

THE Apple Core

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All Aboard the Holiday Express!

Santa & Mrs. Claus stop by ACL to spread holiday cheer. Read more about their visit in this month's Recreation Re-Cap.



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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UPCOMING LOCAL DELIVERY DATES

The Apple Core reaches local homes and is posted in its entirety at www.applecanyonlake.org on the following dates.

Feb 3 • Mar 3 • Mar 31



NEW 2023 MENU

January Specials

- 5-8 Pulled Pork Macarito:** Pulled pork layered with smoked mac & cheese and BBQ sauce in your choice of wrap (white, wheat, or spinach) served with your choice of side
- 12-15 Country Fried Chicken:** Crispy chicken smothered with country-style gravy on a heap of mashed potatoes
- 19-22 Cowboy Wrap:** Tender steak bites, topped with crispy hash browns, queso, and mozzarella cheese served with your choice of side
- 26-29 French Dip:** Thinly sliced roast beef topped with Swiss cheese served on a French roll with au jus and your choice of side
- Soup of the month:** Chili (*while supplies last*)

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ACLPO FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS...

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is seeking applications for requests up to \$5,000 of funding awards for the 2023 calendar year.

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Qualifications for funding include **one or more** of the following criteria within the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association must:

- Be for an environmental program to enhance the beauty or improvement at ACL;
- Be educational in nature;
- Be in an area for public enjoyment; or
- Be helpful to the Apple Canyon Lake Watershed Management Plan.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available from the Association Office, on the Foundation webpage or by contacting jodyware2014@gmail.com. The grant application components include:

- Contact Information
- Proposal Title

- Proposal Summary
- Organization Description and History Requesting the Funding
- Background/Explanation of Problem
- Project Description
- If ACL staff will need to be utilized for project
- Project Timeline/Budget Timeline
- Proposed Budget

Requests for Proposals must be submitted to the Association Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2023.

Applications will be reviewed for funding allocation by the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation Board of Trustees by March 3, 2023.

All applicants will be notified by March 10, 2023 as to whether or not the application was funded.



Can you answer "Yes!" to any of these questions?

Are you up for the challenge?

- Are you a team player?
- Do you have vision?
- Can you spare some time?
- Are you interested in the long term health of the ACLPOA?
- Are you an "ideas" person?
- Are you dedicated?
- Do you love ACLPOA?
- Are you a good listener?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then won't you consider running for a seat on the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association's Board of Directors? Your Association needs you! Please read on!

ACLPOA is wonderfully diverse and equal representation goes a long way in protecting that diversity. Please consider becoming the ultimate ACL volunteer

Why should you consider running for a seat on the ACL Board?

You will have an opportunity to help make the decisions that will preserve all that Apple Canyon Lake has come to be, and set the policies that will keep it moving in the right direction within the limits of financial soundness.

REAPING THE BENEFITS. The future well-being of ACLPOA and how it is perceived by outsiders compared with other recreational communities will be reflected in the value of its properties and its reputation as an investment. We follow the adopted Mission Statement:

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors shall act in a fiscally responsible manner, as a fiduciary, while exercising all powers and authority vested in the association, so as to preserve its values and amenities, and promote health, safety, and welfare for the common benefit and enjoyment of its membership while maintaining its not-for-profit status.

Surely many who have served on the Board over the past 50 years have been motivated by a genuine desire to do their share in helping govern a beautiful, well run community. They contribute to decisions that affect both property values and the quality of life at ACLPOA.

HOW NOMINEES ARE SELECTED. The Nominating Committee, made up of property owners representing all subdivisions, is responsible for

soliciting candidates. The Bylaws specify that the Committee shall make at least two more nominations than the number of openings to be filled.

The Board is composed of nine members. Each year three terms expire and three directors are elected to the Board for a term of three years. This system, specified in the Bylaws, encourages participation of new members while providing substantial continuity in the conduct of Association affairs.

On June 10, 2023, three Board candidates will be elected for regular three-year terms. While no specific qualifications are required, applicants should meet the following criteria and consider whether their circumstances will allow them to attend the monthly meetings (on the third Saturday of every month) and to devote the time necessary to prepare for the decisions that have to be made.

CRITERIA. Applicants must be a member of the ACLPOA, be bondable, never have been convicted of a felony and agree to a background check, and be at least 21 years of age. In addition, only one owner of a lot may serve on the Board at the same time. The most important element is a willingness to work with others to promote and protect the interests of the Association as a whole.

If you feel you could serve the Association in this capacity, fill out the brief form shown and mail it to the ACLPOA Office by January 23, 2023.

Your brief bio and answers to written questions will be published online, in The Apple Core and mailed with the ballot material. Also, a "Meet the Candidates" forum is scheduled for April 8, 2023 at 1:00pm. The minutes from the forum will be published as well. The election will be held June 10, 2023 at the ACLPOA Annual Meeting. The Ballots will be mailed to the membership at least 30 days earlier.

Questions may be directed to the ACLPOA Administrative Office at 815-492-2238 or email them to officemanager@applecanyonlake.org.

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY ACL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL ELECTION

(Please print) _____, hereby submit my name to be considered as a candidate for the ACLPOA Board of Directors.

This application must be received at the ACL office no later than the Monday following the January Board meeting.

Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ACL address (if different) _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Home Work Cell _____

Are you bondable? Yes No

Upon receipt of this application a questionnaire will be sent to you.



Mail Completed Form to: ACLPOA | Attn: Admin Assistant/Nominating Committee
14A157 Canyon Club Drive | Apple River, IL 61001.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE...



BY JEN CALLAGHAN

Member Services -

- The team is ramping up for 2023 billing – envelopes are pre-stuffed and ready for bills to be printed. We expect them to be sent out in the first couple of weeks of January (by the time you are reading this). Please consider logging into your Northstar account to pay the fees this year.
- We have welcomed a new team member - Gail. She has brought a great perspective and some fresh eyes as a property owner.

• Megan Shamp (Office Manager) has resigned for a new opportunity. She has been here since 2008 & will be greatly missed. She has been very helpful in transferring essential knowledge to all of us. Ashlee Miller (Finance Manager) will absorb the collection and accounts receivable functions Megan handled, while I will be working with the team in front to work through the other processes (lottery, forms, meeting administration, board packets, etc.).

Accounting/Finance -

- Ashlee Miller has submitted the application for the Illinois 319 grant for the Winchester project. We should hear back by the end of February if we were awarded funds.
- We have received our first payout of the Conservation grant \$5383.
- Financial reports are showing slightly over budget, but we are hopeful that December made up some of this.
- January represents our transition month –our accounting year is closed down and prepared for our annual audit and the new year & budget setup.

Human Resources -

- Carrie and the team put together a fun team-building event in December. Notice the tomato cage gnomes? This was an excellent opportunity to work with some of the employees we don't always see.
- In general, we are moving the ACL team to be less location-isolated and more skillset & interest-focused. For example, the marketing team is now promoting all things, not just their events. Right people doing the right job that not only inspires and motivates them, but it pours out into the level of service they all offer to the community. I am so excited by all the ideas and contributions everyone on the team has to improve life at Apple Canyon!

Communications -

- Calendar and Chronicle are all done.
- The team has been working on planning for the 2023 Apple Core and Apple Seed content and creating some new, fun content.
- We continue to work through identifying opportunities to drive members to our online and self-help tools.
- We are also working on fine-tuning how we use our Northstar tools. For starters, we will be reaching out to property owners who have multiple members and ask for a primary designed for some of our snail mail communication, as the system does not allow us to print for everyone, only one.

Marketing/Events -

- The marketing/Communication team has started on merchandising, branding, & swag plans for 2023 for all locations. If you have any special requests or ideas, please let them know!
- The team continues to come up with more and more ideas that build community and generate fun for the residents/members. In January, there will be family game nights, trivia night at Pro Shop, and sledding day (if there is snow).

Safety & Security -

- Julie has been working on the heat light program – making sure everything is working correctly. We had at least one home saved during our cold snap. If you have a vacant home here, this is a program you don't want to miss out on!
- Additional cameras are set to be installed next week.
- Just want to give Julie a special mention... I have worked with many chiefs of safety in my career, and I have never worked with one who was as dedicated and invested in the community as she is.

Maintenance -

- The Maintenance crew has finished the 5 campsites, moved the dirt from the dredge ponds, finished the 32 docks, and the sewer/water line is fixed at Nixon beach (and much more!)
- The crew is also finishing up mile markers for the trails and making some improvements down at the marina.

Pro Shop -

- The team at the Pro Shop is doing well – specials are working, parties are very well attended, and it seems that each weekend gets better and better than the last. While we are scaling back staffing levels during our slow lunchtime hours, we are also entertaining adding in additional days of operation and possibly delivery, if the community supports it. Stay tuned as we develop more opportunities for the staff and for you.
- Everyone knew this was coming, but it's time to raise the beer/liquor prices. While we hate to have to jump prices so much at one time, I understand it has been 7 years since an increase was done. Between the costs of goods and the cost of labor, we have no choice.
- Lastly, and it goes without saying, but the goal is to get us closer to sustainability while protecting the jobs of our dedicated team. Please be patient with them and us as we try to find ways to improve the overall operation.

Natural Resources -

- Tyler has done a great job at sharing ideas for improvement and education whether is the greenway improvement program or zebra mussels. He will be attending the Illinois Lake Management Association Conference this winter that will continue to build his knowledge and contribution.
- As mentioned earlier, he has made great progress on the grant projects. He has even more ideas for more grants, which is excellent. We are excited to be bringing Kelsey King on to work with Tyler in these projects. You might know her from the Pro Shop – she recently graduated with a degree in Biology with an emphasis in Conservation from Augustana. We are excited to see what Tyler and Kelsey can accomplish with these new resources!

Capital Projects: Dredging -

- The bathymetric study has been completed; we are just waiting for the results.

- Survey of our dredge spoil ponds was completed before the holidays. This will determine our capacity. This, along with the results of the bathymetric study, will determine if it is practical to dredge this spring. There are some concerns that North Bay may not be sufficient, so we are anxiously awaiting the results.
- If we have the room, we need to remove what we need, we should be able to solicit proposals for approval in February, have equipment mobilized in early March (before thaw), and be able to start when the ice melts. If everything goes as planned, we should have most completed by Memorial Day, with possibly only the furthest end of North Bay wrapped up shortly thereafter.
- More to come on this project as we learn more.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...



BY NOLAN MULLEN

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to spend quality time with friends and family over the holiday season. In December the Board approved the 2023 budgets and fee schedules, so you should be seeing your 2023 assessments soon. The Recreation Commission is purchasing an ice rink to be placed at the Marina. Although you probably won't see me on it, I think it will be a nice addition for property owners to use and have some fun with. It will also pair well with the 1st Annual Apple Canyon Lake Winter Festival to be held

at and around the Marina, on February 4, 2023. It sounds like there will be plenty of activities and games to play at the Inaugural 2023 Winter Festival. The proceeds from this event will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc Commission has been working hard to find an operator for the 2023 season but hasn't been able to secure one yet. The Board and the Commission held a workshop after the December meeting to discuss the idea of ACL operating The Cove on our own, similarly to the way we operate The Pro Shop. There will be more information to come on this as those discussions continue. The dredging project is continuing to move forward. We are anxiously awaiting the dredge pond survey results to see if they have been adequately cleaned out. There are three seats open for the upcoming Board of Directors election. Those interested need to act soon, as the deadline for candidate applications is January 23rd.

Have a Safe and Healthy New Year!



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COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY..

Recreation Commission: Recommended the purchase a 44'x88' Ice Rink for the Marina parking lot (Approved by the Board on December 17,2022).

Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission: Finalizing location for Memorial Pavilion, budget, design, and has started reaching out to contractors for proposals.

Board Policy Ad Hoc Commission: Finalized Property section of Board Policy for Board review in January. Continues to work on the Personnel section.

Cove Operator Ad Hoc Commission: Continued the search for an Operator of the Cove as well as explored options for in-house operation. The Board will make the final determination of which route to go in January.

Safety & Emergency Planning Commission: Reviewed, Edited and Revised Safety and Emergency Planning Documents

Nominating Commission: Held an Informational Gathering at the Pro Shop in November and discussed what to change for future years. Commission continues to search for candidates for 2023.

Rules & Regulations Commission: discussed Boat Slip modifications, Paddleboard sticker and ID placement, Indoor & Outdoor Storage, and License plates for implementation in 2024

Strategic Long-Range Planning: Reviewed planning process with Jen Callaghan. **Commission also** discussed HOA surveys and sampling as well as alignment of long range plans with the ACL Reserve Study.

Architecture & Environmental Control Committee: Regarding 9A159 Hawthorne Ln - Approved the demolition and reconstruction of the septic system, the partial demolition of an existing dwelling, the construction of a 420-sf addition including an enlarged lower level, ground floor and a mezzanine to the existing dwelling as per the submitted documents.

4A24 Colt Dr - Approved the installation of a solar array on the shed roof as per the submitted documents.

9A190 Cottonwood Ct - Approved the construction of two 8" diameter concrete piers 2' deep and 7' away from the shoreline as per the submitted documents

6A17 Gettysburg Ln - Denied approval of 384-sf single story shed encroaching into the setback and over the property lot line into the greenway .



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MEGAN SHAMP, OFFICE MANAGER
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Goodbye!

This is the last article you'll see from me in the Apple Core. I have accepted another position and by the time you're reading this, I will no longer be with Apple Canyon Lake. I've met many great people over the past 14+ years and wish the Association all the best in the future.

Pay Online

Online payments can be made through the Member Portal on the website. The Member ID is printed on your billing statement. If you do not remember your password, please contact the Association Office and we will help you get logged in.

Dues statement packets sent

Statements were sent in early January. If you signed up for electronic statements and don't see your statement email, please check your junk or spam folder. If a lot has multiple owners, each owner will receive a statement reflecting the total balance owed on the lot. It is up to the owners to decide how to divide the balance amongst themselves. If you have moved, please take a minute to update your address with us. If you have not received your mailed statement by January 20, please contact the office. Remember, the Annual Assessment (Dues) and all mandatory fees and paperwork are due March 1, 2023. Any payments received after March 1 will be late.

Paperwork due March 1

The 2023 Boat Slip License, 2023 Campsite License, 2023 Indoor Storage License, 2023 Outdoor Storage License, and Kayak Locker Renewal Agreement are also due March 1. The completed license and registration paperwork (as outlined in the Rules & Regulations) are required by March 1 to complete each license agreement. Failure to complete any of these requirements will result in a \$100 late fee assessed March 2 and forfeiture of the boat slip, campsite, storage space, or kayak locker if not complete by

March 15! Forms can be submitted through the website at <https://www.applecanyonlake.org/group/pages/forms-resources> and registration paperwork can be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.

All owners encouraged to conduct business remotely

All owners are strongly encouraged to pay online, by mail, or to sign up for ACH - either the one-time pull withdrawn February 1, or one of the two Payment Plan options. We can accept credit or debit card payments online or over the phone, but a 4% convenience fee does apply. Online payments made from a checking or savings account do not incur a fee. For \$10 postage, we will mail the amenity tags, stickers, etc. to your home! The yellow 2023 Property Owner Information form included in the statement packet must be filled out and returned with the postage fee to have your items mailed.

2023 Payment Plan

The 2023 Payment Plan form and complete details are published in this issue and are available on the ACL website or from the Association Office. There is a \$35 Payment Plan Processing Fee for each lot entered on the Payment Plan before the early signup deadline on **Tuesday, January 31**. This fee is paid in the March 1 installment, no payment is required at signup. Installment amounts will not be emailed out until after January 4.

ACH signups accepted through January 25

New one-installment ACH signups for 2023 can be accepted any time prior to Wednesday, January 25. ACH payments are withdrawn from your checking or savings account on February 1 of each year. The full statement balance is paid in one installment with this option. The ACH authorization continues until the agreement is terminated in writing by either ACL or the property owner. Please contact the Office for a form if you would like to sign up. There is no charge to participate in the one-installment ACH program.

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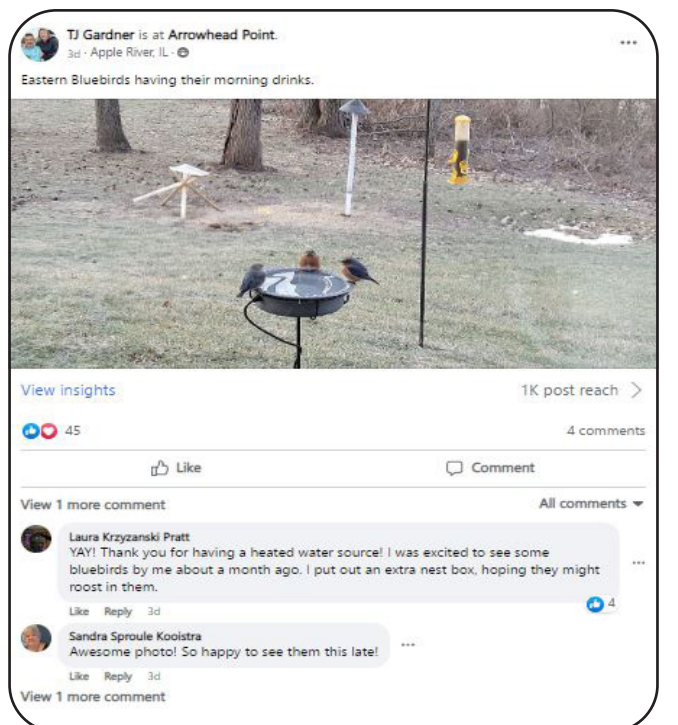
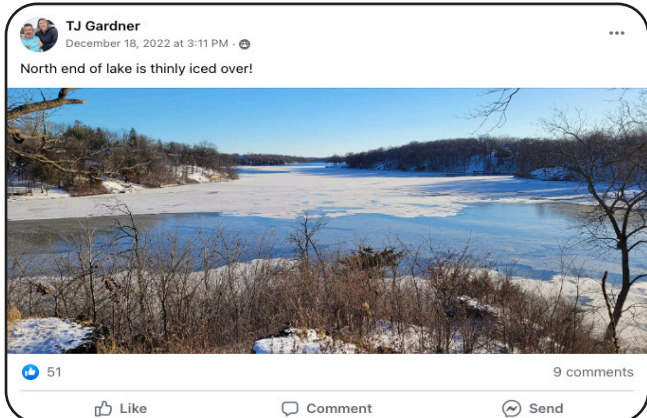
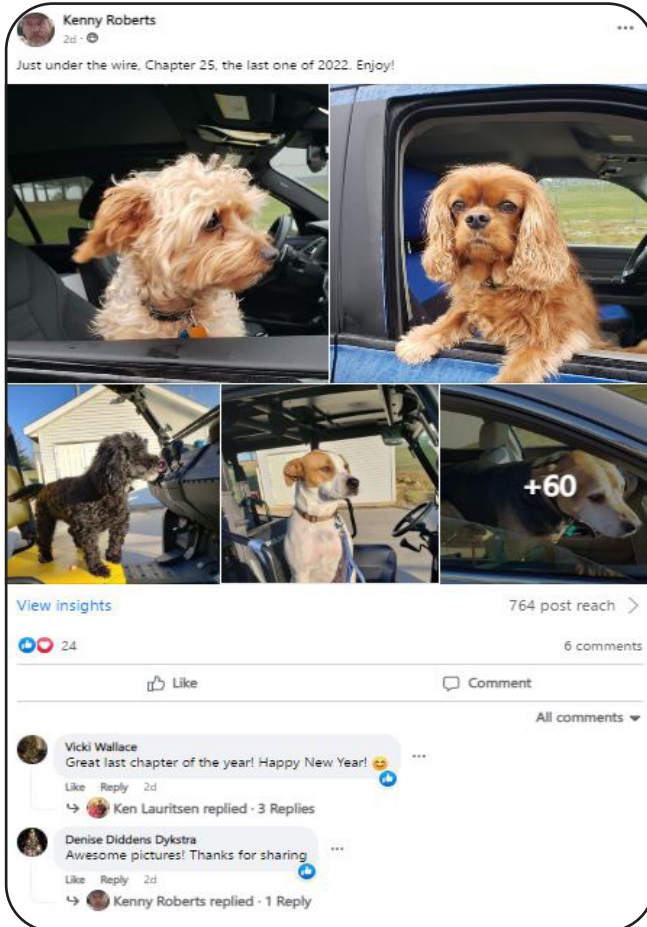
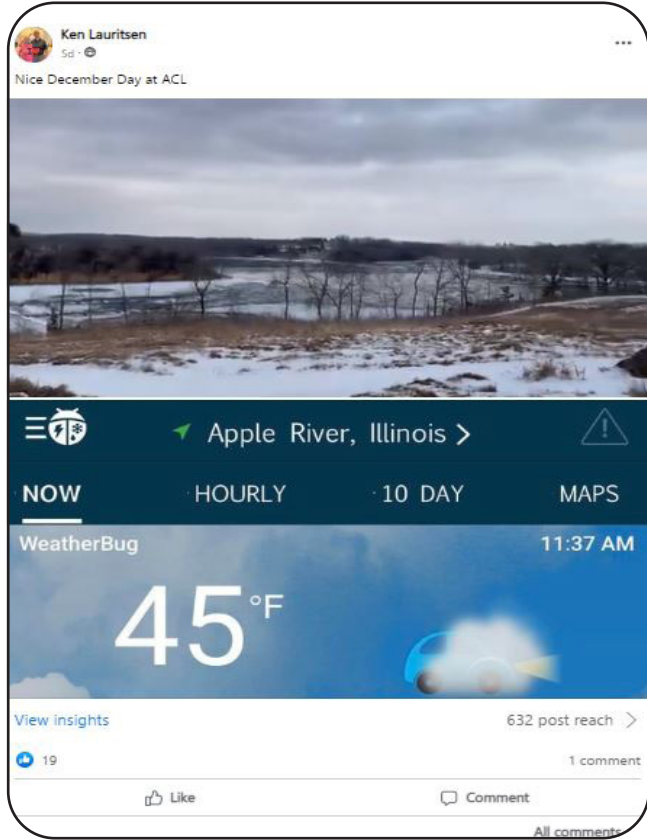
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- 9:30am - Move Well, Feel Well
- 10:30am - Gentle Yoga

Thursday:

- 8:30am - Embodiment Yoga
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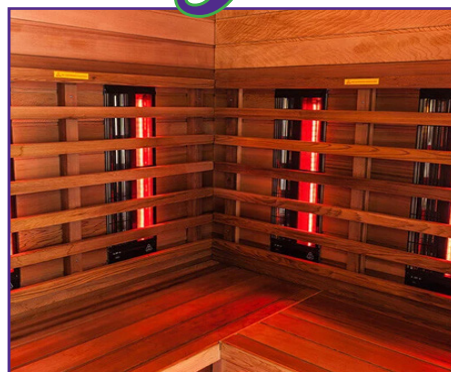
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNAPPROVED MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES...

ACL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2022 UNAPPROVED

- 2.0 Call to Order – President Nolan Mullen called the meeting of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association to order at 9:03 am on Saturday, December 17, 2022.
- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following Directors in attendance: Nolan Mullen, Mike Harris (via Zoom), Henry Doden (via Zoom), Steve Borst, Bill Becker, Mark Kosco, Bob Ballenger, John Anderson (via Zoom) and Laura Pratt. General Manager Jen Callaghan was also present.
- 4.0 Approve/Adopt Minutes from the November 12 Executive Session and Regular Meeting - Laura Pratt motioned “to approve/adopt minutes from the November 12 Executive Session and Regular Meeting.” Seconded by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.
- 5.0 Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer’s Report will be in The Apple Core.
- 6.0 Committee/Commission Reports
 Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc - Laura Pratt reported they have met almost weekly since starting. Three possible locations are being discussed. The other side of the tower seems to be the best spot as it is the largest, can accommodate a lot of people, room for overflow, etc.
 Strategic/Long Range Planning – Steve Borst reported they met on December 2. Talked about our capital projects, next meeting is in February.
 AECC – Joe Wiener reported they met on December 10. Approved 3 applications for permits, denied 1. Next meeting is January 7 and will focus on the building codes.
 Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc – Tom Ohms reported there will be a presentation/workshop later today.
- 7.0 General Manager’s Report – Jen Callaghan provided an update on all departments. Report will be in the Apple Core.
- 8.0 President’s Report – will be in The Apple Core.
- 9.0 Property Owner Comments
- 10.0 Any Additions to the Agenda – no additions.
- 11.0 Consent Agenda
- 11.1 Committee/Commission Changes – Steve Borst motioned “to appoint Crystal Erdenberger as Secretary of the Nominating Committee; to appoint Carmel Cottrell as Chair & Secretary and Mary Hannon as Vice Chair of the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission; and to appoint Mary Witt to the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission.” Seconded by Bob Ballenger, motion carried unanimously.
- 12.0 Unfinished Business
- 12.1 Assignment of Transferable Dock Form – Bob Ballenger motioned “to approve the revised Assignment of Transferable Dock Form as included in the December 17 Board packet.” Seconded by Mark Kosco. Discussion: none, motion carried unanimously.
- 12.2 Rules & Regulations: Paddleboard Sticker and ID Number Placement – Bob Ballenger motioned “to table this agenda item.” Seconded by Bill Becker, motion carried with one nay.
- 13.0 New Business
- 13.1 AECC Appeal – Majeski – Bob Ballenger motioned “to approve the request of Property Owner to extend 2 feet 6 inches into the 10-foot side yard setback for the purpose of installing a landing/stairs from side door.” Seconded by Bill Becker. Discussion: Joe Wiener, Building Inspector, reported that the AECC has approved other permits that extend into the 10 foot setback. Side door of current home is unusable due to the distance from the ground. Want to put in a 4’x8’ platform to safely exit the side door to get into the yard. Roll call: Mark Kosco – aye; Laura Pratt – aye; Steve Borst – aye; Bob Ballenger – aye; Bill Becker – aye; Henry Doden – nay; John Anderson – aye; Mike Harris – nay. Motion carried with six ayes, two nays.
- 13.2 Request to Restrict Lot – Maulding – Bob Ballenger motioned “to approve the request for the restriction of lot 05-047.” Seconded by Laura Pratt. Discussion: This program is not a good idea for the Association as we lose money every time we approve restrictions. We have 107 mistakes on the books (approved Restricted Lots). All opposed, motion fails unanimously.
- 13.3 General Manager’s Performance Goals – Mark Kosco motioned “to approve the 2023 Job Performance Goals for Jen Callaghan recommended by the Executive Committee for the General Manager.” Seconded by Bob Ballenger, motion carried unanimously.
- 13.4 Recreation Commission Designated Fund Purchase – Nice Rink – Bob Ballenger motioned “to approve the purchase of a 44’ x 88’ Nice Rink ice rink, to be paid from the Recreation Commission Designated Fund, at a cost not to exceed \$6,200.00.” Seconded by John Anderson. Discussion: how are they planning to fill the rink? Utility water or water from the lake? How long will this be up for? John Anderson

- probably utilities water and would be taken down end of February, beginning of March. Build by the Marina for a warming place and restrooms. Maintenance Department has agreed with this, they can document the time commitment. Good amenity for the winter months. Motion carried with one nay.
- 13.5 Winter Festival - Mark Kosco motioned “to approve the 1st Inaugural Apple Canyon Lake Winter Festival to be held in the Marina parking lot, in the Marina, and on the ice around the Marina, on February 4, 2023, with 100% of the proceeds to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Also, to budget in 2023 for the 2024 event, based on 1st year expenses.” Seconded by Bob Ballenger. Discussion: donations requested by people attending? Yes, and local businesses. Trial for 2024. 100% of all donations for St. Jude this year. Main thing we would need is the Marina open as a warming center, place to serve food and restrooms. We have some donations already solicited, enough funding to get set up, etc. Concerns about budget portion of motion, would want to know numbers. Mark Kosco amended his motion to strike the last sentence (to budget in 2023 for the 2024 event, based on 1st year expenses). Seconded by Bob Ballenger, amended motion carried unanimously.
- 13.6 Concession Agreement – Remm Outdoors – Laura Pratt motioned “to approve Remm Outdoors to operate and sell fishing supplies in the Marina parking lot from December 18, 2022 to March 31, 2023.” Seconded by Bob Ballenger. Discussion: proposed hours of operation? Have not set hours yet. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Ballenger motioned “to suspend Roberts Rule of Order.” Seconded by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 13.7 Rules & Regulations and Operational Procedures: Indoor & Outdoor Storage – 1st Reading – Discussion: last page talking about indoor and outdoor storage. Saying assigned to the lot, not the person. Transfer with sale of lot section. Will automatically terminate (last sentence). How is it doing that being tied to the lot? Instead of saying transfer with sale of lot, should say terminate? Language needs cleaning up. Will take back to Rules & Regulations for clarification.
- 13.8 Operational Procedures: Terms of Long-Term Slip Assignment – 1st Reading – Discussion: current process is to charge all slips a motorized boat fee, even if the boat using the slip is non-motorized. Just asking to remove sentence: “All watercraft registered to an Association Slip shall pay the motorized fee on the current fee schedule.”
 Motion to reinstate Roberts Rule of Order by Mark Kosco, seconded by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
 Motion to adjourn by Mark Kosco at 10:42 a.m.
 Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry
 President, Nolan Mullen
 Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt
- 13.9 Capital Projects Update - Dredging – ponds have been cleared; engineering will be out Monday to survey capacity of the silt ponds. Bathymetric should be completed early January. At that point, we can evaluate the capacity needs with requirements and determine next steps.
 Motion to reinstate Roberts Rule of Order by Mark Kosco, seconded by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
 Motion to adjourn by Mark Kosco at 10:42 a.m.
 Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry
 President, Nolan Mullen
 Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt

ACL PROPERTY OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2022 UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: BOD President Nolan Mullen called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. The following Board Members were present: Nolan Mullen, Bob Ballenger, Bill Becker, Stephen Borst, Mark Kosco and Laura Pratt. Attending by Zoom: John Anderson, Henry Doden, Mike Harris. Also present: Jen Callaghan, General Manager.
- 2.0 Topics Discussed
- 2.1 Pending, probable or imminent litigation
- 2.2 Appointment, employment, engagement, or dismissal of an agent, employee, independent contractor, or provider of goods and services
- 2.3 Interviews of agents, employees, independent contractors or other providers of goods and services
- 2.4 Violations of Rules and Regulations
- 2.5 Non-payment of a unit owner’s share of common expenses
- 2.6 Consultation of the Association’s legal counsel
- 3.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:58 AM.
 Respectfully submitted, Laura Pratt

Board Actions...

DECEMBER

- 11.1 Committee/Commission changes – APPROVED
- 12.1 Assignment of Transferable Dock Form - APPROVED
- 12.2 Rules & Regulations: Paddleboard Stickers and ID Numbers – TABLED
- 13.1 AECC Appeal – Majeski - APPROVED
- 13.2 Request to Restrict Lot - FAILED
- 13.3 General Manager’s Performance Goals - APPROVED
- 13.4 Recreation Commission’s Designated Fund Purchase - APPROVED
- 13.5 Winter Festival – AMENDED & APPROVED
- 13.6 Concession Agreement – Remm Outdoors – APPROVED
- 13.7 Rules & Regulations and Operational Procedures: Indoor and Outdoor Storage - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 13.8 Operational Procedures: Terms of Long-Term Slip Assignment - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 13.9 Capital Projects Update – NO MOTION REQUIRED



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If you have an Association-licensed boat slip, March 1 is the 2023 deadline for more than just your dues payment. Dues and fees must be paid on all lots owned, and a signed 2023 Annual Boat Slip License, current watercraft insurance and current state registration or non-powered watercraft information must be submitted to the office by March 1 for each slip. Failure to complete any of these requirements will result in a \$100 Boat Slip Late Fee assessed March 2, and revocation of the previous License and forfeiture of the boat slip if not completed by March 15. All slips forfeited will be placed in the pool and assigned to another property owner at the Slip Swap or Slip Assignment Day.

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 by all owners, designated members or occupants associated with all their properties.
- A boat must be registered to the slip by providing current insurance and a current State Watercraft Registration Card for a motorized boat, or non-powered watercraft information, as defined in the Rules and Regulations, to the Office.
- A completed and signed Boat Slip License must be provided to the Office.

If your Watercraft Registration is expired, you need to apply for a renewal online. A temporary watercraft registration card valid for 60 days will be generated when renewing online. The new IDNR website is <https://www.exploremoreil.com/>.

The minimum required amount of liability insurance coverage is \$500,000 for bodily injury and property damage combined. Acceptable proof of liability insurance documents must meet the following requirements: the policyholder/named insured is the property owner of record; the insured watercraft must be described, and the policy term expiration date and liability coverage amounts must be listed. Continuous until canceled policies will not be accepted.

Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your insurance and registration information! I promise you; you do not want to tear through shrink wrap on an icy February day to get a copy of the State Watercraft Registration to the office by the March 1 deadline! All insurance and registration documents can be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.



Is your Indoor or Outdoor Storage Space in danger of forfeiture?

If you have an Association-licensed Indoor or Outdoor Storage Space, March 1 is the 2023 deadline for more than just your dues payment. Dues and fees must be paid on all lots owned, and a signed 2023 Indoor Storage License or 2023 Outdoor Storage License, and current liability insurance on the vehicle in storage (as defined in the Rules & Regulations) must be submitted to the office by March 1. Failure to complete any of these requirements will result in a \$100 Indoor or Outdoor Storage Late Fee assessed March 2, and revocation of the previous License and forfeiture of the Indoor or Outdoor Storage Space if not completed by March 15. All Indoor or Outdoor Storage spaces forfeited will be placed in the pool and assigned to another property owner at the Indoor & Outdoor Storage Swap & Assignment Day.

In order to maintain an Indoor or Outdoor Storage Space assignment from year to year, all of the following must be completed by March 1 for each storage space:

- All assessments and fees must be paid on all lots owned by all owners, designated members or occupants associated with all their properties.
- A golf cart must be registered to the Outdoor Storage space; or a golf cart/ATV/UTV registered to the Indoor Storage space by providing current liability insurance, as defined in the Rules and Regulations, to the Association Office.
- A completed and signed Indoor or Outdoor Storage License must be provided to the Association Office.

Acceptable proof of liability insurance documents must meet the following the requirements: the policyholder/named insured is the property owner of record; the insured vehicle(s) must be described, and the policy term expiration date and liability coverage amounts must be listed. Continuous until canceled policies will not be accepted.

Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your insurance and License! All documents can be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.

Is your Association Kayak Locker in danger of forfeiture?

If you have an Association-licensed Kayak Locker, March 1 is the 2023 deadline for more than just your dues payment. Dues and fees must be paid on all lots owned, and a signed 2023 Kayak Locker Renewal Agreement must be submitted to the office by March 1 for each kayak locker.

If an owner fails to complete any of these requirements, a Priority Mail letter will be sent. Failure to meet all requirements within 10 days of delivery of said letter will result in revocation of the previous License Agreement and forfeiture of the Kayak Locker. All Kayak Lockers forfeited will be placed in the pool and assigned to another property owner at the Kayak Locker Swap & Assignment Day.

In order to maintain a Kayak Locker 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 by all owners, designated members or occupants associated with all their properties.
- A completed and signed Kayak Locker Renewal Agreement must be provided to the Office.

Please do not wait until the last minute to submit your paperwork! All documents can be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.



Is your Seasonal Campsite in danger of forfeiture?

If you have an Association-licensed Seasonal Campsite, March 1 is the 2023 deadline for more than just your dues payment. Dues and fees must be paid on all lots owned, and a signed 2023 Annual Campsite License, current liability insurance and current state registration or title (as defined in the Rules & Regulations) must be submitted to the office by March 1. Failure to complete any of these requirements will result in a \$100 Campsite Late Fee assessed March 2, and revocation of the previous License and forfeiture of the Seasonal Campsite if not completed by March 15. All campsites forfeited will be placed in the pool and assigned to another property owner at the Campsite Swap & Assignment Day.

In order to maintain a seasonal campsite assignment from year to year, all of the following must be completed by March 1 for each campsite:

- All assessments and fees must be paid on all lots owned by all owners, designated members or occupants associated with all their properties.
- A camper must be registered to the campsite by providing current liability insurance and a current State Recreational Vehicle Registration or title, as defined in the Rules and Regulations, to the Association Office.
- A completed and signed Campsite License must be provided to the Association Office.

A current State Recreational Vehicle Registration must be provided if the camper is transported to/from the Campground. A current State Recreational Vehicle Registration or Title will be accepted if Camper Storage fee is paid. The Camper Storage fee must be paid by March 1 if only a Title is provided. If the owner chooses not to store the camper at the Campground over winter, the camper must be removed prior to the Campground closing date and the Camper Storage fee will be refunded after a current State Recreational Vehicle Registration is provided.

Acceptable proof of liability insurance documents must meet the following the requirements: the policyholder/named insured is the property owner of record; the insured camping unit must be described, and the policy term expiration date and liability coverage amounts must be listed. The minimum required amount of liability insurance coverage is \$500,000 for bodily injury and property damage combined. Continuous until canceled policies will not be accepted.

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RECREATION RE-CAP:

Jingle Bell Brunch

BY KIRSTEN HEIM,
Communications & Recreation Admin Assistant.

On Tuesday, December 6, the Recreation Department hosted the Jingle Bell Brunch in the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse was transformed into a holiday haven for our members to enjoy while they ate. The tables were draped with buffalo plaid linen and at the tables' center were precious holiday lanterns filled with greenery and battery-powered tea candles. The Recreation Department provided two spiral-cut hams for the brunch in addition to the plasticware and holiday plates.

Members that attended also contributed a dish to pass so there was plenty of good food to go around. I really enjoyed the caramelized bacon-wrapped weenies, holiday ham paired with pineapple, and various breakfast bakes. We definitely have some talented cooks in our midst here at ACL! Though we didn't fill out the dining space as much as we hoped, everyone that attended hit it off together. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. We plan to revise the Jingle Bell Brunch for 2023 to encourage more participation, so watch for details to come in the new year!



Sweet treats were in no short supply at the Jingle Bell Brunch.



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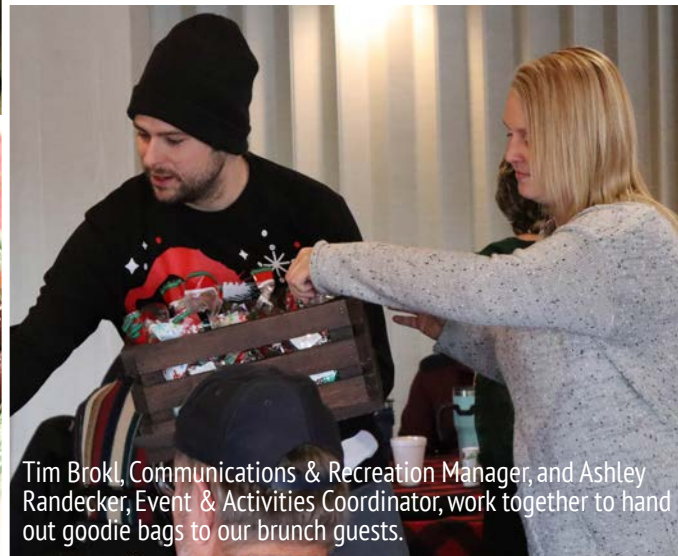




Property Owners serve themselves as they proceed down the brunch line.



These bacon-wrapped weenies were a fan favorite!



Tim Brokl, Communications & Recreation Manager, and Ashley Randecker, Event & Activities Coordinator, work together to hand out goodie bags to our brunch guests.



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RECREATION RE-CAP:

Holly Jolly Winter



Holiday helpers Fern and Steve help Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland guests warm up with cookies and hot cocoa, compliments of the ACL Garden Club.



ACL kids enjoy a slew of carnival games after visiting with Santa.



All Aboard! ACL was the last stop for the Holiday E

BY TIM BROKL, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION

On Saturday, December 3, Santa & Mrs. Claus stopped to visit with all the children of ACL at the Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland. The kids shared with him their Christmas wishes. Ashley Randolf showed up with Santa to assist with photos, sending them home the following week. Turns out, she also works as an elf in the North Pole!

After visiting with Santa, kids played a slew of carnival games, ate food, and roasted marshmallows to enjoy with their candy canes. They waited for Santa to throw the candy cane switch, lighting up the holiday season!

We hope all the families that joined us, had a great time celebrating Christmas, happy holidays, and a safe and happy New Year!



Santa and Mrs. Claus

er Wonderland



ATION MANAGER
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 cookies and hot cocoa while they eagerly
 ating the ACL Christmas trees, officially

Holiday helpers Fern and Steve help Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland guests warm up with cookies and hot cocoa, compliments of the ACL Garden Club.

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APPLE CANYON LAKE GARDEN CLUB NEWS...

The Garden Club Bloomed in 2022

This past year has been a productive one with lots of hard work balanced with just the right amount of fun. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our families, friends, neighbors, volunteers, and donors who worked together to enhance our community.

To start off 2022, the Garden Club supported the May Day Auction by donating a wheelbarrow filled with garden-related products. The Foundation supports the Garden Club by providing us with grant money to educate and beautify our lake community.

The Garden Club continues to prepare, plant, and maintain signpost gardens all over the lake and throughout the seasons. Each year, the plants flower and change. This year was beyond spectacular.

The Road #3 sign garden was a big garden project this year. It was a partnership with Apple Canyon Lake and The Garden Club. ACL provided the monetary resources and along with community members, together we shaped the vision for a new entrance.

Ed Ziarko led his crew to build the vision using heavy equipment and along with maintenance staff, the Garden Club "get to crew" also designed the garden, researched and bought the best plants, shoveled and moved soil around, shaping the garden. A lot of sweat equity was spent carrying buckets of water from a water tank to make sure the plants survived the summer. And they did! The garden also has new holiday lights that we purchased to make it more festive for the holiday.

The Annual Plant Sale was successful in raising funds for our club. Children received a special welcome with a walking stick to go hiking and seeds to plant.

The new Lake Adventure Map was introduced and was made available for families to search all over the lake and find new places to go and have fun. We celebrated the Children's Garden with Wiggly Waggles of Caterpillars in the Garden Event.

Children were wowed with an educational presentation on caterpillars and watched butterflies be set free. Scarecrows in the Children's Garden was the fall event. We learned that live scarecrows were more fun for children.

We hosted home garden walks, prairie walks, invasive plant tours, and seed collection events. All are inspiring and each one is quite informative. It is so fun to see how one's garden

is an expression of one's own love and beauty. Led by member Roger Higgs, members also helped with reseeded Hawthorne Prairie to restore it back to a thriving prairie.

The Garden Club collaborated with Apple Canyon Lake again for Canyon Kids Camp in the Children's Garden in July. This year's theme fit in educationally with the Garden Club's Caterpillar theme.

We hosted a Spring and Fall Luncheon/Meeting and collected and donated food to the Elizabeth Food Pantry. We welcomed many new members this year and with many hands, we made lighter work.

The Garden Club's annual tradition of "Hanging of the Greens" continues. The signs are adorned with greenery and holiday decor thanks to the hard-working "get to crew" consisting mainly of islanders (those who maintain the garden islands).

Partnering with the Recreation Commission for the "Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland", our Garden Club bakers provided delicious cookie treats for guests. We also created cookie platters for our wonderful employee groups who help keep our community on the right track. Thank you to the Office staff, Maintenance staff, Safety and Security staff, and the Pro Shop staff. We know how important you are to our vitality.

If you are interested in joining The Garden Club of Apple Canyon Lake or in making a donation, please contact our New Member Coordinator, Lori Hewitt. Email: lori.hewitt@outlook.com Phone: (630) 302-2002

To those of you who see the heart in our community and provide us with resources, we honor you. A kind word, a pat on the back, donating or sharing items and ideas, coming out from behind a desk to help shovel and move the soil, we thrive and grow with each encounter.

And our planning teams have already been meeting to surprise you with more fun and EDU-TAINMENT in 2023.

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BY RON CARPENTER

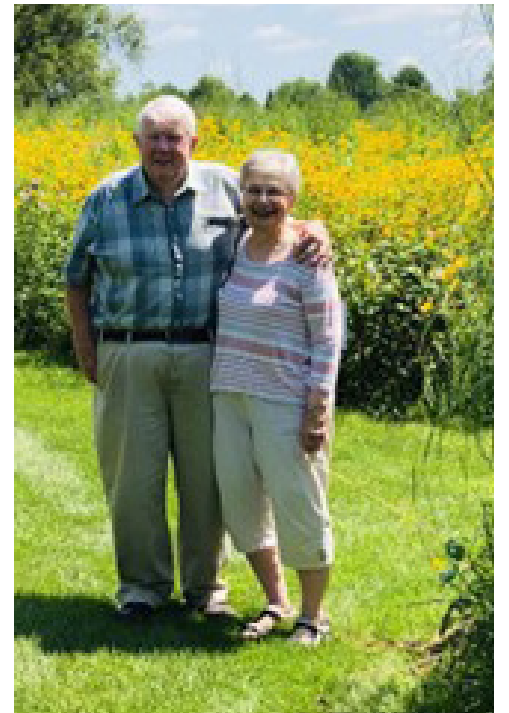
ACL resident Roger Higgs was honored this last fall by UW-Platteville by having a Soil and Crop Science Lab dedicated to him.

Dr. Higgs taught in the School of Agriculture from 1966 until 2003. He taught in at least 15 different courses to at least 12,000 students. From 1968 until 2003 he was director of the Soil and Crop Science major. He conducted cooperative agronomic research for both UW-Platteville and UW-Madison for 34 years at the Lancaster Research Station.

All of this is just the framework of an exceptional "coaching career" working with student judging teams and related student organizations. He helped establish and advise the Soil Conservation-Agronomy club (1967-2003); the Soils team (1967-2003); the Crops team (1970-2003) the weed Science Team (1984-2000); the Tri-State Land Judging Team (1967-2003); the Wisconsin Collegiate Soils Contest (1967-2003); and the World Forage Management Cup Contest (1987-2003).

During his involvement with these teams, they won: ten national soil judging championships, seven national crop judging contests, and numerous state and regional championships. The Soil and Water Conservation Chapter has been recognized ten times as the outstanding SWCS student chapter in the United States.

Roger could not have accomplished all of this without a dedicated partner, his wife Fran. In their retirement they have continued to support the students at UW-Platteville through his work fundraising for scholarships.



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The terms for the three installment ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

- \$415..... 1/3 of the Annual Assessment [Dues]
- \$38..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$76, if three owners \$114)
- \$35..... Payment Plan Processing Fee
- \$130..... Trash Fee (if applicable)
- \$300..... Seasonal Boat Slip (if applicable) plus corresponding boat registration fee
- \$850..... Seasonal Campsite/Camper Registration (if applicable)
- \$25..... Outdoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
- \$125..... Indoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
- \$25..... Kayak Locker (if applicable)

**All other recreational vehicles such as ATVs, golf carts, boats, non-motorized boats, and snowmobiles, 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 unless staff are instructed to remove them from the account at the time of signup.*

Withdrawn on May 15

- \$415..... 1/3 of the Annual Dues
- \$36..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$72, if three owners \$108)

Withdrawn on July 15

- \$415..... 1/3 of the Annual Dues
- \$36..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$72, if three owners \$108)

The terms for the five installment ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Assessment [Dues]
- \$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$40, if three owners \$60)
- \$35..... Payment Plan Processing Fee
- \$130..... Trash Fee (if applicable)
- \$300..... Seasonal Boat Slip (if applicable) plus corresponding boat registration fee
- \$850..... Seasonal Campsite/Camper Registration (if applicable)
- \$25..... Outdoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
- \$125..... Indoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
- \$25..... Kayak Locker (if applicable)

**All other recreational vehicles such as ATVs, golf carts, boats, non-motorized boats, and snowmobiles, 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 unless staff are instructed to remove them from the account at the time of signup.

Withdrawn on May 15

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
- \$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

Withdrawn on June 15

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
- \$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

Withdrawn on July 15

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
- \$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

Withdrawn on August 15

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
- \$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

To sign up for the ACLPOA Payment Plan, property owners must do the following:

PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 2023, SEND A VOIDED CHECK AND THE PAYMENT PLAN ACH FORM TO THE ACLPOA OFFICE. Any incomplete forms or forms returned without a voided check will not be included in the payment plan for 2023. Payment Plans set up after January 31, 2023 will also be subject to a Late Signup Fee of \$25 per lot. Payment Plan submissions cannot be accepted after February 25, 2023.

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 credited to the account for future use or refunded via check upon receipt of a written refund request.

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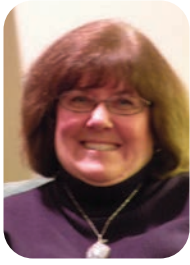
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CONSERVATION CONVERSATIONS...



BY PAULA WIENER, Conservation Commission Chair

Stargazing in the Winter Sky

Apple Canyon Lake is a perfect spot to stargaze due to its lack of light pollution. And the winter sky has a lot to offer if you are willing to brave the cold. The dry air and cold temperatures result in crystal-clear skies. You can see quite a lot with the naked eye, but if you choose to use binoculars put them outside for a bit before you start to acclimate them to the low temperatures otherwise you may get some blur.

Of the nine planets in our solar system (I refuse to give up on Pluto), four will be easily visible in January: Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. Venus is named after the Roman goddess of love and beauty. The planet may have gotten its name because of how beautifully it shines. Only the Sun and Moon are brighter. Mars is the Roman god of War and may have lent his name to this planet due to its red color. Jupiter was the King of the Gods in Roman mythology equal to Zeus in Greek mythology. His name is an apt choice for the largest planet in our solar system. Saturn was the god of agriculture and time. Of the five planets visible to the ancient Romans, Saturn took the longest to rotate around the sun.

There are seven winter constellations to look for as well. Each has an interesting backstory as to how they were named. Ursa Major and Minor were named by the Greeks because they saw a bear walking around on its clawed paws. Ursa is the Latin word for "bear".

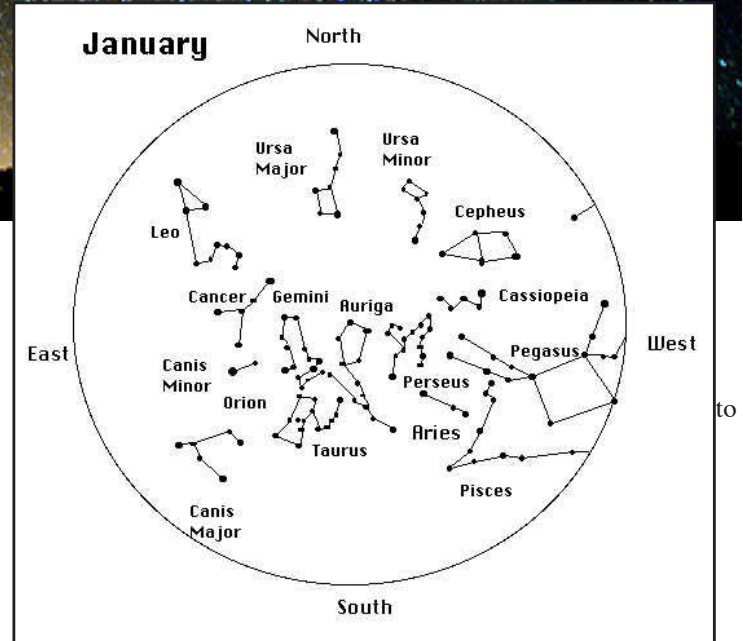
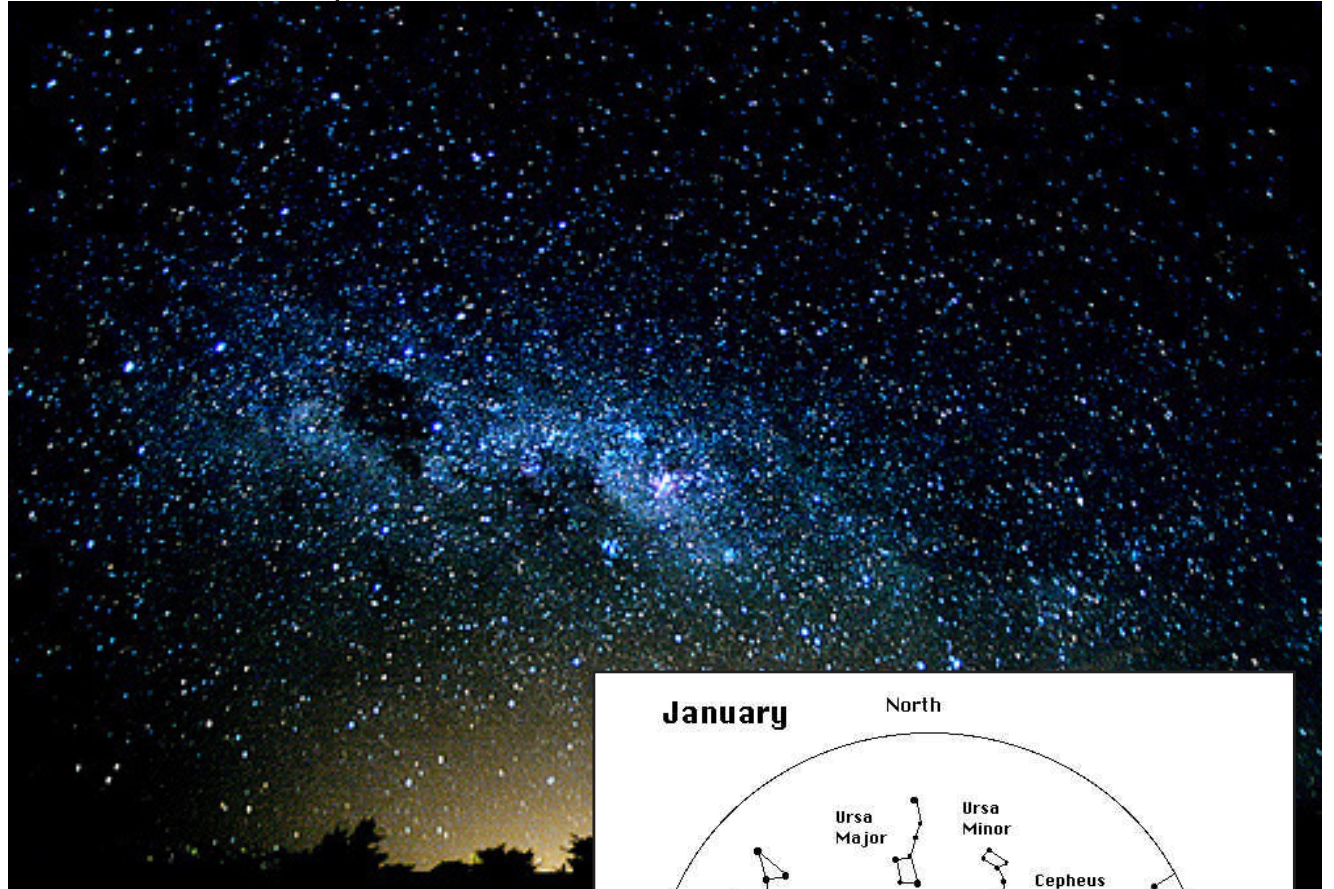
Cassiopeia was named by the 2nd-century Greek astronomer Ptolemy. It has a very distinctive shape formed by five bright stars in a "W" pattern. It is named after the queen of a country on the northern coast of Africa. She claimed that she and her daughter Andromeda were more beautiful than the attendants of Thetis the goddess of the sea and Poseidon the sea god.

Orion is one of the oldest constellations and has roots in many ancient cultures. It is named after a demigod and is famous as a hunter. It seems that old Orion fancied himself a ladies' man and began stalking seven beautiful sisters. The ladies, known as the Pleiades, were unable to fend him off and prayed Jupiter for his help. He turned them into doves and let them fly free. That didn't stop old Orion and he chased them into the sky. Jupiter sent Taurus the Bull to protect them and made himself the eye of the bull that remains between Orion and the Pleiades forever.

Ptolemy also named the constellation of Gemini, Latin for "the twins". The stars in this group represent Castor and Pollux two of the heroes led by Jason on his voyages on the Argo.

And finally, we come to Pegasus the winged horse. Perseus, a hero of Greek mythology, beheaded the Gorgon Medusa and the beautiful white-winged horse sprang forth from her neck.

So as PBS stargazer Jack Horkheimer always said, "Keep looking up!" Now you know some of the stories behind what you are seeing.



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Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation Joins Blackhawk Area Council to Preserve Scout Camp

Stockton, IL – The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) recently partnered with Blackhawk Area Council to preserve Canyon Camp, a beloved, 86-year-old Scout camp in rural Stockton, IL, by purchasing 140 acres of the camp.

“Canyon Camp is a very special place,” said Sedrick Robinson, Scout Executive for the Blackhawk Area Council (BAC) of Boy Scouts of America, which owns the Canyon Camp property. “Generations of young men and women were taught to love the outdoors and learn life skills here. It’s a place we didn’t want to lose. The preservation of the Canyon Camp property is unique in the life changing experiences it has provided and will continue to provide to thousands of youth and adults through the Scouting program. Blackhawk Area Council offers everything from day activities, weekend campouts, school/youth group outings to week-long summer camps. Each time someone visits Canyon Camp they are immersed in the spirit of Canyon Camp that instills an appreciation for nature, teaches independence, builds character, fosters stewardship for the land and instills the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

In 2021, BAC made the difficult decision to sell approximately half of its Canyon Camp property. Last month, JDCF was able to step in and purchase this half, allowing the BAC to retain ownership of most of the camp property.

“We wanted to protect this treasured place that families in our community have known and loved for over 80 years,” said Steve Barg, Executive Director of JDCF. “It’s easy to take places like Canyon Camp for granted, but it’s not until they’re in jeopardy that we realize how vulnerable our public lands can be. We worked really hard to protect this place and we’re so glad we could help protect the Canyon Camp legacy that was started all those years ago.”

Canyon Camp was founded in 1936 when Robert and Anna May Koenig of Freeport, IL donated the original 150 acres of Canyon Camp to the BAC. Additional acreage was added to Canyon Camp over following decades, eventually growing to its present size of approximately 315 acres.

With this latest sale, the BAC retains 175 acres of the camp containing cabins, a mess hall, and other camp facilities, which will continue to be used for scouting as usual. JDCF intends to open up its 140-acre portion of the camp for enjoyment by the general public in 2023.

“Buying part of Canyon Camp is just one more way we can help protect the Apple River area,” said Jim Johannsen, Director of Land Conservation for JDCF. The



Apple River watershed, and the Apple River Canyon area in particular, has long been recognized as a unique landscape worthy of conservation. Canyon Camp is located next to Apple River Canyon State Park, which began with just 200 acres in the 1930s and has since grown to over 2000 acres thanks to JDCF and several other nonprofit organizations. The canyon is home old-growth forests, rare hill prairies, steep cliffs, and many endangered species.

“We want keep the farms and forests around the Apple River Canyon the way they are now,” added Johannsen. “Working with the Scouts, farmers, and other private landowners is how we do that.”

Funding for JDCF’s purchase of the Canyon Camp property was provided by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit whose mission is to preserve and steward land and water for the lasting well-being of all people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF properties. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Elizabeth IL, or contact them at www.jdcf.org, or info@jdcf.org.



Jo Daviess County 4-H Youth Buzzes

Elizabeth, ILL [October 12, 2022]—Discover Together, which is the general concept of 4-H, and for one Jo Daviess County teen, that is where his interest in beekeeping blossomed. Chase Dittmar knew nothing about bees and probably would have never thought twice about beekeeping... but in 2017, all of that changed. By chance, Chase attended a session on



beekeeping that was held during the annual 4-H Fun Day event that he thought was interesting. When he had the opportunity to join the Beekeeping Club, a special interest club supported by Jo Daviess County 4-H, he jumped at the chance. East Dubuque resident Donovan Coffey led the club and shared his love of bees with interested youth. Donovan offered to mentor any 4-H members interested in bees—which quickly led

to Chase picking up the beekeeping project. It did not take long for Chase’s interest in bees to grow, and by 2018, he had convinced his parents that he needed a hive. In 2021, Chase purchased a second hive, and just this past year, he added four more hives!

“4-H has so much to offer! One of the things I love about 4-H is the ability our families have to experience 4-H in a way that is ideal for them,” says Angela Miller. “Individuals may choose to participate in a school enrichment activity, an afterschool program, clubs, camps, special interest workshops, state, and national events, or do 4-H at home. With over 60 projects to choose from, there is something for everyone! A lot of our members will find a project over their 4-H career that sparks their interest. For many that spark leads to future careers, hobbies, and life-long passions... that is amazing to see!” To see all the options, visit

go.illinois.edu/jsw.

“4-H is an incredible experience because it allows you to discover new things,” adds Chase. “It challenges you to do things you wouldn’t expect to do.”

As a project, beekeeping starts with the basics at a beginner level and then increases to intermediate and advanced levels. Chase has taken beekeeping for the last few years. As part of the project, he creates a poster to show general information he has learned about bees to be judged during the 4-H show as well as bringing in his own honey to be judged. The honey is judged on color, texture, flavor, and aroma.

“Learning about bees, I was amazed by their intelligence—despite them being insects,” remarks Chase.

Chase chose to raise Italian Honey Bees, one of the most common types of honey bees. “They produce a good amount of honey, and they are one of the gentlest types of bees,” explains Chase. About every two weeks, Chase checks his hives. “I love beekeeping. It is so much fun to go down there and see what they’ve been doing.”

Chase has named his business, Dry Creek Beekeeping and sells most of his honey to friends and family. What is so special about Chase’s honey? “My honey is pure, raw, wildflower honey. The difference is that most honey sold in stores is clover honey. Wildflower honey is healthier and grown within the local area. If you have allergies, the local wildflower honey, may minimize the risk of allergic reactions,” notes Chase.

Chase has created a YouTube channel with how-to demonstrations, informational videos, and even the day-to-day journaling of checking in on his bees. He has 375 subscribers to his YouTube Channel and over 44,564 views since April 2021. Because of his videos, Chase has received products from companies in exchange for creating short videos for his channel.

Chase has been in 4-H since he was a Cloverbud at age 7. Other 4-H projects Chase has done include woodworking, photography, and art. He has also competed at state for Public Speaking and Creative writing. Chase is a senior at Galena High School. He’s planning to attend a university next year to major in biology and environmental sciences. Outside of 4-H, Chase is also involved in the Galena Bass fishing and Galena Trap Shooting teams at school. Chase is the son of Dan and B’Ann Dittmar. He has a younger sister, Brooke, who is also in 4-H.

For more information about 4-H in Jo Daviess County or volunteering, contact Angela Miller, Jo Daviess County 4-H and Youth Development Program Coordinator, at the University of Illinois Extension office by phone: 815-858-2273, email: amillr11@illinois.edu or by visiting go.illinois.edu/jsw.



Open Hike Night – a Free Luminaria Walk at Casper Bluff & Casper Creek

January 21, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm

JDCF invites the public to an open hike night at Casper Bluff on January 21, 2023 from 6-8:00 PM. Bring the entire family to for a chance to experience the preserve and the adjacent Casper Creek Natural Cemetery after dark. Luminarias will light the trails leading to the Thunderbird effigy mound, the Galena Rotary Pavilion, and through the natural cemetery. There will also be several communal bonfires burning to keep you warm. RSVPs are not needed and you are free to arrive and depart at any time during the event. There is no fee to attend but donations are gladly accepted. Celebrate the start of a new year by getting outside and enjoying the magical Casper Bluff. Snow date is January 28th. Casper Bluff is located at 870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena, IL. This event is co-hosted by the Casper Creek Natural Cemetery.

“WHAT’S TRUMP?” RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM UPDATE...

BY SUE GARDNER, CO-CHAIR

Our Relay for Life Team at ACL was privileged to receive a generous cash donation of \$650 from Steve & Carol Coffey Malone and Aaron & Crystal Erdenberger for their firewood donations at the campground. During the nice weather, Steve, Carol, Aaron, and Crystal donate their time to be sure there is an ample supply of firewood at the campground. We would also like to give a “Big Shout Out” to all of the campers who have made a donation for the firewood as the donations go back to The Relay for Life / American Cancer Society Organization to fund cancer patient services, programs, and cancer research.



Photo at Left: Recently, Tim Brokl, Communications Director, presented Pat Reese, Virginia Ozga, Sue Gardner, and Lee Causero, members of the “What’s Trump” ACL Relay for Life team, with a donation check in the amount of \$1977.12, the profits from the July '22 “Trail Trekker 5K for a Cause” event. For the past few years the profit from this event has been donated to our team and then included in our yearly donation to the American Cancer Society. We would like to thank ACL and all who participated in this fun summer event for this donation. This donation as well as the revenue from the campground wood donation will be included in our 2023 check to ACS. If you are a football fan we are now selling Super Bowl Pool squares at \$20 per square. We pay out \$1000 in prizes and donate \$1000 to ACS. If you are interested please contact me at 815-492-1320 or email me at marybehan48@gmail.com. I will choose a square that I hope will be lucky for you.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY...

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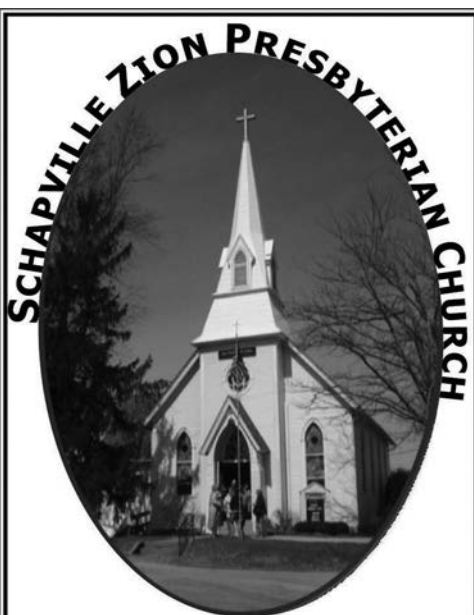
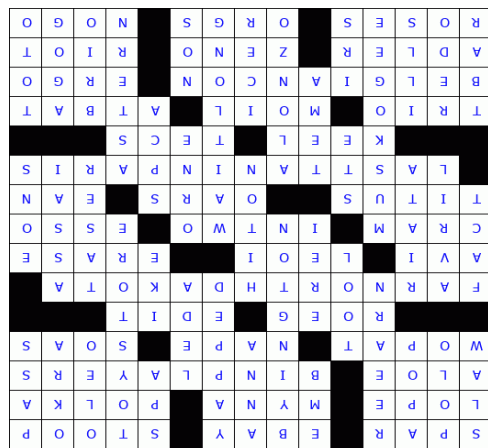
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COMMUNICATION CONNECTION...



BY TIM BROKL,
Communications & Recreation Manager

2022 flew by, and I can't believe it is already 2023!

In 2022, a lot of exciting things happened in the Communication and Recreation departments. In April of 2022, we hired on Ashley Randecker to take on the role of Event & Activity Coordinator. Ashley hit the ground running with this position and has been such a great asset to add to our team. While Kirsten and I put so much focus and energy into upping our social media presence, creating new publications, and starting to dabble in the world of video, Recreation not only didn't suffer, but was also able to grow thanks to Ashley. Over the winter I hope our members make it to one of her Family Fun Nights in the clubhouse. I am excited to see what she does in 2023.

Also in 2022, the Recreation Commission was busy coming up with new additions to existing events, new events, and made some great purchases for our member to enjoy in the 2023 year. Two of the items the Commission has purchased in 2022 include a 12-foot x 24-foot stage for future ACL concerts. The other item the commission has purchased, that is currently on its way it a 40-foot by 80-foot ice rink for the Marina parking lot. We are hoping that will be up by the end of January for owners to enjoy.

With the end of one year and the beginning of a new one that means everyone is in need of a new calendar. By now member should have received their 2023 ACL Wall Calendars, Canyon Chronicle and the 2023 Event Brochure. The ACL Wall Calendar comes pre marked with all your important ACL dates, such as, event, board meeting, and deadline dates. Canyon Chronicle features everything you need to know about life at the lake, including maps, fee schedules, solid waste & recycling information, and more! Lastly, the new Event Brochure is a quick guide to majority of the event the Recreation



Above Photo from NiceRink.net

Department and Commission host through the year. However, be sure to stay up to date with changes and additions to the event schedule throughout the year by visiting the ACL website, reading the weekly Apple Seed, and following our social media pages. Kirsten and I would again like to thank all our members who submitted photos for the calendar. Those who weren't featured in the calendar we encourage you to keep an eye out in the Chronicle, as your photo may appear in it.

While 2022 was an exciting year, finally getting back to normal after two years of covid restrictions, I am even more excited for what 2023 has in store.



Family Fun Nights in the Clubhouse...

BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, *Event & Activities Coordinator*

All you need is love, but crafts at ACL now and then don't hurt the Family Fun Night! Valentine's Day is coming right around the corner so don't forget to mark your calendar for February 11 for our Family Fun Night. On this one special night, we will be doing fun crafts that are for their special loved ones! A couple of the crafts will have paint involved, so dress accordingly! We will also be decorating cupcakes as part of the night and the Recreation Department will provide popcorn and drinks! The movie will be announced the night of. We will not have an indoor game for this one since we will be decorating cupcakes. Make sure you wear your jammies and bring a blanket and/or sleeping bag with pillows to get comfortable during the movie!

Please see the poster on the back of this issue of *The Apple Core* for more information. March Family Fun Night crafts and activities will be announced in the February issue of *The Apple Core*. Stay tuned to learn more. I can't wait to do these cute crafts and decorate cupcakes with everyone!

OBITUARY...

Delores T. Soprych

Delores T. Soprych, 81, of Apple Canyon Lake, rural Apple River, IL, passed away at 5:53 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at Mercy One Medical Center in Dubuque, IA.

Visitation for family and friends is from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the Miller & Steinke Funeral Home in Scales Mound, IL. A memorial service will be held later in Chicago.

Delores was born On November 27, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of John and Genevieve T. (Mrog) Kopernik. She was employed by the Chicago Public School System as a school clerk, at Patrick Henry School and Walt Disney Magnet School, until her retirement in 2007.

Delores started coming to Apple Canyon Lake in 1969 and moved there full-time following her retirement. She loved working in the dirt taking care of her flowers and yard. In her



younger years she also enjoyed fishing.

Surviving is her son, Robert (Nancy) Soprych, and granddaughter Bella of Chicago, IL, and dear aunt to several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John Kopernik. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.millerfhed.com

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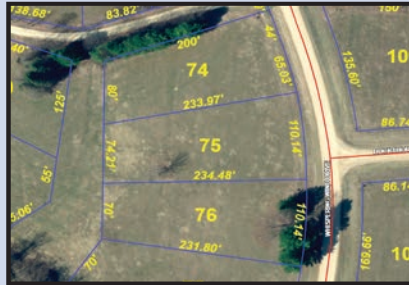
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LARGE MOUTH BASS	UNDER 13"	5
LARGE MOUTH BASS	OVER 24"	1
LARGE MOUTH BASS	13" TO 24"	0 - CATCH & RELEASE
SMALL MOUTH BASS		0 - CATCH & RELEASE
WALLEYE	MINIMUM 18"	2
NORTHERN PIKE	OVER 36"	1
MUSKIE	NONE	0 - CATCH & RELEASE
CATFISH	NONE	3
BLUEGILL	UNDER 8"	25, Only 8 may be over 8"
CRAPPIE - Jan 1 to ice out	MINIMUM 10"	5
- ice out thru June 14		0 - CATCH & RELEASE
- June 15 thru Jan 1	MINIMUM 10"	10
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UPDATED ILLINOIS SMOKE ALARM LAW

- Effective January 1, 2023 -

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance worked with the General Assembly to pass a law which will require Illinois residents to replace their old smoke alarms with the type that has a long-term, 10-year sealed battery beginning January 1, 2023. This would apply to residents that are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.

What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 100-0200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in alarm technology.
- Come January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed with a single or multi-family home are required to be featured with a 10-year sealed battery.
- Smoke alarms in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023 may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date, fails to respond to operability tests, or otherwise malfunctions.

Exemptions

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
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