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# **Candidates For The 2023 Board Election Announced!**

The following property owners have filed applications to run for the ACLPOA Board of Directors.

The election will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

David Allgood13-173Carmel Cottrell13-22Hendry Doden13-129
Brian Holt
13-172
Sue Marron
3-150
Kristin Luu
3-68
Debra McNamee
13-133

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**MARCH 2 – 5:** ACL chicken bowl with mashed potatoes, corn, and chunks of fried chicken layered together, and drizzled with brown gravy topped with shredded cheddar cheese.

**MARCH 9 – 12:** Pork tenderloin basket featuring a lightly breaded pork tenderloin with lettuce, tomato & onions on a grilled bun served with a side of coleslaw and fries.

**MARCH 16 – 19:** Corn beef tacos topped with shredded cabbage, diced tomato, and special sauce served on the side with chips and salsa. Choice of soft or hard shell.

**MARCH 17** (St. Patrick's Day): Corned beef and cabbage dinner featuring roasted corn beef served with seasoned red potatoes, baby carrots, cabbage, and a slice of marble rye.

**MARCH 23 – 26:** Gyro basket with sliced lamb, red onions, and diced tomatoes topped with tzatziki sauce, all rolled up in a warm pita and served with a side of fries.

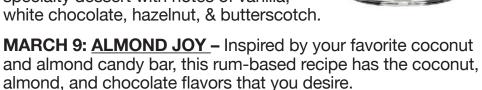




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**MARCH 30:** <u>PEACHES & CREAM</u> – Created with the age-old dessert in mind, this vodka-based recipe fully encompasses both the rich vanilla and peach flavors.

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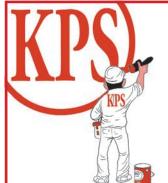
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BY JEN CALLAGHAN

### **Member Services –**

To start, I want to give a huge shout out to Stacy Anderson. With the reduced staffing in the office, she has been a rockstar in stepping up to lead the member services role, sometimes singlehandedly. While we normally have 2 more full-time employees helping the front office, Stacy is managing with only periodic help from other team members and does so with an excellent attitude.

Along those lines, you may have observed that we have started closing the office for 30 minutes at noon. While this has been somewhat controversial, we feel it's necessary to give Stacy and the staff a collective break from what can be very overwhelming at times. By giving everyone a chance to regroup, connect, take a deep breath, and possibly take a quick walk for fresh air (together), we end up with a team that hopefully enjoys their days better. That, in turn, equates to improved service, less turnover, and an overall positive work culture. On the other hand, if that half hour is the only time you can come to the office, please call us ahead and we will make it work.

### Accounting/Finance -

- Draft financial reports for 2022 are done and we are preparing for our annual audit in
  the first part of February. While we ended the year over budget more than planned, we
  are working diligently on identifying and resolving some of the issues that caused that
  overage. For starters, our bad debt was excessively high. Ashlee has worked with our legal
  team to develop a process to streamline collections, thereby reducing some of the legal
  fees that go along with it.
- Other priorities on the financial front will be to rework our reserve study to ensure adequate future costs are incorporated. We will also be focusing on our reserve funds into some higher interest-bearing accounts so that the homeowner burden to keep these funds at the required level is slightly lessened.

### **Human Resources -**

- Hiring has begun! We are hiring everywhere Pro Shop, Cove, Pool, Marina, you name it! We are starting early so we can plan. If you have worked for us and plan to return, please reapply in our new system.
- One new thing that is exciting to announce is the Board approval of some part-time accrual for time off. Up until this point, only full-time employees had paid time off. We



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have extended some of these benefits to part-time employees as well.

### Communications/Marketing -

- The team has really been hitting it out of the park with all their marketing development, event planning, communication, and more! This group has developed a full marketing strategy for the Cove, taken over marketing for the Pro Shop & Golf, planning golf outings, new events, and so much more than was anticipated for this year.
- In addition to all this extra work, they will have a full line of ACL swag that will be available at the Pro Shop, Marina, and Cove in April.
- Bottom line, we are super excited about what this team has been putting together!

### Safety & Security -

• In addition to helping everyone in our snow events, the Security team has put together a plan for a Wellness Check program. More details to come, as we anticipate the Board will review the program in March.

### Maintenance -

• Maintenance continues to make huge improvements to the Cove and Marina.

### Pro Shop -

- We are excited to announce that Leah Breckheimer has stepped up to the plate to serve as the Pro Shop Supervisor. You might know her for her amazing martinis! While she helps with leadership at the Pro Shop, she has also been helping us on the Cove project with respect to our systems and bar operations.
- The Pro Shop continues to evolve and grow. I have heard the price grumblings and with the Spring/Summer menu, we believe everyone will be pleasantly surprised on how we put things together to be affordable. For now, we are seeing tremendous growth and are surprisingly busy more than ever. The goal of "losing less" is almost a certainty!
- Last thing on the Pro Shop this is the first of our amenities to open full-time. We are looking for a few good people to help make this happen. Even if you can only help a day or two per week, we have opportunities!

### Natural Resources -

 Tyler & Kelsey keep plugging away! In March, both of them will be attending the Illinois Lake Management Association conference. I expect they will come back with some great ideas for ACL. In the interim, Joe Rush will be working with us on getting a documented Lake Management Plan together to memorialize our goals and annual activities/ expectations.

### Marina -

• I am excited to report that the Maintenance team has really made some significant improvements to the Marina. We were able to score some additional product shelving units, move some things around, and really expand our offerings to improve service to the community. One of our vendors will be setting up a full line of standard convenience store products (snacks, grocery, paper goods, health/beauty). The marketing team is building the logo-wear program, while the rest of the staff is sourcing other items that we think the community will appreciate. If you have an idea of what you would love to see there, please contact me!

### **Capital Projects:**

### Dredging -

• Proposals have been received and were much less than planned. Dredging is set to begin as soon as the ice melts!

### Spillway -

• Core samples will be taken in the last week of February. While we are slightly behind schedule, we are still plugging away.

### Cove -

- Painting is done, the dining room is set up, and it looks amazing! The facility team has
  done an exceptional job making simple, inexpensive improvements that have completely
  changed the vibe on a shoestring budget.
- Menu has been completed. While it has been a challenge to make sure we have a quality menu with affordable options, we want to stress that our goal is to deliver great food & service and to evolve together, pivoting to your needs as a community.
- If you didn't get a chance to attend Mike Ward's presentation on February 11, you can check it out on our website. You will quickly see why we are all so motivated to make this a reality for the community!

Last, but not least, Strategic Planning has made some updates to the Plan-on-a-Page to align with the goals that the Board has set for me in 2023. Stay tuned for next month when I will add updates on a few other projects we have in the works.



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Marina Opens Spring Cleanup

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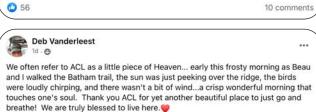
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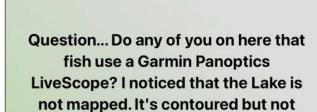






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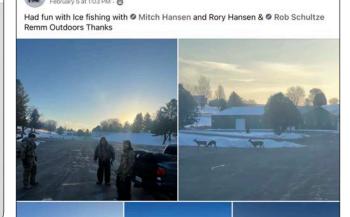


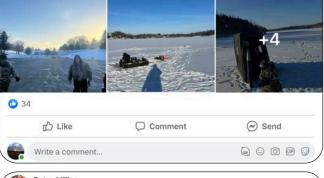














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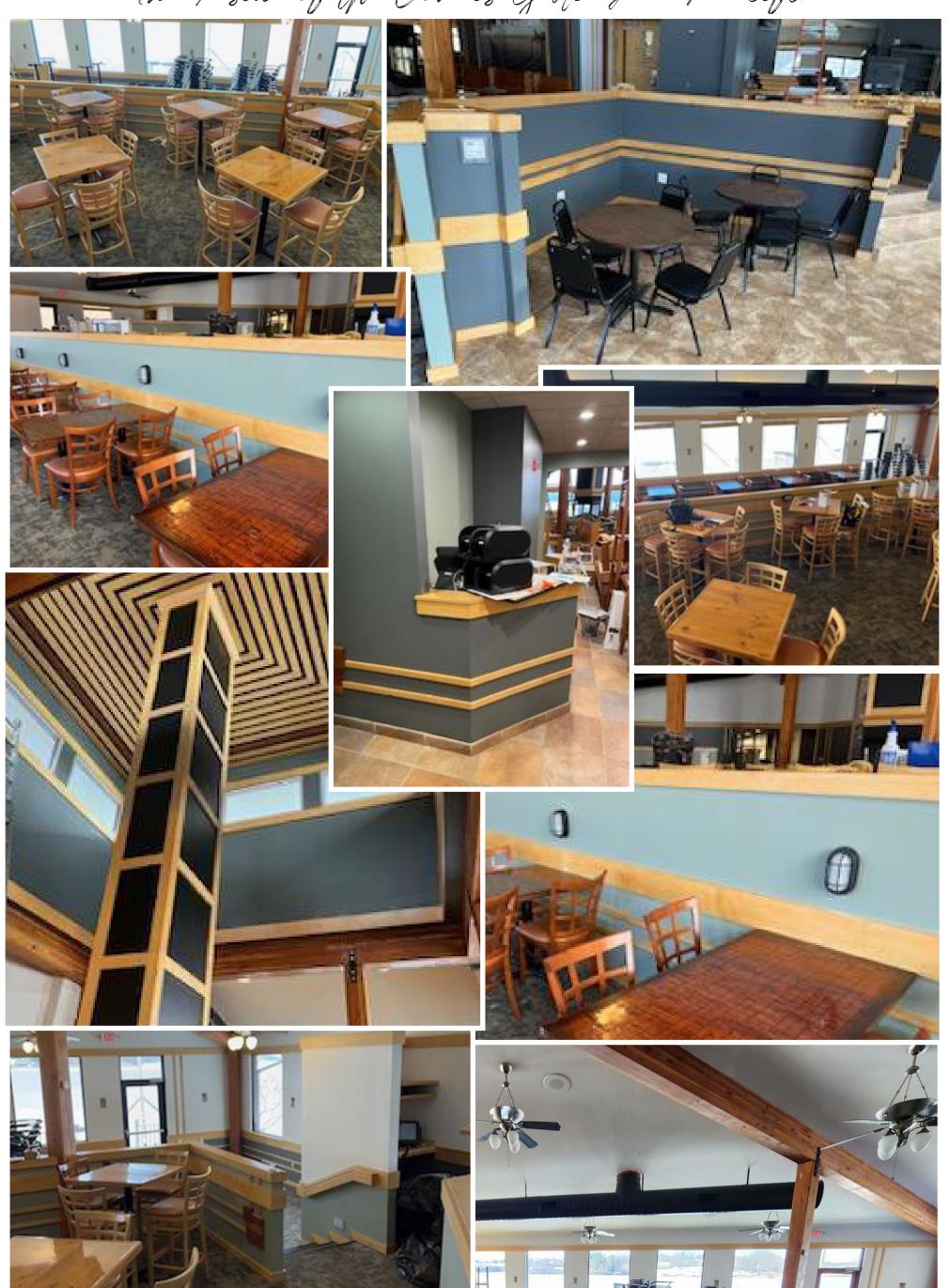
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# The Inside of the Cove is Getting a Facelift!



### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES — QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The Board continues to find ways to serve ACL members. Property owners want quality dining experiences. The goal is to:

- (1) add the Cove to everyone's favorite dining list and
- (2) improve the financial position of the Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina.

### How will the Cove be operated in 2023?

Last October, the Board formed a commission to evaluate options and make a recommendation. An RFQ (Request for Quotation) was sent out to restaurants across the area and the few interested candidates were interviewed and vetted against a pre-determined set of criteria. After careful consideration, it was determined that the best course of action was to have the ACL Association operate The Cove. A recommendation was presented to the Board on 12/17/22 and approved on 1/7/23.

### Why is this a better option than finding another restaurant to operate the Cove?

Historically, we have inherited the concept of an outside restaurant and have been dependent on their ability to meet our needs. It was determined that the Association operate The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina amenities more effectively, optimizing customer experience and financials.

### How will this undertaking impact association dues?

There will be no change in dues. Once operating the restaurant under new leadership, we expect a positive financial impact on the budget.

### What will be the financial impact to the ACL budget?

The Cove, Pro Shop (excluding golf fees), and Marina have been subsidized by the Association. The 5-year financial projections improve the profitability of all three amenities significantly. We expect to eliminate the subsidy within during the coming years.

### Why did The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina lose money?

The Cove has always been profitable; however, the profits have been realized only by the third party restaurant owners. However, due to lack of rent charged and our ongoing expenses such as real estate taxes and utilities. The Pro Shop operating expenses have been higher than they need to be and can be managed more effectively. The Marina gross margins can be improved via vendor management.

### How can we be certain The Cove will be profitable?

A comprehensive financial analysis has been conducted, resulting in a five-year Profit & Loss projection. This projection is based on target market demand, restaurant capacity, menu pricing, food & labor costs, and fixed costs. It has also been compared to financial data obtained from previous years.

### **COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY...**

### **Conservation Commission:**

The Natural Resources Manager reported on Volunteer Greenway Adoption for Completed Grant Areas, updates on quotes received from Lake Nutrient Testing Labs, and an update on the work done in the current grant areas. The Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc gave an update. The Spring and Fall 2022 Fishery reports were received and sent for publication in the Apple Core.

### **Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission:**

The commission discussed updating/creating a Memorial Brick donation form and flyer, discussed possibilities of online brick ordering, furniture costs, and lighting costs. The commission is in the process of eliminating "wants" to bring the cost of the bid down. The commission is awaiting bids from additional contractors. The commission discussed the brick size and size of the overall pathway to the pavilion.

### **Recreation Commission:**

The Rec Department has received the NiceRink that was purchased by the Recreation Commission at the end of January. Due to weather, it was decided to hold off setting it up until November of 2023 for the 23-24 winter season. Discussed volunteer needs for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Summer Kick-Off. The commission discussed donating fund to the Memorial Pavilion but declined at this time. The commission is open to purchasing of furniture or other needs in the future, upon its completion. The commission will create a Golf Event Planning Group in March to assist with planning and operating additional golf events for the 2023 season.



### What kind of restaurant will The Cove be?

Our goal is to make The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina amenities that reflect Apple Canyon "lake living". Members and the surrounding community love the natural beauty of the area and will recognize the Cove as a destination restaurant. The Cove will be reestablished as a "lake living" destination landmark with quality food.

### Are we changing the name of The Cove?

The branding of a restaurant is very important. A name change was considered to ensure that it reflects the established vision. The decision included opinions from our Members. Keeping "The Cove" name has been overwhelmingly supported by you, the ACL community.

### What about the menu and pricing?

There is a commission that will focus-on and assist the F&B Manager with the creation of menus for all three amenities. The menu is critical for any restaurant and must reflect the concept and market demand. The goal is to establish complimentary menus that align with each amenity theme and hours of operation. Food and labor costs to produce menu items must be in line with menu item prices. In general, the menu pricing will align with casual dining for The Cove, bar food at the Pro Shop, and quick food at the Marina.

### What will be the hours for The Cove & the Pro Shop?

The goal is to optimize the availability of food at ACL on a daily and seasonal basis. We have the opportunity to establish hours for The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina that complement one another. Demand is the key factor in determining the hours of operation and will most likely be adjusted over time.

### Will The Cove be open for breakfast?

A breakfast menu and hours (days & season) is being considered based on demand. The entire operating plan is driven by our ability to provide services and be financially responsible.

### Who will supply the food ingredients?

The Association has established food vendors, however the menu and associated ingredients will determine if additional vendors will be required. The goal is to select vendors based on locality, food item availability, and cost. It will most likely require 3-5 vendors.

### How will we staff and train The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina?

In today's environment, we recognize that staffing will be our #1 challenge and priority. The goal is to attract workers by making ACL a great place to work and have an active recruiting team to find talent. Each staff member will go through a formal training program. Back-office staff (HR, accounting, and marketing) already exists.

### How will we improve the level of customer service?

Restaurant patrons rank customer service as one of the top two criteria (the other is good food) when deciding where to dine. This will be a priority for the management team. It will start with best in class hiring and training, followed by sound operating procedures, tools, feedback and coaching. Customer service metrics have been established and we will monitor and evaluate continuously.

### Will the facilities be updated?

Facilities are already being updated, including a new kitchen floor, painting, décor, and kitchen equipment. Future updates and renovations will be identified and scheduled over the next 24 months as funds become available via profits from the operation.

### When will The Cove open?

A grand opening date will be announced. Currently, we anticipate Memorial Day weekend. We will be scheduling a 'soft opening'-2 two weeks prior to the grand opening.

### What will be done to make it a destination restaurant and draw customers?

We will establish The Cove as a destination restaurant, by creating an establishment marked by lakeside dining and a family atmosphere. The Cove will be rebranded via a marketing plan that drives awareness and customer acquisition within a 40-mile radius.

### What is the cost to open The Cove and where will the funds come from?

An itemized startup plan has been established that requires kitchen supplies, systems, labor, maintenance, minor renovations, and marketing. The total cost is under \$100K and will be funded out of ACL's reserve funds. These funds will be replenished from the positive financial impact of the Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina budgets within 1-2 years.

### Who is on the leadership team for this initiative?

The General Manager is responsible, and held accountable by the Board, for the success of this initiative. There will be a Food & Beverage Commission formed once the Cove is operating that will provide oversite and recommendations to the GM. A Food & Beverage Manager will provide day-to-day management and will lead the Kitchen Manager and rectaurant stoff

### How will association members be kept informed?

There is a communication plan that will provide-updates and solicit feedback. The plan will utilize several channels including the Apple Core, Apple Seed, social media, live meetings, and emails.

### How can I help?

You can help in a number of ways: join a sub-group of the commission, provide feedback, spread the word to your friends, and of course, visit The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina. Your support is the #1 reason this will succeed!

### **Board Actions...**

### SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 20, 2023 BOARD ACTION:

Approved minutes from 1/21/2023

Approved Concessionaires Agreements for 2023 Summer Events

Approved Safe Haven Golf Outing May 20, 2023

Denied Sport Court Proposal

Approved Zebra Mussel Shoreline treatment

Approved logo and "Lakeside Restaurant" tag line for the Cove

Approved new Collection Policy

Approved Employee Handbook amendments

Approved Cove Startup funds repayment to the R&R Fund

Tabled dredge proposal approval pending additional information

# Memorial Pavilion Project

### **FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

In October of 2022, the Board of Directors formed the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission, charging it "to research options for the placement, cost, and funding requirements of the Apple Canyon Lake Memorial Pavilion." The Memorial Pavilion has been marketed to the Association since 2008, and since then, ACL has received monetary donations towards the building of a Pavilion on the Association property. The Commission is currently working hard to select contractors to be able to build the Memorial Pavilion this summer. The Memorial Pavilion will be constructed west of the Clubhouse and will be accessible to the Membership for hosting any number of events and activities throughout the year.

However, we need YOUR help. The Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission is

still in need of additional monies to complete this self-funded building project. Over the coming months (and years), we will be offering fundraisers to reach our goal of approximately \$40,000.00.

We would like to offer all families, friends, and businesses the opportunity to purchase an ENGRAVED PAVER to be placed in the Memorial Pavilion. Preserve memories, honor someone special, or inspire others by purchasing a family Memorial Pathway stone paver, which will be placed in the walkways of the Pavilion.

More information will be coming in regard to size and pricing of the pavers. All proceeds will directly benefit the construction of the Pavilion, where we hope you and your families will come over the years and remembering those who have been memorialized.

# BUY A BRICK HELP BUILD THE MEMORIAL PAVILION & PATHWAY

Reasons for purchase of a pathway paver may include:

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Pet memorials

Local businesses

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WATCH FOR DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN PURCHASE A BRICK THIS MARCH!

# JDLF Delivers to ACL on Tuesdays

Jo Daviess Local Foods (JDLF), the online farmers' market, delivers throughout the county every Tuesday, year-round. Customers can meet delivery people in a designated pickup location, or they can receive home delivery for a \$10 fee.



For Apple Canyon Lake, the pickup location is in the parking lot of the Firehouse Fitness Center at 5:00 pm on Tuesdays. To place an order, visit the JDLF website between Friday at noon and Monday at noon.

JDLF offers several high-quality local products: pasture-raised meat, free-range chicken eggs, sheep and goat milk cheeses, heirloom grains, milk and yogurt, organic vegetables and herbs, mushrooms, honey and maple syrup, healthy snacks, artisan canned goods, natural skincare products, delicious baked goods, CBD products, plants and flowers, coffee and tea, and much more very week, and offering credits for the return of glass jars and

For more information, visit the JDLF website at www.jdlf.org. Questions can be directed to Erin Keyser at erin@jdlf.org or 815-990-5374.

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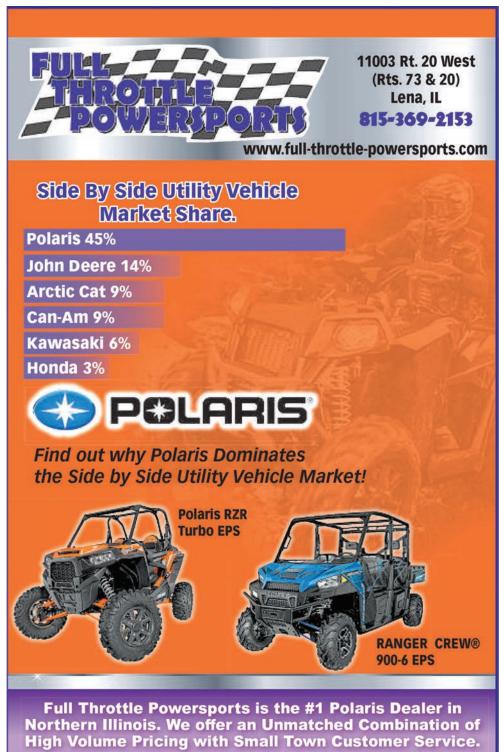
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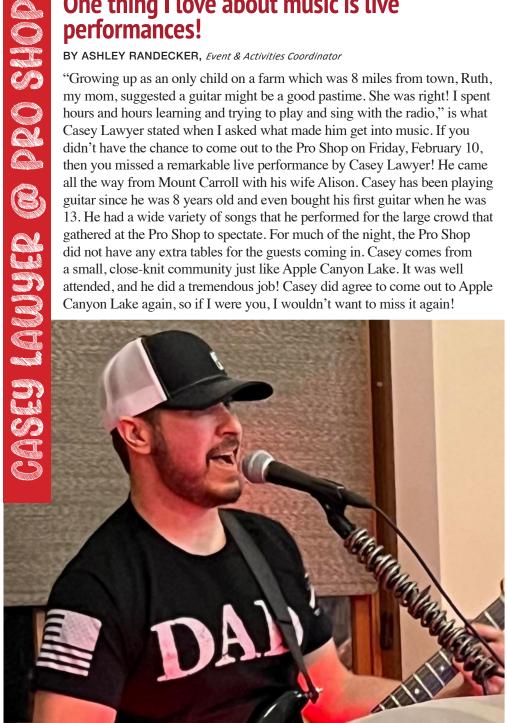






### One thing I love about music is live performances! BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, Event & Activities Coordinator

"Growing up as an only child on a farm which was 8 miles from town, Ruth, my mom, suggested a guitar might be a good pastime. She was right! I spent hours and hours learning and trying to play and sing with the radio," is what Casey Lawyer stated when I asked what made him get into music. If you didn't have the chance to come out to the Pro Shop on Friday, February 10, then you missed a remarkable live performance by Casey Lawyer! He came all the way from Mount Carroll with his wife Alison. Casey has been playing guitar since he was 8 years old and even bought his first guitar when he was 13. He had a wide variety of songs that he performed for the large crowd that gathered at the Pro Shop to spectate. For much of the night, the Pro Shop did not have any extra tables for the guests coming in. Casey comes from a small, close-knit community just like Apple Canyon Lake. It was well attended, and he did a tremendous job! Casey did agree to come out to Apple





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**Valentine's Day Family** 

On Saturday, February 11 we had another

fun-filled Family Fun Night in the Clubhouse. We started the evening with a coloring activity and cutting out hearts which we then decorated with stickers. Our last craft of the night was a handprint Valentine's poem keepsake. After the families completed the Valentine crafts, we decorated vanilla and chocolate cupcakes,

and enjoyed graham crackers with strawberry, cream cheese, chocolate, and vanilla frosting, sprinkles, sweethearts, and M&Ms. The kids were having a blast being able to pick which cupcake they wanted to decorate and how to make it their own special Valentine's cupcake. Once the cupcake and graham cracker decorating subsided, the children ran off some energy and even played Valentine's hopscotch. We had numerous families attend this Valentine's Day Family Fun Night. Before we knew it, it was time for the special movie of the night, Gnomeo and Juliet. The children got their pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags laid out in front of the movie screen and even grabbed some delicious popcorn made by the Recreation Department. We had many snacks including taco salad, chips, chocolate-covered pretzels, sweetheart candy, chips, oyster ranch mix, and a

valentine's mix. The children and adults

alike enjoyed lemonade which reminded

many of us that summer is right around the corner! The kids laid out on the floor

and enjoyed the movie with a wide variety

of snacks to choose from. Our next Family Fun Night will be held on Saturday, March 4, and that night it will be another special one that will be all about leprechauns for St. Patty's Day! I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Family Fun Night on

**Fun Night Re-cap** 

BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, **Event & Activities Coordinator** 













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debruary 4, 2023, the Winter Festival, unfortunately, go on due to the ice not being thick enough. However, a from the Bass Club, the Winter Fest planning team set the ice fishing portion of the festival. In total 23 tered the ice fishing tournament and 50% of entry fees the set as cash prizes, along with 1st-place trophies. \$230 to e donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For was onsite to provide bait and tackle to all the m. Doughnuts, coffee, and hot chocolate were served morning, and delicious chili was served for lunch. A from the planning group to everyone that helped. We make this an annual event.









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## **Mid-Winter Gathering** of the Happy Campers

BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, Event & Activities Coordinator

Good times with good friends. On Saturday, February 4, the Happy Campers hosted their annual Mid-Winter Gathering in the Clubhouse. The group had quite the spread! There were about 30+ members that attended and brought dishes for the potluck. The food was delicious as always. Gordie made some wonderful fish and of course, there were plenty of leftovers. After an evening filled with great conversations and good food, the members said farewell until they return to the lake in the spring.















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2023 Apple Canyon Take Fishery Report

BY JOE RUSH - JADECO

As winter slowly drifts away, many of us are anxiously awaiting open water to get out there and chase our trophies, or maybe even catch a meal for the table. (For those braving the ice of this sporadic winter, I know sadness begins to come as the ice fades!) This article is a short update on the status of the fishery for Apple Canyon Lake and hopefully a stimulus to get you out there and enjoying some family time with a rod and reel. The full reports provide more info, but there isn't enough space here to present the entire report, but rather a synopsis of the

Both the largemouth and smallmouth bass fisheries continue to improve. When we began working on our fisheries management plan, the majority of the largemouth bass population was stunting under 11" in length, and we didn't collect smallmouth for the first four years. We quickly went to work to improve the fishery by reducing the number of largemouth bass that were stunted by changing the creel limits (allowing the harvest of bass under 13" in length). These changes allowed this size class numbers to be reduced, allowing more food and space for the remaining bass to grow. Now, in 2022, we observe a much higher catch opportunity of larger bass. The bass tournament weights are also reflecting this change with 30 of 37 boats that entered the tournament catching limits of bass to be weighed. The smallmouth bass fishery has also improved with more bass being collected and at a diverse size range from 4.2" to 15" in length.

We've also seen improvements for the crappie fishery with representation of every size class in 2022. Only four crappie were collected in 2014 compared to more than 60 black crappie in 2022. They ranged in size from 2.8" to 11.2" in length. Keeping with panfish, the bluegill are still holding well at Apple Canyon with good size range diversity and good opportunities for larger bluegill (over 8"). While we're seeing a decent number of large bluegills, we are monitoring this fishery closely and working to improve the numbers of large bluegill our membership has grown to expect at Apple Canyon Lake. Our spring survey, as well as ice fishing reports, will help provide more information on this fishery.

Walleye fishing has continued to improve at Apple Canyon with walleye over 24" begin caught. We collected 13 walleyes in our fall survey and they ranged from 9.3" to 23" plus. While it appears the fishery is improving in size and quantity, the quality of the weights is lower than we'd prefer and we will continue to monitor these conditions.

We encourage our members to utilize this sustainable resource, but we also ask you to follow our creel limits and fisheries management goals to ensure the fishing improves at Apple Canyon.

We hope to see you on the water and remember to take a kid fishing when you can!

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- 18. Cape Canaveral org.
- **19**. Spud
- **20**. Workplace perk
- 23. Weasel relative
- 24. Ocular annoyance
- 25. Grant foe
- **28**. "Norma \_\_"
- **29**. Ripen
- **32**. Trickling
- **34**. Sacred song
- **36**. Remove, as a knot
- **37**. Yummy
- **41**. Pizzeria appliance
- **43**. Facial features
- 44. River between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario
- 48. Rural hotel
- **49**. Scoreboard postings: Abbr.
- **52**. Clumsy one
- 53. Roman robe
- 55. Marsh bird
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- **50**. Move unsteadily
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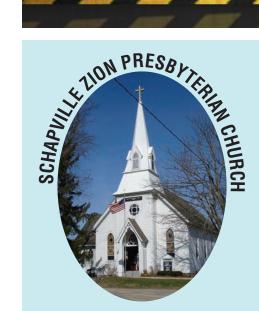
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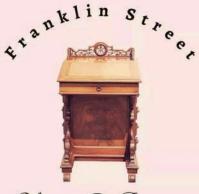






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# National Children's Dental Health Month 2023 oals of National Children's Dental Health Month is public education on the This also establishes an early habit; we clean our mouths after we eat. As soon as that first

One of the main goals of National Children's Dental Health Month is public education on the prevention of oral disease. Healthy primary teeth create and maintain a path for permanent teeth to erupt properly. When primary teeth are lost too early it can lead to crooked and crowded teeth. Children's teeth are smaller and softer than adults, so if decay is allowed to develop it will destroy their tooth structure at a faster rate. Oral disease can affect a child's speech, self-esteem, nutrition, and education. It is one of the leading causes of missed school days. Unhealthy habits that lead to primary tooth decay often lead to decay in permanent teeth. Even with all the advances modern dentistry offers, the key to attaining and maintaining oral health for our nation's children still lies with their parents. Here are just a few of the ways you can support your child's oral health.

Steps to promote oral health begin in the womb. A mother who eats for two during pregnancy needs to brush for two as well. It has been clearly demonstrated that a mother's oral health will affect her baby's development.

Both Moms and Dads are brushing for two after their baby's birth. Studies have proven that parents with decay-causing bacteria in their saliva can pass these germs onto their children through oral contact such as by tasting/checking the temperature of the baby's food or kissing.

Make sure that your child is receiving the proper amount of fluoride. Tooth formation begins before a baby is born and continues into early adulthood. Fluoridated water incorporates into the outer layer of teeth that are still forming in the gums to make them more resistant to decay. Keeping your child hydrated with fluoridated water strengthens the enamel of erupted teeth and helps rinse away some of sugars that can lead to cavities. Mild dehydration can be confused with feelings of hunger that can lead to constant snacking, which plays havoc with both your child's oral and overall health.

If possible, breastfeed your baby. There is a difference in the mechanics of sucking between breastfeeding and bottle feeding. The motor activity of suckling a breast allows the child's oral cavity to develop properly. A nipple is soft and when your infant sucks it changes it shape inside the mouth of your child to promote proper development of the jawbone, palate, teeth, and oral cavity. Breastfeeding also promotes proper motor function of the tongue. Breast milk contains essential nutrients for the development and maintenance of healthy oral tissue, antibodies that act against oral bacteria, and fatty acids which reduce inflammation.

"Baby Bottle Tooth Decay" is the name given to the condition of rampant or extensive decay in primary teeth. When a baby sucks on a bottle for nourishment, saliva helps to wash away some of the sugars and acids that cause decay. However, if a child's teeth are exposed to sugary liquids for a long time, such as when a bottle is used as a pacifier or when parents put their baby to bed with a bottle in the crib, the liquid is left sitting on the teeth for prolonged periods of time. Bacteria in the mouth use these sugars for nourishment and create acids as by-products. These acids eat away at the enamel creating cavities. If you must give your baby a bottle for comfort during the day, use only water. Putting a baby in bed with a bottle puts them at risk for choking, ear infections and oral disease.

Clean your baby's gums with a damp washcloth after each feeding to remove plaque.

This also establishes an early habit; we clean our mouths after we eat. As soon as that first tooth emerges, brush it gently with an extra soft pediatric toothbrush. Start teaching your child to brush at age two and by age five they should be able to do it themselves with supervision. Adopt a "Brushing Buddy" system where they brush first, and you follow up with flossing and brushing. Apply no more toothpaste than the size of a grain of rice for kids under three and use a pea-sized amount for kids over three. Make sure that your child is not ingesting too much fluoride by eating the toothpaste or not rinsing properly. Teach your child to brush all surfaces of every tooth. Most children tend to brush the front of their teeth and the chewing surfaces, but rarely brush the tongue side of their teeth or their molars. They also tend to spend less time on the same side of their mouth as their dominant hand. Encourage your child to brush in a regular pattern so no sides are missed.

Teach your child that flossing removes plaque from between teeth, where a toothbrush can't reach. As they grow and develop their manual dexterity, allow them to practice flossing first before brushing. Set a good example by flossing and then brushing your teeth in front of your child. The earlier good habits are formed, the more likely they will continue throughout their lifetime. Each child develops at their own pace, but you should be able to drop the buddy system around age eight to nine. However, it's a good idea to periodically check how effective they are brushing and flossing by using disclosing tablets. Disclosing tablets temporarily dye any plaque they have not removed, so they can see where they are missing.

Sealants are a quick, easy, and painless way to prevent decay on the chewing surface of molar teeth, where 9 in 10 cavities occur. The sealant material flows into the deep grooves of teeth, where toothbrush bristles can't reach.

Most children's liquid medicines contain 29.4% to 61.2% sugar. When your child is ill, be sure to offer water after oral medication to help rinse this away.

If your child participates in a sport, make sure they wear a mouthguard. Preventing disease is always preferable to treating it. Continue to schedule regular preventative visits for both you and your child. If your child experiences dental trauma or shows signs of dental disease, take your child to their dentist right away.

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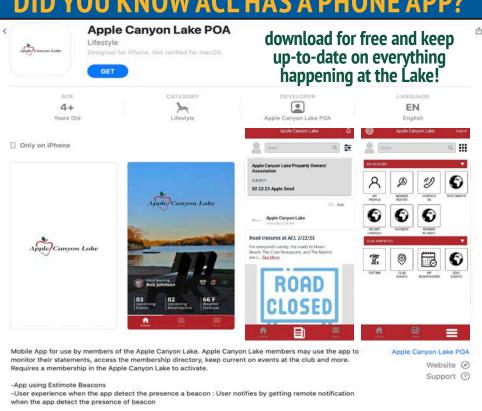
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- Golf season is around the corner, so we are tuning up the course maintenance equipment.
- Next month, we'll introduce you to our employees as we have some new faces on our team.

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# **ENF's Annual Meeting Announced**

Apple River) The general public is invited to attend the 26th Annual Meeting for the Eagle Nature Foundation to be held at 11:00 am at the Apple River Event Center on March 25th. The Meeting will start with a silent auction at 11:00, luncheon at 11:30, (catered by the Apple River Side Track Inn), noisy auction at 12:30, business meeting at 1:00 and program at 2:00 pm. This will be followed by a short board meeting at 3:00 pm.

During the business meeting ENF's general membership will nominate three board members. Those board members whose terms expire at this meeting are: Ron Baumann, David Sigafus, and Anne Zankovich, plus we have to replace Nadia Wirchnianski. David Sigafus is planning to run for a second term. Also during the business meeting Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to those people and businesses who have supported ENF during the past year, and the results of ENF's latest research work will be presented. The program will be a slide show on "Eagle Valley" located north of

The cost for this 26th Anniversary Luncheon is \$25 for members of ENF and \$30 for non-members. Any non-members who sign up for the meeting will receive a one year's membership into the Eagle Nature Foundation. Anyone interested in attending this meeting should send a check for as many seats as they need to: ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL. 61001 before March 21.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation

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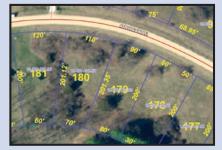


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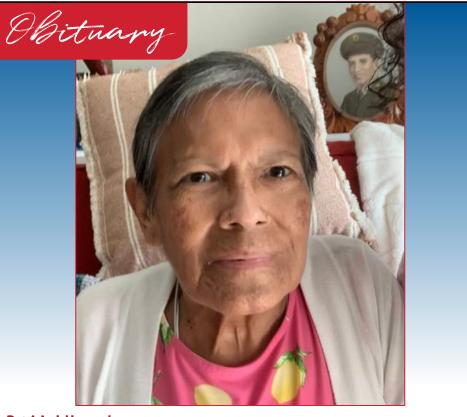


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### Patricia J. Howard

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### ..... **ACLPOA Board Approved Policy**

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The Editorial Review Committee shall consist of a member of the Board, who shall be the Chair; the General Manager, who shall be Vice-Chair; the Editor of The Apple Core, who shall be the Secretary; and such other members as the Board may appoint from time to time. This Committee shall prepare policies for the acceptance of material to be printed in The Apple Core, including, but not limited to, letters to the editor and policies for advertising material printed, which policies shall be submitted to the Board for approval annually.

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Amended: April 21, 2001

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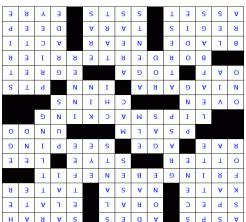
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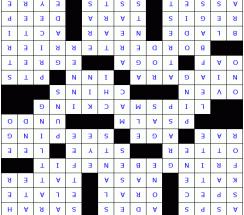
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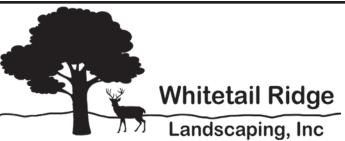




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### **FISHERIES REPORT**

Fall 2022

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### Introduction:

We have been collecting data on the fishery in the fall for the past 7 years. This is a report on the current condition of the fishery as well as a comparison between previous fall sampling that has occurred over the past 5 years.

Daytime DC Electrofishing was conducted for a total of 103 minutes in various areas Daytime DC Electrofishing was conducted for a total of 103 minutes in various areas around the lake on October 21, 2022. Apple Canyon volunteers provided a follow boat to collect fish that may have floated up behind the electrofishing boat. A total of 681 fish were collected during the survey, with an overall CPUE effort of 6.62 fish / minute. Nine species of fish were observed during this survey. Seven species comprised valuable sport fish, consisting of largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, channel catfish, walleye, and northern pike while the remaining were green sunfish and white suckers. Over 99% of the collection was desirable species with only 3 green sunfish being collected as undesirable. Four white suckers, represented non-game fish, and aren't considered undesirable.

Consistent with past surveys, data analysis for catch per unit effort (CPUE) per species, total catch per unit effort, proportional stock density (PSD) on important game species, and relative weight (Wr) were analyzed. These metrics provide information on the gamefish population density and potential trends in the fishery. They also provide an understanding of the size structure of game species within the lake and provide information on length to weight relationships to better understand if your game fish are relatively fat, or relatively thin. Potential changes in the predator / prey relationships and available forage can be interpreted through these metrics.

Summary of Fisheries Data:

Overall, the fishery continues to maintain an abundant population of largemouth bass. Bass continue to show high densities, good relative weights, and an average size over 9". The shift in bass sizes from the 11" to 13" range to the 14" to 16" plus range has continued, and anglers continue to witness this change with improvements in the bass fishing, and tournament catches. Over 8% of the total catch was bass over 16" in total length. In 2018, less than 3% of the fall collection was larger than 16". Relative weights for the bass are still good at 99, but this is the lowest Wr has been since 2018 and needs to be monitored. Apple Canyon Lake has always had a high collection of bass with our catch per unit effort electrofishing normally exceeding our objective range. However, even with the very dense fishery, we continue to maintain good relative weights and the population size average continues to be decent.

Bluegill relative weights were good this fall at 101, and the larger (8 inch plus) bluegill were not present at in this survey. However, 6" and larger bluegill were better represented this fall than in the past few years.

We collected 60 black crappie this fall, which is a very high collection with CPUE of 0.58 fish per minute and within our objective range. Sizes ranged from 2.8" to 11.2" (average 4.9") and represented multiple year classes of crappie. The high collection of smaller crappie, and the increase in average size, would indicate a good classes of young crappie growing and recruiting into the fishery.

We collected 4 smallmouth bass and 13 walleye this fall. The smallmouth bass sizes ranged from 3.8" to 12.3" and walleye were 9.3" to 23.3". This is a high collection for walleye during daytime electrofishing, and is an indicator the walleye fishery is continuing to strengthen. However, walleye relative weights were low again this fall at 81, just like in the spring. This needs to be monitored, and stocking or harvest rates adjusted if needed.

### **Largemouth Bass:**

Consistent with previous reports, the fall 2022 survey had a very high collection rate for largemouth bass with 3.77 fish per minute collected. Even with the high collection of bass, relative weights are still up with an average at 99 and a range from 60 to 163. These are good relative weights, and represent a population that is likely having decent growth rates. This can only be verified through an age and growth study. However, the larger bass (over 15") continue to have lower average relative weights.

Due to the management efforts to reduce largemouth bass biomass at the smaller to midrange sizes, the bass population has been consistently shifting towards a higher percentage of larger bass being represented. A fair percentage of the bass populations is now over 16" with over 8% of the catch consisting of 16" plus bass.

The population has continued to shift from the 11" to 13" bass to the 14" to 16" range, and larger. Bass were collected up to 18.1". We can anticipate better representation in the larger size classes as this class continues to grow. Close monitoring of this distribution is needed to ensure we don't over populate the larger sizes and restrict growth for trophy bass. With the lower relative weights of larger bass, this needs to be closely monitored, along with the bluegill distribution.

As with previous surveys, we utilized the PSD or 'proportional stock density' metric to analyze the size structure of the bass population. This is a comparison of the stock (>8") to quality (>12") isize bass in the sample. The objective range for largemouth bass PSD is 40-70. The PSD was at 75 in 2022, and above our objective range. RSD 14 was at 57. The objective range is 10 to 20. Once again, the higher RSD14 this year is due to the high collection of these  $14^{\prime\prime}$  and larger fish.

Average bass lengths were at 9.1" with a range from 2.2" young of the year to 18.1"

Generally, we have a high collection of bluegill over 6" in length during our spring surveys at Apple Canyon Lake, and lower collection rates for the larger size classes in the fall. Once again, bluegill collection rates for large bluegill were low and the overall CPUE for bluegill was at 1.99 fish per minute. This is slightly below our objective of 2-4.5 fish per minute. We collected a total of 205 fish ranging from 1.8" to 6.6". Our large bluegill were completely absent from this fall survey again. This needs to be closely monitored to understand if they are actually missing from the population, or just out of range for our collection equipment at the time of the survey. With the collection of bluegill up to 9.6" in the spring, we anticipate larger bluegill to be present, and ice fishing reports may indicate if they are present. Recommendations were made to change harvest limits for bluegill over 8" to project the larger males to help regulate the spawn, and improve the quality of the bluegill fishery at Apple Canyon Lake. With the change in regulations to release some of the larger bluegill, we anticipate the reports to be good. Generally, we have a high collection of bluegill over 6" in length during our spring

The bluegill PSD was good in 2022 at 40 and within our objective range of 20 to 60. This is a comparison between fish collected over the 6" range in to all bluegill collected over 3". The RSD7 for bluegill was at 0, and RSD 8 was at 0.

Bluegill average relative weight was within our objective range at 101 (range 61-136). If anglers begin following the recommended limits of only 5 bluegills over 8" daily, we should see improvements in the quality of bluegill fishing at Apple Canyon Lake

**Smallmouth Bass:**Four (4) smallmouth bass were collected this fall ranging from 3.8" to 12.3" and averaged 7.9". Of those collected, relative weights were within our objective range at 93, but at the lower spectrum. Smallmouth bass ranged between 78 and 110. There least three separate year classes represented in the smallmouth sample

Previously, we only saw these smaller smallmouth bass represented in our collections and no larger fish, but we are starting to see more bass over  $10^{\circ}$  and some up to  $15^{\circ}$  (Spring 2022 survey). More information on smallmouth catch by anglers and sizes would be beneficial to understand this fishery.

### **Black Crappie:**

Previously, the board agreed to allow volunteers to work with us on an annual approval basis. I have not been contacted in several years about placing fish structure in the lake so I'm not sure if these projects have continued, or have stopped. If volunteers are still placing structure, please let me know where it is being placed, material, and quantity. If the volunteers aren't doing this now, we should discuss how we move these projects forward. We have some programs for developing an 'adopt a structure' that would allow more participation by the members. Volunteers should work to seek approval from the Association and to organize the production and installation of structures annually if it is not occurring. I have not been consulted or updated on the placement program in the past few

Continue to manage the aquatic plant community using both chemical application for non-native invasive plants as well as the harvester for native plants. With the introduction of zebra mussels, I anticipate water clarity to improve. The improved water clarity will increase aquatic plant growth, both native and non-native species.

### Size and creel limits:

Currently, fall relative weights still indicate good growth, but bass over 15" need to be monitored closely. Maintain the current largemouth bass limits at 5 fish under 13" for one more season, and then we can review again based on the trends provided next spring and fall.

Continue to the protection of some of the larger bluegill with the restricted harvest regulations.

Stocking is always subjective to budgetary constraints, and all recommendations may not be able to be met. Stocking recommendations should always be re-evaluated based on subsequent fish population sampling.

1) The walleye fishery is becoming a quality fishery and to maintain this fishery, annual stocking is recommended. Walleye should be stocked in the fall of the year at 6"-8" in size. Stocking densities should be no more than 10 per acre (approximately 4,000). Future night electrofishing will provide more insight into walleye populations. Relative weights were our highest ever for walleye this fall. Stocking 5 fish per acre would help maintain the current fishery, but keep from making the walleye too abundant and competing against over predators for available forage.

2) If channel catfish are desired by the membership, an annual, or every other year, stocking can be done at an 8"-10" size range. The larger the catfish, the better their stock survival. Please note that a MINIMUM of 8" stocking size is required. Fish smaller than 8" are more likely to be consumed by other sport species as prey. Stocking densities of 10 fish per acre (approximately 4,000 fish) is a good guideline. We are not seeing catfish in our surveys at this

If budgetary constraints are a problem, stocking every other year may be an option, keeping in mind limited year-class strength and size gaps in the fish that may be observed by fisherman and their creel.

### Fall 2022 Results

Table 1: Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) by species

Species:	Number:					Fish / M	inute				Obj. (fish/min)
	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f+	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f+	
Largemouth Bass:	388	608	471	565x	493	3.77	5.08	4.10	5.14x	2.17	1.0-2.5
Smallmouth Bass:	4	7	5	15	3	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.14	0.013	
Bluegill:	205	374	622	176	735	1.99	3.13	5.41	1.6	3.53	2.0-4.5
Black Crappie:	60	20	99	46	28	0.58	0.17	0.86	0.14	0.15	0.2-0.8
White Crappie:											0.2-0.8
Walleye:	13	9	25	10	20	0.13	0.08	0.22	0.09	0.01	
Carp:		1			2					0.022	Below 0.25
Green Sunfish:	3	12	5	18	28	0.03	0.1	0.04	0.16	0.116	
Channel Catfish:	3	1	1			0.03	0.01	0.009			
Northern Pike:	1	1	1			0.01	0.01	0.009			
Muskie:		1	1				0.01	0.009			
Other:	4	2	10	3	12	0.04	0.02	0.09	0.19	0.115	
Total CPUE	681	1036	1240	833	1321	6.62	8.67	10.79	7.46	6.13	6.00 plus

x Under 7" sampled only first run. Very high number of bass under 7" fall 2019

Table 2: Proportional S	Stock Dens	ity (PSD)				
Species:	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f	Objective
Largemouth Bass:	<i>7</i> 5	81	77	77	71	40-70
Bluegill:	40	3	1	12	16	20-60
Black Crappie:	50	0	0			30-60
White Crappie:						30-60
Smallmouth Bass:	100	67	100	100	88	30-60
Walleye:	100	100	100	100	88	30-60

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Species:	Wr (Av	re)				Range:					Objective
	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f	
Largemouth Bass:	99	105	102	103	99	60-163	71-171	75-137	78-146	82-121	90-110
Bluegill:	101	114	93	102	96	61-136	94-153	80-118	73-135	82-131	90-110
Black Crappie:	90		106	121	97	<i>87-93</i>		88-135	105-145	75-117	90-110
Walleye:	81	92	97	96	93	76-83	86-99	88-110	85-107	81-102	90-110
Smallmouth Bass:	93	104	106	113		78-110	94-113	93-121	97-102		90-110
Northern Pike:				75					74-76		90-110
Flathead Catfish:	87					87					90-110
Channel Catfish:	130					123-137					90-110

Table 4: Length Ranges by Species

Species:			Length:				Α	lverage	2:	
	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f	22f	21f	20f	19f	18f
Largemouth Bass:	2.2"-18.1"	3.9"-17.8"	2.4"-19.2"	2"-17.5"	2.4"-17.1"	9.1"	12.6"	10.8"	8.7"	9.6"
Smallmouth Bass:	3.8"-12.3"	9.9"-13.4"	6.1"-10"	4"-9.3"	5.7"-9.5"	7.9"	11.7"	7.3"	6.3"	7.7"
Bluegill:	1.8"-6.6"	1.2"-6.9"	1.7"-6.1"	1.2"-9.1"	1.9"-9"	4.6"	4.0"	3.2"	3.1"	4.7"
Black Crappie:	2.8"-11.2"		2.1"-7.9"	2.3"-6.5"	2.6"-4.4"	4.9"		4.5"	3.5"	3.4"
Walleye:	9.3"-23.3"	18.3"-25.2"	15.7"-23.5"	15.8"-25.8"	5.9"-21.3"	19.2"	20.1"	19.6"	20"	11.8"
Carp:		30.4"					30.4"			
Green Sunfish:	4.3"-4.7"	5.3"-5.7"	3.5"-9.8"	3.6"-6.3"	2"-6.2"	4.6"	5.3"	6"	7"	3.9"
Channel Catfish:	28.7"-31.3"	27.2"	27.6"			29.9"	27.2"	27.6"		
Northern Pike:	33.9"					33.9"				
White Sucker:	15.3"-22.8"	17.8"-20.7"	18.9"-20.3"	18.1"-18.2"		19.8"	19.5"	19.4"	18.4"	
Golden Shiner:			3.4"-7.3"	10.6"-22.6"	18.7"-20.7"			5.3"	19.3"	19.5"
Silverside:			2.8"-3.2"					3"		
Bullhead:				10.8"					10.8"	

### **Spring 2022 Results**

Table 1: Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) by species

Species:	Number:	Fish / Minute Obj. (fish/min							Obj. (fish/min)		
	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s	
Largemouth Bass:	301	322	309	350	240	2.62	4.18	2.83	2.92	1.85	1.0-2.5
Smallmouth Bass:	9	2	9	7		0.08	0.03	0.08	0.06		
Bluegill:	182	60	110	317	204	1.58	0.78	1.01	2.64	1.57	2.0-4.5
Black Crappie:	2		10	40	1	0.02		0.09	0.33	0.01	0.2-0.8
Walleye:	3	6	10	12	5	0.03	0.08	0.09	0.1	0.04	
Carp:	5	1	2			0.04	0.01	0.02			Below 0.25
Green Sunfish:	2	2		17	15	0.02	0.03		0.14	0.12	
Channel Catfish:	2	1	5		11	0.02	0.01	0.05		0.08	
Northern Pike:				2					0.02		
Flathead Catfish:	1		1			0.01		0.01			
Golden Shiner:	1					0.01					
Bullhead:	1					0.01					
White Sucker:	1	6				0.01	0.08				
Total CPUE	510	400	456	745	476	4.45	5.20	4.18	6.21	7.63	6.00 plus

Table 2: Proportional Stock Density (PSD)

Species:	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s	Objective
Largemouth Bass:	<i>7</i> 5	64	75	84	67	40-70
Bluegill:	40	25	52	38	28	20-60
Black Crappie:	50		90	100	100	30-60
Smallmouth Bass:	100	50				30-60
Walleye:	100	100	70	92	100	30-60

Table 3: Relative Weight (Wr)

Species:	Wr (Av	e)				Range:					Objective
	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s	
Largemouth Bass:	99	105	97	99	98	60-163	71-171	73-124	81-124	76-145	90-110
Bluegill:	101	114	106	110	106	61-136	94-153	70-130	70-140	80-129	90-110
Black Crappie:	90		94	102	105	<i>87-93</i>		86-117	95-115	105	90-110
Walleye:	81	92	92	89	82	<i>76-83</i>	86-99	82-103	81-95	73-89	90-110
Smallmouth Bass:	93	104	97	97		78-110	94-113	73-110	81-109		90-110
Northern Pike:				75					74-76		90-110
Flathead Catfish:	<i>87</i>	112	128			<i>87</i>	112	123-135			90-110
Channel Catfish:	130	112	128			123-137	112	123-135			90-110

Table 4: Length Ranges by Species

Species:	0 1		Average:							
	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s	22s	21s	20s	19s	18s
Black Crappie:	5.5"-10.8"		7.8"-13"	2.4"-11.4"	9.25"	8.1"		11.4"	4.1"	9.3"
Bluegill:	1.1"-9.6"	1.2"-9.3"	1.8"-9.1"	1.7"-9.4"	1.7"-10.1"	5.5"	4.7"	4.8"	5.2"	5.1"
Carp:	20.2"-30.9"	30.4"	21.9"-24.2"			25.4"	30.4"	23.1"		
Channel Catfish:	16.5"-26"	27.2"				21.2"	27.2"			
Flathead Catfish:	15.6"					15.6"				
Green Sunfish:	6.1"-6.5"	5.3"-5.7"		3.2"-6.5"	2.6"-7.1"	6.3"	5.5"		4.3"	3.6"
Golden Shiner:	7.7"					7.7"				
Largemouth Bass:	3.2"-18.6"	3.9"-17.8"	3.2"-17"	2.7"-18"	3"-18"	12.6"	12.6"	12.5"	12.9"	11.4"
Smallmouth Bass:	4.2"-15"	9.9"-13.4"	5.8"-9.2"	3.5"-6.9"		11.5"	11.7"	7.7"	5.3"	
Walleye:	19.1"-24.4"	18.3"-25.2"	10.2"-21.3"	10.6"-22.6"	18.7"-20.7"	21.3"	20.1"	16.9"	19.3"	19.5"
Bullhead:	4.9"					4.9"				
White Sucker:	19.7"	17.8"-20.7"				19.7"	19.5"			

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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					
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After not having them for the last 2 seasons, we are excited to announce that online event registrations are BACK and LIVE! You can now book all your favorite events and activities online on the Apple Canyon Lake website! Just go to www.applecanyonlake.org, then, hover over the "Calendar" button to access the drop-down menu and click "Events". Once on the event page, you can view all the upcoming event flyers. To

register for an upcoming event, simply click the "BOOK NOW" button floating at the top of the screen. It's that easy!

In addition to upcoming events, pool activities such as swimming lessons will also be bookable online just in time for the 2023 season. We also are hard at work to bring online campsite rentals to the website prior to April and are also looking into boat rentals as well. In other news, The Recreation Department is stepping into the world of golf. With the

addition of the Event and Activities Coordinator position in 2022, the department is taking **Karberg Home Repair** 

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on golf events in addition to the recreation events in 2023. Event and Activities Coordinator, Ashley Randecker and I have been hard at work filling the season with plenty of events for our golfers. To kick things off, we have partnered with Safe Haven Humane Society of Jo Daviess County to host The Safe Haven Golf Outing on May 20. Then, in June we have plans for a Goofy Golf Day and a Nine and Wine. Finally in August we will host the annual Night Golf Event. The Golf Commission will still host the Big Cup Tournament in July and Club Championship Tournament in September. Speaking of golf, don't forget, you can book your tee-times this season online!





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