pat, Secretary
Brandenburg, Rosanne
Carton, Cindy
Causero, Lee
Weiner, Paula
Zophy, Cindy

RULES and REGULATIONS

Meets 2nd Saturday, 9 am
Petelle, Jim
Clark, Marge
Freidag, Amanda
Pfeiffer, Fred
Sershon, Vickie
Stanger, Bob
Drogosz, Karen, Recorder

TELLERS

Meets for Annual Meeting
Loete, Karen, Chair
Abruzzo, Anthony
Cammack, Jan
Detwiler, Marilyn
Makar, Kathy
Reese, Patricia
Strasser, Julienne
Sunke, Carol

TRAILS

Meets 4th Saturday, 9am
Drogosz, George, Chair
Kaiser, Tim, Vice-Chair
Matheson, Candy, Secretary
Doden, Henry
Ford, Don
Hannon, Gary
Harris, Mike
Horist, Ronald
Matheson, John

TRANSITION AD HOC

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Forman, Joe
Harris, Mike
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March Madness for Health

16th Annual Jo Daviess County Health Summit set for March 19

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois along with First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth and the Jo Daviess County Office of the Stephenson County Senior Resource Center, are sponsoring the 16th Annual Jo Daviess County Health Summit. The theme for the event is "March Madness for Health." The event will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building (formerly HCC West) in Elizabeth. This event is open to the public with no admission charge and the building is handicap accessible.

The purpose of the Health Summit is to educate the public on a variety of health issues, learn about healthy lifestyles, where to go to find help or information, and what is available in the area. Free blood pressure checks and demonstrations help to provide "something for everyone" in a fun and friendly atmosphere. All those who attend have the chance to win one of many door prizes that are donated by vendors and sponsors.

You can save money by having blood screens done at the Summit and then give a copy to your doctor for your records. There will be a complete Cholesterol Screening by the Midwest Medical Center Lab Department. Orange juice and muffins are provided for the participants.

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If you have an Association-licensed boat slip, the yellow 2016 Boat Slip License, current watercraft insurance & current watercraft registration/Water Usage Stamp must be returned with payment by March 1. For more information on these requirements, please see page 7. Failure to complete any of these requirements will result in a \$100 Boat Slip Late Fee and forfeiture of the boat slip if not complete by March 15!

The ACLPOA directory will be updated and printed in Spring 2016. Please return the orange Property Owner Information page sent in the January statement packet to ensure that your current information is published. Only your name, lot number, home address, and main phone number (as designated on the form) are published.

We are still accepting submissions for the 2016 Payment Plan, through February 25. At this time, an additional \$25 Late Sign Up Fee applies in addition to the \$35 Processing Fee. Forms are available on page 14 of this issue of the Apple Core and on the website. Due to processing times with the bank, we cannot accept any lots on the Payment Plan after February 25. All Payment Plans are processed through ACH; once you have submitted your paperwork the installments will be automatically deducted from your bank account on March 1, May 15, and July 15.

We will be hosting two events again this year for boat slip changes & assignments. The Slip Swap, for those on the Boat Slip to Trade List, is offered for those who currently have an Association-licensed boat slip but would like to trade locations. This event will be held April 9 at 10am. Anyone who wishes to exchange slips directly with another property owner is invited to come at 9am. The Slip Assignment Day, for those on the No Boat Slip Waiting List and Sublicense Waiting List, who are seeking their first boat slip assignment or a sub-license assignment, will be held Saturday, April 23 at 10am. We will first assign licensed slips to those on the No Boat Slip Waiting List, and then assign sub-license slips to those on the Sublicense Waiting List. For more information on this process, please see page 7.

We are open Monday through Saturday 8 am to 3 pm, and closed on Sunday. We will be open Sunday, February 21 and Sunday, February 28 from 8 am to 3 pm each day to serve our property owners prior to the March 1 payment deadline.

Do you have a topic or procedure that you would like explained? Let us know your questions and we will do our best to answer them while relaying the office news. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at (815) 492-2238 or email Megan at officemanager@applecanyonlake.org. The Association mailing address is 14A157 Canyon Club Dr, Apple River, IL 61001.

Log onto www.applecanyonlake.org for committee minutes, meeting dates, and agendas. Agendas are posted on the website and in the Association office at least one week prior to any committee or board meeting if we have received them from the chair.

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The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association is offering a payment plan for those property owners needing assistance paying their annual assessment (dues) and fees. There is a \$35 Payment Plan Processing Fee per lot entered on the Payment Plan. There is an additional \$25 late sign up fee per lot as the January deadline has passed. All payments will be automatic ACH withdrawals initiated by ACL, other payment types are not offered as part of the Payment Plan. The terms for the ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

\$284 ... 1/3 of Annual Assessment [Dues]

\$34 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$68, if three owners \$102)

\$35 Payment Plan Processing Fee

\$75 Trash Fee (if applicable)

\$205 ... Seasonal Boat Slip/Boat Registration (if applicable)

\$750 ... Seasonal Campsite/Camper Registration (if applicable)

\$25 Payment Plan Late Sign Up Fee

*All other recreational vehicles such as ATVs, golf carts, boats, and non-motorized boats, and snowmobiles, as well as Seasonal Golf Storage (Inside & Outside), Heat Light Program, Camper Storage, etc., must be paid with the payment plan or removed from the account until used. These fees will be included in the March payment.

If you have a Seasonal Boat Slip, you must still return the signed Boat Slip License Agreement along with the required insurance and State Watercraft Registration/Water Usage Stamp no later than March 1.

Withdrawn on May 15

\$283 1/3 of the Annual Dues

\$33 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$66, if three owners \$99)

Withdrawn on July 15

\$283 1/3 of the Annual Dues

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ment Plan, property owners must do the following:

PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 25, 2016, SEND A VOIDED CHECK AND THE PAYMENT PLAN ACH FORM TO THE ACLPOA OFFICE. Any forms incorrectly filled out or forms returned without a voided check will not be included in the payment plan for 2016. Payment plans set up after January 31, 2016 will also be subject to a Late Signup Fee of \$25 per lot. **Payment Plan submissions cannot be accepted after February 25, 2016. Please submit one Payment Plan ACH Form for each lot.**

DO NOT SEND A CHECK FOR PAYMENT IF USING THE PAYMENT PLAN. Make sure all of the owners on the lot are aware the lot is on the payment plan. Duplicate payments will be applied to the balance due unless everything is paid in full. Overpayments will be refunded via check.

MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER EACH WITHDRAWAL All insufficient funds for ACH will be charged a \$35 fee. If there are two NSF, the lot will be removed from the Payment Plan, and payment in full with cashier's check, money order, cash, or valid credit card (4% convenience fee applies) will be required within 10 days, or a lien will be filed. The Delinquent Dues Fee and Interest will be assessed immediately. Please call the Association Office at (815) 492-2238 if you have any questions about the payment plan.

Know the difference between the ACL Payment Plan and an ACH withdrawal

BY CARRIE MILLER, ACLPOA BOOKKEEPER

Since ACLPOA created the payment plan and opportunity for automatic withdrawal (Automated Clearing House or ACH) for your annual assessments, there has been much confusion about these two options. These are both fairly new, so I would like to take a few moments to explain the difference between the two plans in case you might be interested in signing up in the future.

OPTION #1 - ACH PLAN. Our Automated Clearing House (ACH) plan debits your account for a one-time payment that happens on February 1 of each year. Once you sign up for our ACH plan you are on this plan every year until you send in a request to be taken off this plan. No service fees are applied.

OPTION #2 - ACL PAYMENT PLAN. Our ACL Payment Plan involves three payments due on March 1, May 15, and July 15. This plan is also a form of ACH, however, you need to submit paper work every year to be eligible for this plan. Since the information has to be re-entered each year there is a yearly \$35 service fee for this plan. When signing up for the payment plan, remember to sign up early to meet the cut-off deadlines. If signing up late, a late fee would be applied on top of the service fee.

I am always happy to help in any way I can, so if you should ever have questions about your account please feel free to give me a call. I can be reached at 815-492-2238.

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Obituaries



RUTH A. KAWA

Ruth A. Kawa, 74, formerly of Elgin, passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at her

home in Apple River, IL after a rapid battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving children and the many joyful memories of her beautiful life.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elgin, with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Born January 2, 1942 in Slinger, WI and raised in Lake Geneva, Ruth was the daughter of Alfred C. Henne and Ethel M. Henne (nee Poler). She is survived by her children, Connie (Gene) Nelson of Elgin, Roger Tucker Jr. of Rockford, Tina (Steve) Chapman of Union, Charles (Elizabeth) Tucker of Maple Park, Karen Kawa of Chicago and Ann Kawa (Christopher Buist) of Bear, DE; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved immeasurably; sister, Carolyn (Richard) Wright of West Bend, WI; brother, Charles Henne of Lake Geneva, WI and many nieces and nephews.

Besides both of her parents, she was preceded in death by the love of her life who she greatly missed, James H. Kawa in 2010; two stepsons, Michael J. Kawa in 2003, and James P. Kawa in 2013; brother, Alfred Henne in 2015; sister, Arlene Young in 2000. Ruth was also preceded

by many friends that she loved like family.

She retired from U.S. Can after 23 years of service. During her tenure, she was a member of the Steelworkers Local #7495 and "Women of Steel". She led the charter and organized the creation of U.S. Can's Health and Wellness Committee. Throughout this time, Ruth developed many lifelong friendships. She cherished the memories of her trips with the Union to D.C. and was very proud of their accomplishments.

In addition to balancing a busy life at work and home, Ruth was passionate about change and doing what was right. She put beliefs into action and served as a Precinct Committeewoman for the Democratic Party.

She worked hard, played hard. More than 20 years of summer weekends were spent in Whitewater, WI where she enjoyed time with family and friends aside campfires, hiking, boating and enjoying the beautiful nature of The Kettle Moraine.

Ruth and Jim retired to Apple Canyon Lake in 2003 where their retirement dreams came true. They enjoyed the peace and beauty of the lake, the friendships they made and the time spent with family and friends doing all the things that they loved most. She loved to garden, watch the birds and deer, and solve the world's problems over cups of coffee on the porch with family and friends.

She will be remembered by family and friends for the deep, genuine love that she showed in

everything she did, her sense of humor and contagious laugh, her love of nature and adventurous spirit. Condolences at www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com



LOIS VERDON

Lois Verdon, nee Souhrada, age 80, formerly of Brookfield and Apple Canyon Lake.

Beloved wife of 60 years to the late David P. Verdon; fond mother of Cheryl (Stephen) Dubina, LeAnne (John) Killeen, Heidi (Gregory) Hickey, Christopher (Karen) Verdon and the late Marc D.

(the late Laura) Verdon; grandmother of Brian (Michael) Dubina, Nicole Dubina, Jennifer (Dan) Aguilar, Aaron Killeen, Shannon Baier, Sean (Susie) Killeen, Lauren (Scott) Boutos, Rachel (Mike) Currier, Abigail Verdon, Emma Verdon, Melissa Hickey, Zachary Verdon, Kayla Verdon and Joshua Verdon; great grandmother of Hunter Baier, Austin Baier and Lucas Aguilar; sister of late LeRoy Souhrada; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Owner of Dav N Lo's Chicken, Brookfield.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 8 at Hitzeman Funeral Home Ltd. 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. www.HitzemanFuneral.com

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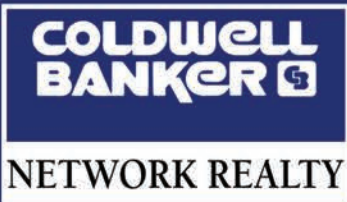
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Apple Tree Genealogy

IMMIGRATION UNIQUELY SHAPED AMERICA AND US!

by Roger Higgs, ACL Resident

This column is meant to be helpful in a small way to Apple Canyon Lake residents who have an interest in genealogical research and who may have problems or stories to share.

Our ancestors were immigrants! The immigration process started well before the U.S.A. was founded and it was formed from divergent immigrant groups; many with strongly different views. The immigrants shaped the "American Experiment" and the cultural patterns of America.

The immigrants came as individuals, pairs, families, neighbors, shiploads and groups of ships. In my family research, I can list examples of all of these situations

The greatest influence upon American cultural patterns relates to four early American migrations from Britain. These four migrations - many in shiploads - shaped American folkways or customs. You might ask, "How can that be?", as America now has less than 20% of its citizens who have British ancestry. However, the cultural patterns established by the four early immigrant groups, between 1629 and 1775, still persist in American culture. Obviously, these patterns have affected our families and genealogy.

There is an excellent book entitled, "Albions Seed," by David H. Fisher in 1989. This 900-page book is maybe the most interesting American history book I have ever read, maybe because it really is interesting! (Some history books are dry reading!)

Much of this article is taken from this book. Some future articles will explore aspects of these immigrant groups.

The book states that

...during the very long period from 1629-1775, the present area of the United States was settled by at least four large waves of English-speaking immigrants. The first was an exodus of Puritans from the east of England to Massachusetts during a period of eleven years from 1629 to 1640. The second was the migration of a small Royalist elite and large numbers of indentured servants from the south of England to Virginia (ca. 1642-1675). The third was a movement from the North Midlands of England and Wales to the Delaware Valley (ca. 1675-1725). The fourth was a flow of English-speaking people from the borders of North Britain and northern Ireland to the Appalachian back country mostly during the half-century from 1718-1775.

These four groups shared many qualities in common. All of them spoke the English language. Nearly all were British Protestants. Most lived under British laws and took pride in possessing British liberties. At the same time, they also differed from one another in many other ways: in their religious denominations, social ranks, historical generations and also in the British regions from where they came. They carried across the Atlantic four different sets of British folkways which became the basis of regional cultures in the New World.

By the year 1775 these four cultures were fully established in British America. They spoke distinctive dialects of English, built their houses in diverse ways and had different methods of doing much of the ordinary business of life. Most important for the political history of the United States, they also had four different concepts of order, power and freedom which became the cornerstones of a voluntary society in British America.

...In a cultural sense most Americans are the seed of these immigrations, no matter who their own forebears may have been. Strong echoes of four British folkways may still be heard in the major dialects of American speech, in the regional patterns of American life, in the complex dynamics of American politics and in the continuing conflict between four different ideas of freedom in the United States....The legacy of four British folkways in early America remains the most powerful determinant of a voluntary society in the United States today.

The four major migrations from Britain had major differences in the criteria that are indicators of "folkways" or customs. The indicators include speech, building, family, marriage, gender, sex, naming, child-rearing, age, death, religion, magic, learning, literacy, food, dress, sport, work, time, wealth, inheritance, rank, association, order, power and freedom.

These groups immigrated before 1775 and represented the chief developers of the U.S. Constitution. However, there were many different ideas among the groups.

PURITANS — The first migration occurred from 1629-1641 during the era when King Charles I ruled and when the Anglican church was purged of its Puritan members. This was also an era of economic depression, epidemic disease, etc. Some 21,000 Puritans sailed to Massachusetts in 1630. The immigrants became the forebears of America's Yankee population. There were 100,000 in 1700; 6,000,000 in 1900 and 16,000,000 in 1988. The Yankees migrated west across mostly the Northern U.S.A. in the 1800's.

CAVALIERS — The second migration came to Virginia in 1642-1675 and consisted of distressed Cavaliers and indentured servants. The "distressed Cavaliers" founded what would be called the first families of Virginia. Many migrated from Southern England and were younger sons of wealthy families. Some were escaping oppression from the Puritans in England who had now gained the upper hand during the 1650's. Many of the Cavaliers had large estates. (Slavery came later.) Indentured servants were given the passage from England in exchange for help for a few years on estates and with businesses. Some of the early U.S. Presidents came from this group.

QUAKERS — The third major migration was that of the Quakers ("Friends") migration from the north and west - Midlands of England to the Delaware Valley in 1675-1725. The Quaker group also included many Germans, Irish and Dutch. They mostly settled in West Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Many who immigrated with the Quakers were sympathizers, but not members of the Society of Friends. William Penn was

the most prominent organizer and leader. By 1750, the Quakers were the third largest religious denomination in the British colonies. The Quakers had 250 meeting houses in 1750, while the Congregationalists had 465 congregations and the Anglicans had 289 congregations. By 1775, the Quakers ranked fifth. The Quakers fled England because they had been persecuted for their faith. Many Quakers had their property seized in England for not paying church tax. The Quakers, unlike Puritans and Anglicans, were comfortable with people of various ethnic groups. The Quakers prized freedom. They had very strict marriage customs and supported the idea that men and women were equal. Female Friends preached equally with men. These are some examples of the "folkways" of the Quakers.

SCOTS-IRISH — The fourth major migration was the so-called "Scots-Irish" immigration from the borderlands of Great Britain (Scotland, Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland) to the backcountry of America. The "Scots-Irish" label is widely used, but it is inaccurate when applied to the movement as a whole.

The people were Highland Scotch, Lowland Scotch, Ulster Irish and people of Northern England. Some historians have labeled these people as "Celts" but only a portion was Celtic. Their dominant language was English and not Gaelic. (Gaelic was spoken in Ireland, Wales and Cornwall.)

These people came from rocky-poor areas in the British Isles and moved to mountainous and backcountry areas in the U.S.; which had poor soil conditions. They knew how to subsist in the rugged conditions. They were tough and fiercely independent. The so-called "Scots-Irish" composed a disproportionately large part of the soldiers in the Revolutionary War and Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

These were a mixed "border people" who had mixed ancestries, religious denominations, homelands and social rank. But, they were very similar to one another in many respects.

This group has many unique "folkways" including unique music and language characteristics. This group populated the Appalachians and the South and there provided a distinct culture.

Andrew Jackson was the first of many Presidents who sprang for "border stock".

In conclusion, of all the determinants that shaped British America, the most powerful was religion. The English were divided by the Protestant Reformation; which created a broad spectrum of denominations in England. The national church was represented by the Anglican Episcopacy. This denomination was destined to dominate Virginia. The Presbyterians were numerous in Northern Britain and they became very strong in the American backcountry. The Congregationalists were more central in their Protestant beliefs. They were prominent in East England and became prominent in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The Quakers were to the left of the Congregationalists. Their denomination first appeared in the North Midlands of England. It populated the colonies of West Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

These denominational divisions created deep cultural differences which have survived in American regions long after their original purposes have been lost. However, people of these four cultures shared many traits in common. They shared British laws and language; cherished liberty; dwelled in nuclear households and owned private property.

Other Migrations

Much focus has been made here of four British migrations. There were other early important migrant groups. The Anabaptists settled Rhode Island. The Dutch settled New York City and the Hudson Valley.

The German American ethnic group has been the major immigrant group after the formation of the U.S. German immigration peaked in 1850-1890. This ethnic group comprises 50 million people in the U.S.; which exceeds the numbers in the Irish, African, English, Mexican and Italian ethnic groups. There is a German Belt across America from Pennsylvania to Oregon.

Between 1820 and 1860, one-third of U.S. immigrants were Irish. Their immigration peaked after the 1845 Potato Blight famine. Italian immigration peaked between 1880 and 1920 when 4 million Italians came to the U.S. There have been some four waves of immigrants from Russia and Eastern Europe. The first wave between 1881 and 1924 consisted mostly of 2 million Jews.

However, the major ethnic groups came to and were assimilated into a social structure which was already in place. Obviously, these ethnic groups have brought their own "folkways" and have influenced America.

We will explore characteristics of these immigrations in future articles. The customs and "folklores" of the various groups profoundly affect our family genealogy and genealogical research.

If you have questions or stories for the column, direct your postal requests to the Apple Core or email requests to applecore@applecanyonlake.org.





Winter Fun!

ON AND AROUND APPLE CANYON LAKE

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ISA MAGSAMEN

The winter view from John and Patty Galwas' deck was heavenly on November 23. We had open water farther into the season than we typically see.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ISA MAGSAMEN
These two four-legged Magsamen kids love the snow!



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BROOKE MOORE
Cousins River Brenner, left, and Eli Moore enjoy some ice fishing on the lake.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DOUG VANDIGO
A fun day on the lake always brings a smile to Al Vandigo's face, even when it is covered with ice.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BROOKE MOORE
Eli Moore investigates the water through the hole in the ice while ice fishing with his dad Mike, grandpa Jim Brenner, and uncles Shane and Chase Brenner.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BROOKE MOORE
Chase Brenner, Shane Brenner, and James Brenner enjoy a day of ice fishing on the lake.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DOUG VANDIGO
The Melinda and Doug Vandigo family have been enjoying the snow when they can. They took their children and nieces out for some sledding and tubing fun. From left are Rachel Bilgri, Georgia Vandigo, and Anika Stadel.

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The Faces of the ACL Volunteer and Those They Touch



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It takes a pretty tough kitchen crew to feed the crowd at the Annual Christmas Musicale and these volunteers stepped up to the plate! From left: Mary Hannon (Recreation Committee), Vickie Serphon, Rosanne Brandenburg (Recreation Committee) and Edie Petelle.



PHOTO BY CINDY CARTON

Sue Fortson, musical director, and Dee Hilliard, pianist, have led the Apple Canyon Lake Chorale for a good number of years. Together with Pat Volpert, who stepped aside this year, the ladies have entertained guests to the annual Christmas Musicale for years.



PHOTO BY CINDY CARTON

Recreation Committee volunteers (from left) Jan Rich Harris, Pat Reese, Lee Causero, and Kathy Richards gathered to get the prelim tasks done before the Ice Cream Social and Craft Fair could get off the ground.



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Even our four-legged friends benefit from the touch of a volunteer.



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Halloween at the Campground gave the whole family a chance to get creative.



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Our volunteers are the real super heroes at Apple Canyon Lake.



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Dorothy and the Minion were pretty excited that a group of volunteers hosted Halloween at the Campground!



PHOTO BY CINDY CARTON

You'll find no archer more knowledgeable than ACL's own outdoorsman John Serphon who, as a member of the Deer Management Committee, volunteers his time to teaching youth all about archery each year at the Youth Archery Day. John is just one of a large number of volunteers who help host this event.



PHOTO BY CINDY CARTON

Steve Davis has a secret connection to Santa Claus and he was able to get him to make a trip down to the Pro Shop in the height of Santa's busy season. It is volunteers like Steve who help make ACL a magical place.

Hospice training classes planned

What do you know about Hospice? Have you ever asked these questions – How do I know when to call Hospice? Are all Hospices the same? How does Hospice help? Have you ever thought that you would be interested in working as a hospice volunteer?

These questions and more will be addressed at the Hospice Training classes scheduled to be held by Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois, Inc. This training class will help answer questions and serve as training for those interested in serving as a volunteer with our organization. Our training program will give you a better understanding of the needs of someone with a terminal illness and their caregiver and also the grieving process that people or you yourself experience. As a trained volunteer you would be qualified to work with direct client care, our bereavement program, Friendly Visitor Program, perform clerical duties in the office or help with various fund raising events.

This training program is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 22nd and will be held each Monday through March 21st from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Hospice office at 105 S. Main Street, Stockton. Call the office at 815-947-3260 to reserve your spot. If you would like information on our training program, but cannot attend this training as scheduled, please call to make other arrangements.

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Apple Canyon Bass Club

Apple Canyon Bass Club and Dave and Laura Popp donate a million!

Apple Canyon Lake property owners for 30 years, Dave and Laura Popp, along with the ACL Bass Club, have been collecting can tabs for several years. Their goal was to collect a million tabs to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis Tennessee.


St Jude's is the world leader in treating and curing childhood cancer. In 1962 the survival rate for childhood cancer was less than 20 percent. Today the rate is over 80 percent.

Once the goal was achieved, Dave and Laura made the trip to Memphis with over a million can tabs to deliver to St. Jude's Hospital. They were told that if they laid the donated tabs end to end the tabs would cover 17 miles.

Marlo Thomas and the staff at St. Jude's Hospital were elated at the thoughtful and generous donation!

Dave and Laura would like to thank the Bass Club members, family, and friends for all their help in collecting the tabs – they have already started on their next million!





ACL Bass Club donates to Shullsburg Food Pantry

ACLPOA property owner Dave Popp, a member of the Apple Canyon Bass Club, presents Shullsburg Food Pantry director Tina Cruse with a check for \$500 on behalf of the Apple Canyon Bass Club.

The Bass Club chooses three not-for-profit organizations to support from the money they bring in from the Buddy Bass tournaments. Again this year they donated \$1,500 to local pantries.

The Club continues to assist with youth fish outings, ACL road clean up, and create fish habitat at ACL.

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Scales Mound Community Unit School District announces 2015 Illinois State Scholars

Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 and Scales Mound High School are proud to announce this year's Illinois State Scholars. Ms. Sonja Townsend and Mr. Jalen Phillips were among high school seniors from across the state to be selected as this year's recipients. This prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois State Assistance Commission (ISAC). Students receiving this honor are among the top ten percent of the high school seniors from high schools across the state.

To be honored as a State Scholar in Illinois is an outstanding accomplishment that will be a highlight of the recipient's academic record. The combination of exemplary college assessment examination scores and record of high school achievement indicates recipients of this award have a high potential for success in college.

(LEFT) Phillips is the son of Lori and Neil Anderson and Trenis Phillips. He has also been an active member of Scales Mound athletic teams and FFA. Jalen is planning on studying engineering and is considering attending the University of Illinois or Iowa State University.

(RIGHT) Townsend is the daughter of Sibylle Townsend and Steve Townsend. She has been an active member of Scales Mound athletic teams and FFA. Sonja is planning on engineering at the University of Platteville, Wisconsin.





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Conservation Conversations

Update on Chronic Wasting Disease in Jo Daviess County

BY PAULA WIENER, CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

CWD (chronic wasting disease) in the white-tailed deer population arrived in our county in 2011. The disease was discovered in 2002 in Illinois spreading south from Wisconsin along the border between Winnebago and Boone counties and northwest DeKalb County. To date there have been 538 cases discovered in 12 counties in our state since reporting began in 2003.

CWD is a prion disease that affects the brains of infected animals. Other prion diseases include “mad cow” disease in cattle, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans, and scrapie in sheep. CWD can infect both deer and elk. The disease progresses slowly. An animal can be infected for 18 months or more before symptoms appear. Only 6% of the deer that tested positive for CWD in Illinois showed any symptoms.

Symptoms include excessive salivation, loss of appetite, progressive weight loss, excessive thirst and urination, listlessness, teeth grinding, holding the head in a lowered position, and drooping ears. However, many of these signs are also symptoms of other diseases. Because the disease attacks the brain of infected animals they will eventually display abnormal behavior, lose coordination, and ultimately die.

Scientists have found no evidence that deer or elk with CWD can transmit some form of the disease to humans who either come in close contact to them or eat their meat. The disease is, however, a serious threat to the white-tail

population wherever it is found. There is no treatment or vaccine available at present. In one hunting unit near Laramie, Wyoming the infection rate is approximately 55%.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reports on its website a total of 13 infected deer in our county since the first case was found three years ago. Cases are reported by fiscal year ending in June, so numbers for 2015 are not yet available. According to Wildlife Disease/Invasives Program Manager Doug Dufford, the county infection rate is approximately 2-3%, centered primarily in the southeastern section and extending into the southwestern part of Stephenson County. An infected deer was discovered a few miles south of Elizabeth during the last reporting year (2014).

The IDNR asks hunters to bring their deer to identified stations where samples of brain and lymph nodes are taken. The samples must be taken from freshly killed animals making timing essential. The samples are then sent to federally-approved laboratories where a special stain is used to identify the CWD prion under a microscope. There are no tests that hunters or meat processors can perform to ensure the animal does not have CWD. As part of the IDNR’s CWD management program, focused sharpshooting is also used to collect samples. This program is only conducted in areas known to have the disease, usually within a two mile radius of where a CWD deer taken during the regular hunting season was found. Venison taken from animals that are not infected is donated to various charities, while any infected animals are incinerated.

The prions that cause CWD are shed in body fluids such as saliva, feces, and urine and most likely are passed through animal to animal contact. There is also the possibility of transmission when prions are attached to soil particles that are later ingested by another deer. This is not considered to be a serious problem in Illinois due to the relatively low infection rates. However, prions can remain infectious for five years or more and can build up in soil where there are higher rates of infection. This is why Doug Dufford reminds us that feeding, including salt/mineral blocks, is illegal in Illinois.

If you see a deer that may be sick, you should report it to a Conservation Police Officer or District Wildlife Biologist. My special thanks to Doug Dufford, Wildlife Disease/Invasives Program Manager with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for all his help with this article.

To Report a Possible CWD Sighting: If you see a deer that may have chronic wasting disease you may report it by calling the Illinois State Police Dispatch at 815-239-1152 ext. 0

Or you may call Jeff Horn the District Wildlife Biologist at 815-273-2771 or Doug Dufford at 815-369-2414 to report a sick animal.



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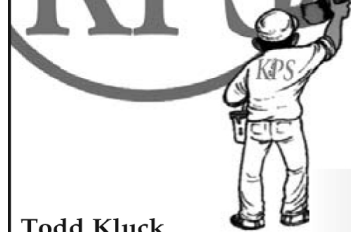
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Conservation Consultant's Report

SUMMARY REPORT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN JANUARY, 2016

BY MIKE MALON

Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District

Services provided to Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association (ACL-POA) for the month of January 2016 were primarily focused on drafting the watershed plan. A draft plan was distributed on January 29th. Please provide comments and feedback by February 28 so that adjustments can be incorporated prior to the March watershed meetings.

Laboratory data from 2015 sampling was received and used to generate load reduction calculations. 2015 was a wet year and consequently we saw about three times the nutrient loading as observed in 2014. Because load reductions are tied to storm water runoff the reduction goals are tailored with each year's data. This 2015 data is included with the watershed plan draft.

A student project was started with the University of Wisconsin, Platteville. We only have one project this spring and it involves a feasibility study of North Bay to address the sediment and nutrient loading issues there. With the completion of the watershed planning process and grant this July, the SWCD recommends following up with two more 319

grant applications this July: (1) shoreline riprapping in the north end of the lake (North Bay, Winchester, and Washington Cove areas) and (2) implementation of the student project findings. The final report from this student project is due April 21.

Shoreline stabilization plans have been drafted for a 2016 project. This will stabilize another 990 feet of shoreline around the Cove, Marina, and Nixon Beach areas. The recommendation has been made to move to the north end of the lake for 2017 stabilization efforts.

The next watershed meeting is March 10th and 12th. The topic of this meeting will be presenting the draft watershed plan and receiving public input. Please attend, your participation is crucial for the success of the planning process.

WATERSHED SIGNAGE CORRECTION

In the December *Conservation Conversations* we said there were two signs designating the Apple Canyon Lake Watershed area. There are actually five. See if you can locate all of them.

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The SWCD has historically sealed wells through the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Conservation Practices Program which covers 60% of well sealing costs, up to \$400. Under this program, the SWCD and Jo Daviess County Health Department have historically sealed two or three abandoned wells a year.

In 2014, the League of Women Voters and a private anonymous donor expanded the existing well sealing program by increasing the funding to 80% coverage with a project budget of \$5000. By matching this donation with the existing program 23 abandoned wells were sealed in Jo Daviess County in the last 12 months.

The program funds have now been exhausted. With the suspension of Illinois State funding to the SWCD, there is no more funding anticipated for this program in the next year.

An abandoned well can serve as a route for contaminating groundwater. Contaminated surface water, agricultural runoff, and effluent from private sewage disposal systems can enter the groundwater through such wells and cause pollution of other wells in area used for drinking water.

It is estimated by the Jo Daviess County Health Department that there may be as many as a thousand abandoned wells in our county. Historically, some of the hundreds of prospector holes dug during the early lead mining era were converted to wells and abandoned long before modern legal well sealing requirements.

The Illinois Water Well Construction Code requires the owner of a water well, boring or monitoring well to properly seal the well within 30 days after it is abandoned and no longer used to supply water. If a well or boring is in such a state of disrepair that it has the potential for transmitting contaminants into the groundwater or otherwise threatens the public health or safety, it also must be sealed.

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Friday, March 4, 2016, 6-9pm
&
Saturday, March 5, 2016, 7:30am-4:30pm
(Attendance required both days)
Apple Canyon Lake Clubhouse

Must call to register
815-776-0846 or 815-222-5010

Martini Night

Thursdays
5:30 pm

ACL Proshop

October 1
thru **March 31**

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*Everyone
Welcome!*



We've Got Something to Share!



Apple Canyon Lake Watershed

WHO: Apple Canyon Lake Watershed Residents and Visitors

WHAT: Introduction of the Draft Watershed Plan

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7p.m.
OR
Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Apple Canyon Lake Clubhouse
14A157 Canyon Club Drive, Apple River, IL 61001

After 1 1/2 years, the watershed plan is almost complete. Once finished, it will provide a framework to meet water quality goals throughout the watershed. The final steps to complete the plan include a public review and comment period. This meeting will provide a summary of the draft plan and copies will be available.

Now is the time to share your comments regarding the plan. We hope to see you there!

Learn more at www.applecanyonlake.org or call 815-492-2238
Meeting hosted by Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association in conjunction with the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District.
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2,023,244,230 + 1 ACTS OF GREEN

Earth Day Spring Clean-up

at Apple Canyon Lake



Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m.
Nixon Beach

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Monthly Euchre Party at the Clubhouse

**4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
@ 1 PM**

**\$1 DONATION GOES TOWARDS SNACKS AND PRIZES!
NO MONEY ON THE TABLE: JUST A FUN AFTERNOON
OF CARDS WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

For more information please call Cindy 815-492-2769
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yoga with dr. liz stocks

**Tuesdays &
Thursdays**

8 - 9 am

**in the
ACL Clubhouse**

**\$7 per class
or buy a
10-class
punch card
for \$63**

Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.



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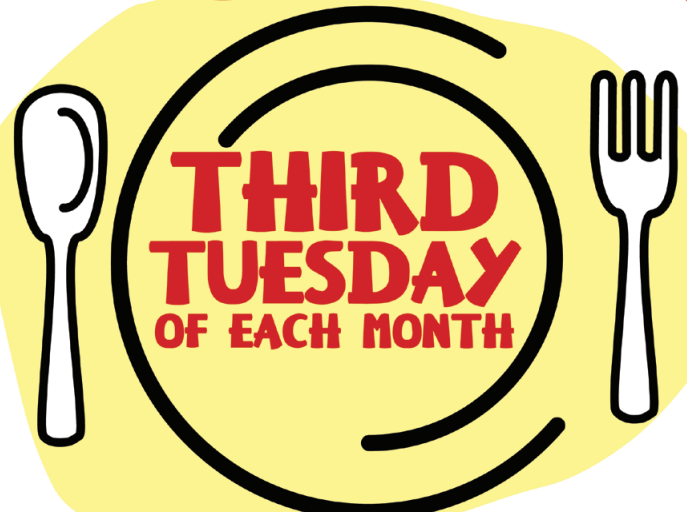
**JOIN THE
NIMBLE THIMBLE
QUILT CLUB**

**2nd Wednesday of the Month
9 am @ the Clubhouse**

For more information call
Gerri 815-492-2586



POTLUCK!



**5:30 PM
ACL CLUBHOUSE**

**Bring a dish to pass
Plates will be provided
BYOB - Bring your own beverage**

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Pro Shop Bar & Grill



Meet your friends and neighbors at the ACL Pro Shop for these specials!

Friday Night Fish Fry
5 – 8 pm

Saturday \$5 Burger Baskets
Eat on a dime all day long!

Sunday Game Day

Meet your friends and watch the game on our big screen tvs!

Pro Shop will close early at 3 pm on February 27 for a private event.

Wine and Canvas

Saturday,
March 19th
3 pm

ACL
Pro Shop

(Pro Shop will close for this event at 2 pm and reopen at 6 pm for dinner.)



Cost: \$35
includes all materials
and 2 wine chips
and hors d'oeuvres

Hosted by Jamie Melahn. Sign up at the Pro Shop by March 11
For more information call Rachel at 815-492-2477

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