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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.

Check out our Special Election Insert for Candidate Bio's David Allgood . . . . . 13-173
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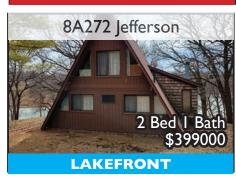
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BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, Event & Activities Coordinator

During the five Family Fun Nights in the clubhouse over the last three months, I got the pleasure to get to know many great families. The first Family Fun Night was held on Saturday, January 7. Then the next one was held on Saturday, January 21, where we made melted snowman crafts, played dodge snowballs, and watched Shrek. Our third Family Fun Night was held on Saturday, February 11, that night was Valentine's Day themed, and the kids got to decorate cupcakes and even made a handprint keepsake for their parents. We ended that night with Gnomeo and Juliet for the movie. We did a St. Patrick's Day theme on Saturday, March 4, and the children made a leprechaun hat and got to use paint to make a rainbow that went to a pot of gold. The children seemed to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day crafts and we ended our night with a St. Patrick's Day-themed movie, The Luck of the Irish. On the last Family Fun Night, which was held on Saturday, March 18, we did spring crafts which included a sun and a flower out of a popsicle stick, and a rainbow. We ended up having many families that came to enjoy the crafts, and we had pizza, brownies, cookies, and of course, the Recreation Department provided delicious popcorn! We ended the night with a new movie Puss in Boots: The Last Wish, which all the kids enjoyed. I would like to say thank you to all the families that came out to the Family Fun Nights we held in January, February, and March at the clubhouse.











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BY JEN CALLAGHAN

#### Member Services –

As we end March, the office "busy" season starts to slow down. Thank you for everyone's patience. We have also seen a significant increase in online activity which has helped tremendously. We hope that as we go through the year, we will continue to gain more traction in the efficiency department.

#### Accounting/Finance -

Our audit starts in the first couple of weeks of April. Once completed, the 2022 report will be made available to all owners.

Financial reports in the Apple Core – With the onslaught of activity on the accounting side in the first quarter of the year, closing the 2022 year and preparing for the audit, finding time to set up the annual budget to generate meaningful reports that provide appropriate accountability can be a challenge. However, we have this done and will be able to get back to a financial report published monthly starting in May. If you would like to request a copy of the draft financials prepared to date, please contact me or Steve Borst, the Board Treasurer.

One really exciting development we have to report is a move to higher interest rates in all of our accounts. We will be earning at least 3% on all funds effective immediately (as opposed to the .5% we have been earning). This is significant for 2 reasons – not only will this interest help with the day-to-day operations on the revenue side, but with our reserves & capital fund earning some interest, we can get closer to keeping up with inflation on our future replacements & needs.

#### **Human Resources –**

We need people! If you are retired and would like to go out for a day or two, we might have an opportunity! We have all shifts, all days, and work as little or as much as you want! Stop by the office or pro shop to fill out an application.

#### Communications/Marketing -

Swag is here, parties are planned, and golf is getting started... it's going to be such a great summer here at the Lake! Our team has a ton of new activities and ideas planned for the community this year!



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#### Safety & Security –

Julie & the team are preparing for the summer – hiring, training, and ordering all of our needed supplies.

Julie has also been working on training staff and others on our disaster plan. From flooding to tornadoes to winter snow events, she has really worked hard to get us covered and make sure we all know our roles in supporting the community during these times. A huge hats off to her (and the commission) for their hard work.

#### Maintenance/Natural Resources –

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We are in the peak time for maintenance as they prepare all our amenities for use. This is no small task, and this crew is working extremely hard.

Tyler (Natural Resource Manager) and his assistant Kelsey recently attended the Illinois Lake Management Association conference in Gurnee and have brought back a lot of excitement as we enter into lake season. They have also continued to work on our controlled burns and prairie restoration projects.

#### Pro Shop –

We are open full-time! The kitchen will be open until 8:00pm every night until The Cove opens!

While the kitchen is open, we have simplified the menu to make it easier for our staff to manage, especially in such a labor shortage. One big change is that all baskets will now be served with chips. Fries will be available, but not by default. Another change is to the pizzas. Because we have a significant amount of waste with our toppings, and the fact that The Cove will have a full pizza menu, we will be dropping down to a basic tavern-style pizza at the Pro Shop designed. On the flip side, we have added some awesome new items – super nachos, bosco sticks, and gyros to name a few. We appreciate your support as we start to evolve our various amenities into complimentary menus versus competitive ones.

Lastly, and along the same lines, the Pro Shop is going to move towards a "quick serve" model we see many other places (Manny's Pizza, and Poopies in Savanna, to name a couple). We ask that you order at the bar/counter going forward. We will still bring your drinks and food to you, but traditional full service needs to be scaled back on. While we will pivot as needed, we would like to get to the point where we only need 3 people on duty during our rush times, versus 4-5 we have now. We believe we will need those extra people at The Cove, so we are starting our transition now so that we are prepared. Thank you again for your patience.

#### Marina -

On April 22 the Marina will be open! We have expanded our offerings in the marina significantly! From frozen food to groceries to souvenirs to swag! We are also actively seeking local artisan vendors who might have some unique items we can sell (local honey, popcorn, and art, to name a few). It's going to be awesome! We have also added an espresso machine for coffee lovers and hope to have grab-and-go sandwiches and pastries available by Memorial Day.

#### **Capital Projects:**

Dredging – It's here and it's happening! We have 7 bays planned for dredging – North Bay, Council Cove, Winchester, Washington, Independence, Hawthorne, and Presidents. Dredging will begin in April in the southern bays and progress north and will end at North Bay. North Bay will most likely not be completed until after Memorial Day, but the bays impacted most by boaters should be done by then.

Spillway – Geotechnical engineers were onsite this month as we apply for the necessary permits. There will be an ad-hoc commission meeting on the project in early April, so if this project is of interest to you, be sure to watch for the Apple Seed announcement.

#### Cove -

It's almost here! Our soft opening is April 27 where we will start with a simplified menu (appetizers, salads, and sandwiches) and open Thursday – Sunday. As we approach our grand opening on May 15, we will add in our pizzas and nightly entrée specials (fried chicken, Italian night, and taco/fajita Tuesdays, to name a few). Everyone has worked so hard to make this a reality and an amenity for ACL, it is so exciting to see. We are also hosting an open house on April 15 with a cash bar and auction of some rather special pieces from the Cove. Please join us!

### Plan-on-a-Page updates:

The plan-on-a-page for 2023 has been updated to reflect some of the goals that were set for me when I started. While I work through the best format to keep the community informed of what's happening and the progress we are making, I am going to start with just a basic update:

**High Performing Operations & Management –** Key progress made here has included: Working with the Legal Commission on revisiting the Governing Document revisions so that we can put those before the community before the end of the year.

In just 2 months, we have already seen a significant positive variance at the Pro Shop (savings of over \$20k in just 2 months).

# Improvement of Infrastructure - Dredge contract underway

Memorial Pavilion Commission is collecting bids.

The Spillway project is ramping up.

We have filed for a large 319 grant to improve Winchester Bay and are awaiting the results.

A Reserve Study group has been formed and will get started on evaluating the replacement plan over the next few weeks. A very important part of this evaluation has been to move our funds into interest-bearing accounts to help with the funding side of this plan.

Amenities and Service - Golf Course opens on April 1, Marina opens on April 22, and The Cove opens on April 27!

Growth & Value Enhancement of the Association - Branding has been a huge focus for us with the marketing team.

While the evaluation of the vacant lot program hasn't started, we have been discussing what changes we need to make to help improve lot values overall.



SATURDAY, APRIL 29 @ 10:00 AM



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# APRIL 2023

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BY TIM BROKL, Communications & Marketing Manager

On March 13 and March 27, Safety & Security Manager, Julie Janssen held a CPR Certification Class in the clubhouse for ACL staff. Following CPR, Julie reviewed with staff the Dam Emergency and Emergency Management Plans. We are proud to say our staff is CPR-certified and disaster ready!



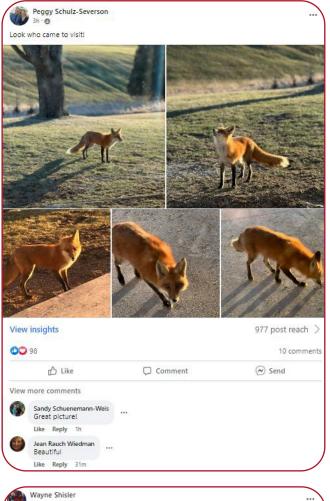


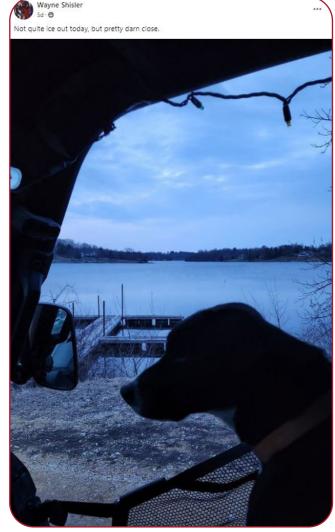






# Make Plans to Join us for Gundau Brunch The Bistro will be serving Brunch from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the upcoming dates below. Reservations are recommended! - April 9th - Easter - May 7th - May 14th - Mother's Day - June 4th - June 18th - Father's Day thriving market Dinner will be BACK at the Bistro May 5th!





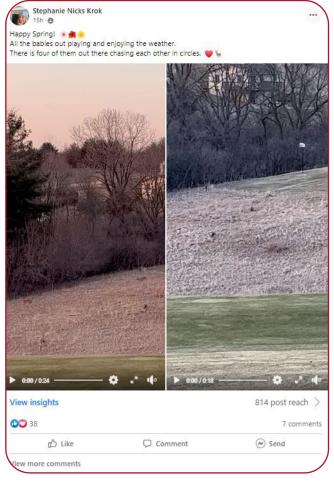




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**UPDATED PRO SHOP HOURS AS OF APRIL 1:** MONDAY - SATURDAY: 8:00AM - 8:00PM SUNDAY: 8:00AM - 5:00 PM









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#### 2023 GOLF FEES

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# NEWS FROM THE NINE

BY TIM BROKL, Communications & Marketing Manager

Are you eager to hit the green? It's April and the Golf Course is finally open! This year Event & Activities Coordinator, Ashley Randecker, and I are working to plan a few family fun golf

To kick the season off, we have partnered with Safe Haven of Jo Daviess County to host the Safe Haven Golf Outing and Steak Fry on May 20. You do not have to be a pro to have a great time. \$50 per golfer includes 9 holes of golf, a cart, and a steak dinner! Hit the course following the shotgun start at 2:00pm, then come back down to the Pro Shop to grill your steak and enjoy a great meal. Volunteers from Safe Haven will also be on-site hosting additional contests and end the outing with a ball drop on the putting green. \$25 from each registration will go directly to Safe Haven Humane Society of Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

On June 17 we are planning a Goofy Golf Day. Think of the movie "Happy Gilmore". We will have fun contests and obstacles along the course for golfers to overcome. This will be a fun day for families and friends to be goofy on the golf course. For adults, we are also tentatively planning a Nine and Wine event for June 24. Ashley is hard at work trying to secure a local winery to sponsor the event. On August 19 we will also bring back the ever-popular Night Golf event. In addition to the golf outings, the Golf Commission will be hosting the annual Big Cup Tournament on July 22 and the Club Championship Tournament on September 16.

We are excited for a fun season both in recreation and on the golf course. If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of the golf outings, please contact Event & Activities Coordinator, Ashley Randecker at <a href="mailto:recreation@applecanyonlake.org">recreation@applecanyonlake.org</a> or at (814) 492-2769.



6: Butterfinger Martini – This creamy, butterscotch-flavored martini will have you saying, "Nobody better lay a finger on my MARTINI!"

13: Nilla Wafer Martini – Amaretto and vanilla liqueurs swirl together to create that all-time favorite wafer cookie flavor.

**20: Sparkling Berry-tini** – Just like it sounds, this vodka-based martini is a bubbly berry masterpiece that will leave you wanting more.

27: Strawberry Lemon Drop Martini – This classic lemon drop martini with a strawberry twist is here to help you celebrate the warmer weather ahead!

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

# ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 04, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order Chairman Dave Allgood called the meeting to order at 8:01 am with the following committee members in attendance: Jim Frank, Nolan Mullen, and Dave Allgood. Bill Ware, Bob Ballenger and John Anderson attended via Zoom. Building Inspector Joe Wiener was also in attendance. Absent: Mike Harris and Henry Doden.
- 2.0 Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2022 Meeting Bill Ware moved and Jim Frank seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3.0 Property Owner Comments
- 4.0 Building Inspector's Report Three permits have been issued this year. Eighty septic pump and inspection letters will be mailed April 1, 2023. The P/I certificates are due September 1, 2023. It appears that a new dwelling application will be made this year.
- 5.0 Agenda
- 5.1 Approve Revised Agenda Revised Agenda Motion was withdrawn.

**Unfinished Business** 

- 6.1 ACL Building and Environmental Code motion to discuss revising ACL Building Code language – Nolan Mullen moved, and Jim Frank seconded – To discuss process and scope. ACL Section 107 was discussed. Revising ACL Section 110.4 was also discussed. This motion was set aside due to a loss of quorum. The connection with the zoom participants
- 9.0 Adjournment Jim Frank moved at 9:15 am.

Next Meeting Date – March 4, 2023 at 8:00 am at the ACL Maintenance Building. Respectfully submitted, Joe Wiener

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2023 UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM by Board President Nolan Mullen, via Zoom. Other Board members present: John Anderson, Stephen Borst, Mike Harris, Mark Kosco, Laura Pratt. Bill Becker arrived to meeting at 8:22 AM. Other members present via Zoom: Bob Ballenger, Henry Doden. Also present, Jen Callaghan, GM.
- 2.0 Executive Session: Mark Kosco motioned, seconded by John Anderson to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.
- 2.1 Legal
- 2.2 Personnel
- 2.3 Leases-Contracts
- 2.4 Appeal—Gabe McKee

Open Session - At 9:07 am Bob Ballenger motioned to go to open session. Seconded by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.

- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following Directors in attendance: Nolan Mullen (via Zoom), Mike Harris, Henry Doden (via Zoom), Steve Borst, Bill Becker, Mark Kosco, Bob Ballenger (via Zoom), John Anderson and Laura Pratt. General Manager Jen Callaghan was also present.
- 4.0 Approval/Adopt Minutes
  - 4.1 January 21, 2023 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Mike Harris motioned to approve/adopt minutes from the January 21, 2023 Executive Session and Regular Meeting, seconded by Bob Ballenger, motion carried unanimously.
- 5.0 Special Guest Jo Daviess County Jay Solomon of the U of I Extension presented updates to the Jo Daviess County Water Resource Management Plan.
- 6.0 Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report from December 2022 was presented.
- 7.0 Committee/Commission Reports

Nominating Committee - Mike Yorke reported they are right on track with applications. Date to apply has now passed, we had ten candidates, we now have eight candidates. Questionnaires have been completed and will be published in The Apple Core. Videotaping is taking place now—that will be posted on the website. Meet the Candidates is scheduled for April 8.

Board Policy – Mike Harris reported they are starting back up next Monday.

Sports Complex – Mike Harris reported that it is on the agenda today.

Zebra Mussel – Bill Becker reported there is a motion in new business today. We worked on a spreadsheet to track data for the lake to tell what the effectiveness of the treatment is. Growth or decline of the mussels, several specific things we will track.

Memorial Pavilion – Laura Pratt reported they are still waiting for bids to come in, we only have one for the whole project. We do need to meet to raise more money. Plans for fund raising for the walkway (brick) are being worked on.

Conservation – Paula Wiener reported that as a group, they wanted to remind the Board that the Conservation Commission shall advise the Board of Directors. Mike Yorke – In our trials, we have only been able to hold the necessary ppm for four hours. Are we expecting a reduction in zebra mussels? Lacking clarity on what we are trying to do on Zebra Mussels. One female can produce one million other zebra mussels. Do we want to throw \$50,000 away every year (or more), just to hold down the population. Instead of treating the entire shoreline – take a quiet bay where no dredging is scheduled, and treat. Then measure the success. Respect the work that has been done. We want to do something, just need to agree on what that is. Steve Borst – like the idea of taking one cove, but how is that different? Mike Yorke – gather data on success of treating that certain bay. Paula Wiener - cannot hold the copper level that is required. To do one bay is a fraction of \$50,000. What can we expect from an application of a chemical? 50% reduction? Do we have data on that?

Strategic Planning – Steve Borst reported they met on February 20th. Went through the Plan on a Page. We aligned it with the goals that the Board has set for the GM what we want to do. Also started talking about 2024. Next meeting is March 24 at 4:00.

Recreation – We have the Nice Skate Rink but it will not be put up due to the weather we have been having. There are other upcoming events in the planning stages.

- 8.0 General Manager's Report See Report in The Apple Core
- 9.0 President's Report President's Report will be in The Apple Core.
- 10.0 Property Owners Comments

George Drogosz, 8-48 Constitution – all excited about the progress with The Cove. What are we doing with the dredging problem in Washington Cove? Brought this up for the last five years. Will we get that taken care of this year?

Paula Wiener – let everyone know jig saw puzzles are free and available by the door. Would like to see the lending library return.

Henry Doden, 13A129 – people think the BOD's job is easy, might be if better cooperation from management. Approved money to do a Bathymetric study, survey dredge ponds – get back information with no conclusions. Dredging – we were not consulted on the proposal for doing the dredging. Proposal is to dredge to a point of 7 feet, our own dredge can go to 15 feet. Serious questions about the dredge proposals. Was for four bays – original dredging in 1998 was 12 bays and coves. Now only removing 35000 cubic yards. Why only down to 7 feet?

- 11.0 Any Additions to the Agenda no additions
- 12.0 Consent Agenda

Committee Member Resignations – Mike Harris motioned "to approve the resignation of six members; Tom Ohms from Conservation and The Cove Ad Hoc Commissions; Jody Ware from the Policy Ad Hoc Commission and Long Range Strategic Planning Commission; Al Hendren from Deer Management; Gary Hannon from The Cove Ad Hoc Commission; Mark Kosco from the ACL Legal Commission; and Mike Ward from The Cove Ad Hoc Commission." Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13.0 Unfinished Business
- 13.1 Rules & Regulations: Paddleboard Sticker and ID Number Placement Tabled
- 13.2 Rules & Regulations: Indoor & Outdoor Storage Tabled
- 13.3 Operational Programs and Procedures: Terms of Long-Term Slip Assignment Tabled
- 13.4 Memo 2023-012 Concessionaires Agreements Laura Pratt motioned "to approve the proposed Concessionaire Agreements with Rapped with Smoke BBQ; Birds Fried Chicken; JJ & Freddie's, and Chomps to operate at the 2023 Recreation Department Events alongside The Cove." Seconded by Steve Borst. Discussion: JJ Freddie's or Chomps? Father and son one or the other will come. Recreation will decide which one they will use at that time. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14 0 New Business
- 14.1 Memo 2023-009 Safe Haven Golf Outing Mike Harris motioned "to approve the Safe Haven Golf Outing, benefitting the Safe Haven Humane Society in Jo Daviess County in 2023, with green fees being donated to that organization after the event." Seconded by John Anderson. Discussion: is Recreation coming up with more outings? We reached out to them. Date for the outing is May 20. We will still make money, plus exposure for ACL. All food and beverage will go through us. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14.2 Memo 2023-010 Sport Court Proposal Mike Harris motioned "to ask the BOD for additional money of \$91,600 for the completion of the multisport complex proposal based on the bid from Civil/Helm of \$319,600." Seconded by Mark Kosco. Discussion: Mike Harris - we have a five-year warranty on what was done four years ago. Should get these people to stand behind the warranty and see what they can do for us before we spend \$319,600. We only have one more year left of the warranty. Steve Borst - contractor we had four years ago said he could redo the whole thing at a cost of \$245,000 or could just do the top for \$80-\$90,000. Probably won't warranty that – told us four years ago wouldn't hold up, soft spots. Get rid of tennis courts and put grass there or invest the money in pickleball. Let's do it right. Laura Pratt - What have we done to secure that second bid from McConnell? Mike Harris – still some dead spots, but make it work for a couple of years, then maybe go back to budget to get the \$91,000. Get the warranty work done now. Bill Becker—This is 30% higher. I have concerns as to where the money will come from. Our Capital Fund is going to run out of money. It is a good amenity, but where does it fall in our priorities. Henry Doden - looking at the plans, appears they have a slight slope for drainage. Nothing in the plans on where the drainage will go. Need to look for three bids on every project. Is there any effort to save any money? The old fencing could be taken down and put back up again. Steve -- Maybe we can bring it to Budget and see if we can budget extra money this year, for next year. Jen – This should be in Reserves Study as replacement. That's where it comes from. Roll call: Henry Doden – nay; Bob Ballenger - nay; Mike Harris - nay; Mark Kosco - nay; Laura Pratt - nay; Steve Borst nay, Bill Becker - nay; John Anderson - nay. Motion unanimously failed.
- 14.3 Memo 2023-011 Zebra Mussel Proposal Steve Borst motioned "To have a professional contractor complete a shoreline treatment with EarthTec QZ after the fish spawning period is over and zebra mussel veligers are detected. Monitor the results of applications with tools such as monitoring plates, live cages, measured copper, oxygen levels, lake temps, weather, etc. Document all data collected and maintain that database. Spot treat areas by ACL staff, as needed after initial treatment. A second application is recommended when the lake is lowered for the spillway project." Seconded by Laura Pratt. Discussion: Henry Doden – We could have lowered the lake and eliminated a couple hundred thousand zebra mussels or more. Mark Kosco – Has the irrigation system at the golf course been impacted? Jen – no, they have been treating that area. Bill Becker – Lake Carroll lowers their lake to allow homeowners to do maintenance. But there is that side benefit that any zebra mussels exposed to the cold temperatures are killed. We can do is control the numbers, to lessen the impact. Laura Pratt – I don't know of any literature that documents the concentration needs to be held 7-10 days. If that is the case, how was what we did treat effective? Bill Becker - Different techniques for different areas. They will use drop hoses to get the product below the surface wave action. Some were effective. Steve Borst – according to the Conservation Commission we are speculating with this – heard them say let's pick an area, apply properly on a smaller scale. Don't feel confident doing a whole shoreline. Henry Doden – If we do not vote for this, will we continue to treat Nixon Beach and Marina? Jen - Tyler was always planning on doing the spot treatment. Henry Doden – If you do not do a shoreline treatment, more people will trailer boat in and out. Then you'll have a major problem at the marina. Nolan Mullen – cost would be \$47,850. Roll call: Henry Doden – ves; Bob Ballenger – ves; Mark Kosco – nay; Bill Becker – ves; Laura Pratt – yes; Mike Harris - nay; Steve Borst – nay; John Anderson – nay. Nolan Mullen breaks the tie by voting yes, motion carries.
- 14.4 Memo 2023-013 Cove Name & Logo Bob Ballenger motioned "to adopt the new "The Cove Lakeside Restaurant" Logo and its style guide, to be used on merchandise, signage, ads and any other applications needed." Seconded by Steve Borst. Jen The desire was to add that tagline so people know it is a lakeside restaurant. The name is still the same. Legal liquor license is still The Cove. Name is still The Cove. Won't change any of the blue [road] signs. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14.5 Memo 2023-014 Collection Policy Steve Borst motioned "to approve the recommended Collection Policy as presented from ACL's legal counsel." Seconded by Bill Becker. Discussion: Steve Borst met with Ashlee on financials and asked her about this. This will be a huge improvement and should save us some money. Will reduce the cost we have in trying to collect our bad debt. Nolan People will have the option to turn over their lot to us instead going to foreclosure. Two small grammatical errors were noted: p.2, #6, fifth line, insert the word association, to read "...balance on their association account..." Also, same #6, last line, insert the word a, to read "...a mortgage or

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# **Board Actions...**

#### March 2023 Board Actions:

- Approved updated plan on a page for 2023
- Denied By-Laws for revoting
- Approved supporting the Jo Daviess Water Resource management plan
- Ratified the backhoe repair
- Approved Prairie seed project funded by the Foundation
- Approved Wetland Garden Phase 2 project funded by the Foundation
- Approved the Garden Club use of the Children's Garden with projects funded by the Foundation

# **BOARD MINUTES**

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- a federal..." Motion carried unanimously with the two changes per above.
- 14.6 Memo 2023-015 Employee Handbook Time Off Amendments – Mike Harris motioned "to approve amendment to section 6 of the Employee Handbook with respect to paid leave sections 6.1-6.4." Seconded by Mark Kosco. Discussion: Jen – Just splitting this up differently. New law going into effect next January where part-time would get accrue time off-one hour for every forty hours workded. That added benefit, might be more attractive for hiring. Might get more applicants. Hiring part-time over full time would saves us money on benefits. Clear and consistent, felt these policies are geared toward office staff mainly. Inconsistent on how we treat security, maintenance. Will have it reviewed by Legal before 2024. Changing to an accrual basis as opposed to front loading time off. Will be a culture change, but Jen will work the employees. Motion carried unanimously
- 14.7 Memo 2023-016 Cove Startup Loan Repayment – Steve Borst motioned "to approve the loan to fund The Cove startup expenses at an interest rate of 3% per the attached amortization schedule." Seconded by Mark Kosco. Discussion: Henry Doden - What if there are insufficient funds to make the payment - what happens? Jen - would go to the Board to ask for another loan or re-amortize. Steve Borst – propose defer payments until first of next year. Jen – we need to fix on how the R&R is calculated – figure in inflation. Steve Borst amended his motion "to approve the loan to fund The Cove startup expenses at a simple interest rate of 3% per an amortization schedule that begins January 1, 2024, with said payment being a transfer to R&R." Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14.8 Dredge Proposal Mike Harris motioned "Per the letter attached from Fehr Graham recommending executing a contract with Frentress Marina for \$545,342.75." Seconded by Mark Kosco. Discussion: Mike Harris - three bids, Frentress has the lowest bid. Henry Doden – but our dredge is capable of doing this. Why are we having someone else doing this? Why are we doing it? Only doing four bays. Why isn't this in-house. Laura Pratt - does our dredge work? Henry—It works. Mike Harris – we don't have a qualified operator for the dredge. Henry Doden agree, there is a learning curve, but shouldn't be that hard to learn. Mike Harris – for the last 20 years, our dredge has not been able to keep up. Henry Doden – dredging down 15 feet at times. Only 7 feet in the proposal. Lot of money spent on mobilization. Bill Becker - contract dredging is not something new. Why haven't we been looking for a full-time employee to operate this dredge full time? Why haven't we been doing that? Nolan Mullen - original plan was to contract out, then hire an employee to keep this up. Steve Borst - a proponent of contract dredging. Under the impression we were doing contract dredging and then not again for 10 years. Start budgeting in R&R for this expense every 10 years. Jen - this was the direction Fehr-Graham was given – four bays. Nolan Mullen - original number was about \$900,000 something changed somewhere. Special meeting? Table it? Can we ask them why only four bays? Can we add two more bays? Four bays and 7 feet deep, was expecting more bays and deeper. Laura Pratt—Looking at the bathymetric study, only two sections show a need over seven feet—one at eight feet and another at 7 ½ feet. Henry--No indication on size of machine Frentress has. Too many questions. Bob Ballenger motioned "to table this agenda item." Seconded by Henry Doden. Motion to table carried with three nays.

Nolan Mullen--Get with Frentress to get everyone's questions answered, then set the special meeting with 48 hour notice. Motion to adjourn from Mike Harris at 11:24 am.

Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry President, Nolan Mullen Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt

# **Commission & Committee Summaries...**

#### **Board Policy Ad Hoc:**

• Held a discussion on Jen's (General Manager's) Policy Drafts

#### **Conservation Commission:**

- Natural Resources Manager presented a map of the location of dead/dying trees along the trail system that need to be removed.
- A discussion was held on the procedures for Volunteer Greenway Adoption for completed grant areas. The discussion will continue in early 2024.
- Natural Recourses Manager presented quotes from potential new labs for lake nutrient testing.
- A grant was received for the Marina Wetland Garden and will be used to purchase more rock and plantings for the wetland.
- Chair Wiener read the motion regarding the Jo Daviess Water Resource Management Plan. There was a discussion.
- Steve Swedberg made the motion and Gary Hannon seconded, "The Conservation Commission on behalf of the Jo Daviess Water Management Resource Plan asks the ACL Board of Directors to approve the updated plan as presented at the Board meeting of February 18, 2023, as per the attached." Motion carried unanimously.

#### Cove Ad Hoc:

• General Manager Jen Callaghan provided an update on equipment purchasing, marketing materials and promotional items, and the menu. A discussion on menu pricing was held.

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

 Bids from 4 companies were shared. The commission selected the size of bricks and is in the process of determining pricing.

#### **Recreation Commission:**

• The Recreation Commission finalized volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt, began discussing volunteer positions for the Summer Kick-off and future events.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

- The commission reviewed paddle board sticker and ID placement, indoor & outdoor storage, and portable ice fishing shelters.
- The Safety and Security Manager requested the Private Dock signs rule be moved from AECC to Rules and Regulations, so ACL Security can enforce the rule.
- Discussions on Campground Rules and Common VS Domestic pets were started.

Memorial Pavilion Project

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 families will come over t Hoc Commission is still in need of additional monies to complete have been memorialized.

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.



# Reasons for purchase of a pathway paver may include:

Memorial to past individual loved ones
Current or past ownership at ACL
Pet memorials
Local businesses

All proceeds will benefit the construction of the ACL MEMORIAL PAVILION and its pathway.

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



# NORTH BAY BRIDGE COMPLETED

BY PENNY DIEHL, Trails Commission Secretary

After approximately 5 years a very special project has come to fruition, if you walk, hike or ride the trail system you've had to use the water crossing at north bay. Unfortunately, during times of increased rains, the crossing has to be closed. For the ACL property owners an idea was born to build a bridge that machines could utilize and those on foot would be able to use as well. Our management team along with Security and Maintenance have been vital in producing this wonderful addition to the trail system. We would like to take a moment to recognize a few that worked on this project to help it stay close to budget. Property owner John DiMonte, Maintenance staff, Mark Hesselbacher, and Maintenance Manager, Ed Ziarko. Next time there's a reason to close the water crossing, one may still use the bridge to continue your journey on our beautiful trail system.

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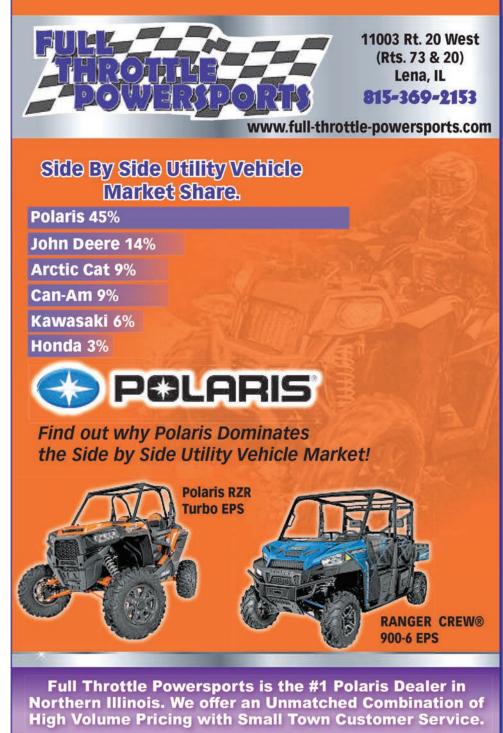


Wendie Horton

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT



BY NOLAN MULLEN

Spring is finally here. That means we are getting closer to another funfilled summer at ACL.

I apologize for not getting an article in last month's Apple Core. I wanted to wait until after our special meeting regarding the dredging project, so that could be included, but unfortunately, I missed the deadline.

I'd like to start by giving you some information about our upcoming dredging project. At the February Board meeting, the proposal on the table only included 4 bays (North Bay, Winchester, President's, &

Independence). This proposal included removing sediment in areas where the water level is seven feet deep or less. Sediment would be removed until the seven-foot water depth was reached, or the hard surface of the lake bottom was reached. Board questions arose as to why only four bays and only seven feet deep. To this point, the project had been primarily managed by a consultant and an engineering firm. So, the Board thought it was best to have a special meeting to discuss the contract, how we got to the current proposal on the table, and what it would take to amend the proposal to include additional dredging, etc. We found dredge pond storage capacity and the impact on boaters were the two biggest driving factors for initially choosing to dredge four bays. This proposal would have allowed the contractor to utilize the ponds that were cleaned out in 2022 and be in and out of the lake before Memorial Day. Why only dredge to a water depth of seven feet? At seven feet, there is no impact on boating, use of docks, etc. Also, the deeper you dredge, the quicker you fill the storage ponds. The seven-foot depth gets you the most bang for your buck. To include additional areas to be dredged, additional cleanout work would need to be done on additional existing storage ponds. After discussing this with the engineers, the Board believes we can add Hawthorne Bay, Washington Bay, and Council Cove to this project to be completed in 2023 with minimal impact on the boating season. Fentress Marina was awarded the contract for the original proposal, and we are working with them to get cost estimates to add the additional three areas to the dredging project.

A zebra mussel treatment proposal has been approved by the Board. A professional contractor will be treating the entire lake's shoreline with a product called EarthTec QZ sometime this summer after the fish spawning season is over and the zebra mussel veliger (babies) are first detected. This initial zebra mussel treatment will be heavily monitored so we can determine the best course of action going forward as we try to control the impact of this invasive species. To all boaters and all those that access the Lake, please educate yourselves on how to protect OUR Lake from the introduction of environmentally damaging invasive species. Yes, there are other invasives, but with some simple attention to detail before putting anything into OUR Lake, like boats, we can avoid future costly solutions to protecting OUR Lake from these intruders. Contact the Association office if you'd like to learn more about protecting OUR Lake.

The Board did not approve the Multi-Sport Complex proposal with the escalations in cost. Based on 2022 estimates of \$245,000 the Board approved the project. Unfortunately, in 2023 the bid came in at \$319,600. Given the size and dollar amounts of the current dredging, zebra mussel containment, and spillway projects, the Board did not feel comfortable going over budget to replace the Multi-Sport Complex at this time. We'll get it right, but it may take some time.

There are seven candidates running this year for the ACL Board of Directors. You can find information about them all on the ACL website. You can also learn a lot about them at the "Meet the Candidates" event to be held at the Clubhouse at 1:00pm on April 8. I encourage everyone to research the candidates and Make Your Vote Count!

# GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS OPENS NEW EXHIBITS:

# A Tom Cunningham Retrospective & An Eclectic Mix

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

The Galena Center for the Arts announces the opening of exhibits in both their main Regional Artists Gallery and newly opened special exhibit space. The main

gallery will hold *An Eclectic Mix* of artwork, inspired by anything and everything; while the special exhibit space will display *a Tom Cunningham Retrospective*. Tom was an artist and conservationist whose works feature many colorful landscapes of Jo Daviess County. Proceeds of the sale of Tom's works will be donated to the Galena Center for the Arts.

An opening reception is planned for Friday, March 31 from 5-7pm. Refreshments available. Admission is free, donations are appreciated.

The exhibits will be open to the public from 11am-4pm Thursdays through Sundays through May 28, 2023

At Right: Stencil mono print by Gail Chavenelle will be on exhibit in the Regional Artists Gallery through May 28





Oil painting "Wienan's Farm from Cogan Lane" by Tom Cunningham will be on display in the Special Exhibit space through May 28

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# 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 fee.

#### **Apple Canyon Lake Pickup**

The pickup location for ACL residents 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.

#### What is JDLF?

Jo Daviess Local Foods is an online farmers' market connecting you to local producers. You order when you want; there is no requirement to order every week. There is also no minimum amount for each order. You can order from multiple producers, place multiple orders within a buying window, and pick up everything at one of our pickup locations (or have it delivered to your home). For Tuesday delivery, shop during our buying window from Friday at noon to Monday at noon.

#### JDLF has home delivery

If you live in Jo Daviess County and pay a \$10 delivery fee, we will bring the order to your house! If you aren't home at the time of delivery, you will want to put a cooler outside the house that we can leave your order inside of. Feel free to contact Erin to confirm details of the delivery.

# What is JDLF Gives?

JDLF Gives is the charitable arm of Jo Daviess Local Foods. It's a non-profit committee working in a partnership with our fiscal agent, the Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County. JDLF Gives will expand access to sustainable local food through the Farm to Food Pantry program and Veggie Vouchers.

Anyone can contribute to the JDLF Gives fund, in any amount. Make a gift online on the Community Foundation website or by mailing a check to: Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County, P.O. Box 77, Elizabeth, IL 61028 (with JDLF Gives in the check memo). For more information, visit the JDLF website at <a href="https://www.jdlf.org">www.jdlf.org</a>. Questions can be directed to Erin Keyser at <a href="mailto:erin@jdlf.org">erin@jdlf.org</a> or 815-990-5374.

# ACLDOA 2023-2027 PLAN-ON-A-PAGE

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.

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Vision	Long Range Goals and Measures	One Year Action Plans
High Performing Operations and Management  To operate at full efficiency and effectiveness for the benefit of the Association	<ul> <li>Utilization of office management software data efficiencies for analysis and decision making</li> <li>Annually study and conduct cost analysis on financial operations including contracting, purchasing, and utility costs.</li> <li>Assure the knowledge and understanding of roles, responsibilities, and the Governing Documents by the membership.</li> <li>Review and appropriately update all Governing Documents on an annual basis.</li> <li>Find best ways to communicate operational changes to property owners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue to promote, educate, and support the membership to utilize the ACL owners' portal with an emphasis to increase membership usage.</li> <li>Communicate with membership regarding changes to the Governing Documents through printed and digital platforms.</li> <li>Continue with ongoing training, development, and cross training of employees for operational efficiency.</li> <li>Improve financial results of food and beverage operations at ACL.</li> </ul>
Improvement of Infrastructure  To develop, maintain and improve the existing infrastructure	<ul> <li>Create a long-range capital development plan to include but not limited to flood mitigation, clubhouse area and offices, watershed management, dry dam improvements, dredging programs, and campground expansion.</li> <li>Provide consistent lake and environmental management.</li> <li>Effectively communicate Improvement of Infrastructure plans to property owners</li> <li>Review all reserved properties for functionality and purpose.</li> <li>Evaluate R&amp;R fund for alignment with modern Reserve Study principles to ensure the adequacy of funding for future requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop a master design and location for the Memorial Pavilion</li> <li>Continue to monitor and measure zebra mussel infestation utilizing staff, volunteers, and consultants.</li> <li>Implement the plan of action, timeline, and communication plan for spillway renovation.</li> <li>Execute a contract with a dredging company to dredge the entire lake.</li> <li>Monitor the implementation of the watershed plan, including the filing of the Water Quality Grant (319) focusing on the Winchester Bay project.</li> <li>Continue Dry Dam Action Plan for sub-watersheds surrounding the lake.</li> <li>Create and document a comprehensive lake management plan.</li> <li>Evaluate R&amp;R Fund for adequate funding for the replacement of existing assets.</li> </ul>
Amenities and Services  To study, develop, implement, and maintain existing and new amenities	<ul> <li>Develop ways to expand high demand amenities like the campground &amp; the Association docks.</li> <li>Initiate concept plan for lower 80 acres, development and design.</li> <li>Create a long-range plan on adding additional amenities and services throughout the ACLPOA properties.</li> <li>Effectively communicate amenity changes to the property owners.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Study location options for additional Association docks and campsites</li> <li>Implement approved plan to expand ACL operated food and beverage locations to include Pro-Shop, Marina and COVE.</li> </ul>
Growth and Value Enhancement of Association  To promote membership and property of the Association	<ul> <li>Develop an effective marketing plan.</li> <li>Promote ACL Charitable Foundation and their fundraising activities for ACL enhancement.</li> <li>Better communication of Growth Plans and Value Enhancement to property owners</li> <li>Study and assess the viability of bringing alternative utility sources to ACL Facilities</li> <li>Study opportunities for land acquisition by the Association in the surrounding area, primarily to protect the watershed or expand amenities.</li> </ul>	Develop plan of action for image and branding of Apple Canyon Lake     Evaluate Association Vacant Lot program.







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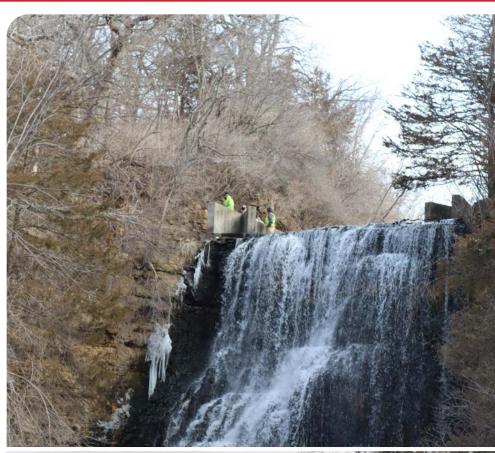
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The ACL POA is moving forward with dam and spillway improvements which will meet the current Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations for dam safety at existing dams. The Crawford, Milly, and Tilly (CMT), Rubino, and Shannon and Wilson engineering firms are collaborating to help update the lake's dam and spillway infrastructure. The board approved this project since three major flood events occurred between 2007 and 2017 that threatened the structural integrity of the dam and led to the flooding of ACL buildings. The flood in July of 2017 resulted in the lake water level being within 1.5 feet of overtopping the dam. According to CMT engineer Ted LaBelle, the current state-mandated regulations stipulate that the spillway should pass 60% of the probable maximum flood without water spilling over the top of the dam. The Apple Canyon Lake dam was grandfathered in without meeting the current regulations because the dam was constructed before the regulations were written in 1980. IDNR regulations state that owners of existing dams shall be required to meet regulations to upgrade facilities only if the dam owner makes other major improvements to the dam and spillway. This project will help mitigate future flooding pressures to ACL infrastructure and update our system to meet current regulations. A brief overview of the project is the replacement of the concrete spillway, and the deepening and widening of the channels next to the spillway while the dam will have clay added to raise the top of the dam. The new spillway will include a labyrinth design (aka a zigzag wall) that increases the length of the wall in order to discharge water at a much greater rate while maintaining the current lake water levels. The waterfall will also be lowered; however, the engineers expect it to cover the same width as it currently does so that it maintains its current look during lower flows. The project is expected to be constructed in the fall, but the completion of construction plans and applications for permits will be conducted from now until then by the engineers. If you witness the lake's valve open or people working on top of the waterfall please do not be alarmed.

The natural resources team here at the lake has been assisting the engineers with taking their measurements and collecting samples for this ACL Board-approved project. We would like to share a couple of interesting insights into our area that we have been able to learn from the engineers and geologists. We learned from Shannon and Wilson's geologist Mark Wieners that the rock we have in our area is 450 million years old from the Ordovician period. The rock is called dolomite which formed when our area was a tropical ocean environment. As the limey/muddy ocean sediment was deposited it hardened over many years to get the cliffs and outcropping of rocks we see today. The engineers used a Geoprobe rock borer to obtain rock core samples so that they could run structural tests on the rock for the spillway project. The engineers also wanted to learn how geological factors such as weathering, erosion, and water will affect the rock in the spillway over time, so Mark was also tasked with taking measurements of the rock cliff faces adjacent to the spillway. Lastly, we assisted Mark with taking clay samples from a clay borrow site west of Nixon Beach where Mark will be testing if it is suitable to be added to the dam. He told us for lake and dam infrastructure engineers look for what they call a "fat clay" that has a silly puddy-like consistency that will flex and bend when it encounters water while still maintaining its overall shape and form.













The engineers also wanted to learn how geological factor and water will affect the rock in the spillway over time, taking measurements of the rock cliff faces adjacent to the spillway over time.





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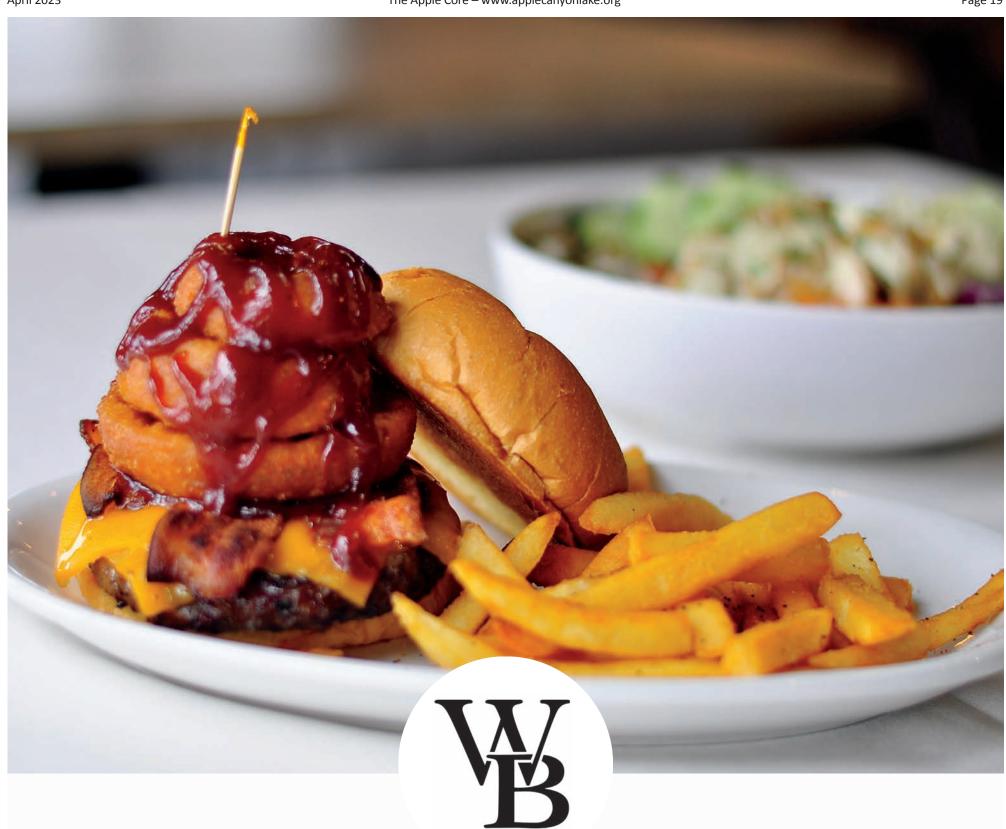






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in our area.

"Adopt a Bluebird House" Still Needs Volunteers BY KELSEY KING, Natural

In the February Apple Core, the Conservation Commission introduced you to the bluebird house trail at Apple Canyon Lake and the need for volunteers to adopt a house or houses. We thought it would be helpful to provide additional information on monitoring the bluebird houses and to describe why bluebird houses are vital to the continuation of eastern bluebirds

Eastern bluebirds are considered "cavity nesters" meaning they build their nests in dead tree snags and old fence posts that have been hollowed out by woodpeckers. Historically, the eastern bluebird population experienced a major decline from 1920 to 1970 due to the loss of nesting habitat. Logging and the removal of old wooden fence posts along ditches led citizen conservationists to take action to provide bluebirds with houses that increase their reproductive success. Luckily, today due to conservation efforts protecting forested areas and the construction of bluebird house trails the eastern bluebird is listed as a species of least concern by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

This is an example of how citizens can come together and make a positive impact to protect a species impacted by human activity. We have put together a bluebird house tip and tracking sheet to guide volunteers through monitoring their bluebird houses. It guides you through counting how many eggs, chicks, and bluebirds have used your bluebird box between March and August. Monitoring your bluebird house is a very simple task. Once a week you check your assigned box, record what you find on the tracking sheet, and, if appropriate, remove the old nest so that the bluebirds can start over and raise more chicks.

You will also find that other cavity-nesting bird species like to use your bluebird house including wrens, chickadees, and house and tree sparrows. Each species prefers to make a nest a little differently. For example, bluebirds prefer to use grass clippings while wrens tend to use twigs for their nests. The tip sheet covers what you need to do to discourage other species from using the bluebird boxes. If you have questions at any time, feel free to reach out to the Natural Resources Manager at naturalresources@applecanyonlake.org and we would be happy to help you out. We also understand that busy schedules can at times make it hard to monitor your house. If you accidentally miss a week for whatever reason that is okay. Just be sure to record that it was a missed count day on the tracking sheet. By the end of the nesting season, we will contact you to see how many bluebirds you helped rear over the nesting season to get a total count for Apple Canyon Lake.

If you are interested in getting involved and learning about bluebird nesting and behavior, we encourage you to contact the office via email at <u>customerservice@applecanyonlake.org</u>. Include the number or numbers of the boxes you will service. If your box isn't numbered, please provide a location description. An example might be "off the trail at Independence Bay". We will contact you if your chosen box is already taken and will provide updates on adopted boxes in the Apple Seed. We will also send you the tip and tracking sheets with helpful website links that will assist you with your bluebird house monitoring.



# EARTH DAY 2023 **INVEST IN OUR PLANET**

BY PAULA WIENER, Conservation Commission Chair

Invest in our planet is this year's Earth Day theme, but we can bring it a little closer to home and make our theme invest in our community. Every year the Conservation Commission sponsors a spring clean-up the week of International Earth Day. We need your help to put the shine back on the apple.

This year's event will again be freeform. You or your group can pick up trash along our roadways, trails, and shoreline any time between Friday, April 21, and Sunday, April 23. If you are really ambitious, you can clean any of the other roads within the Apple

Canyon Lake Watershed. If you decide to do this or work on Apple Canyon Lake Road, we suggest you borrow a reflective vest from the office. We will notify the sheriff that UTVs will be on the roads. He has been very cooperative in the past years.

There will be a dump truck positioned at the entrance to the Maintenance yard. Even if the dump is open when you return with your trash, can you please place it in the truck. That, and posting on the official Apple Canyon Lake Facebook page, is the only way we have of tracking how many folks participated. This can be important information when we apply for grants to do work on our watershed plan.



Thank you in advance to everyone who volunteers this year. A relatively small investment of your time in our community can bring big returns for all of us.

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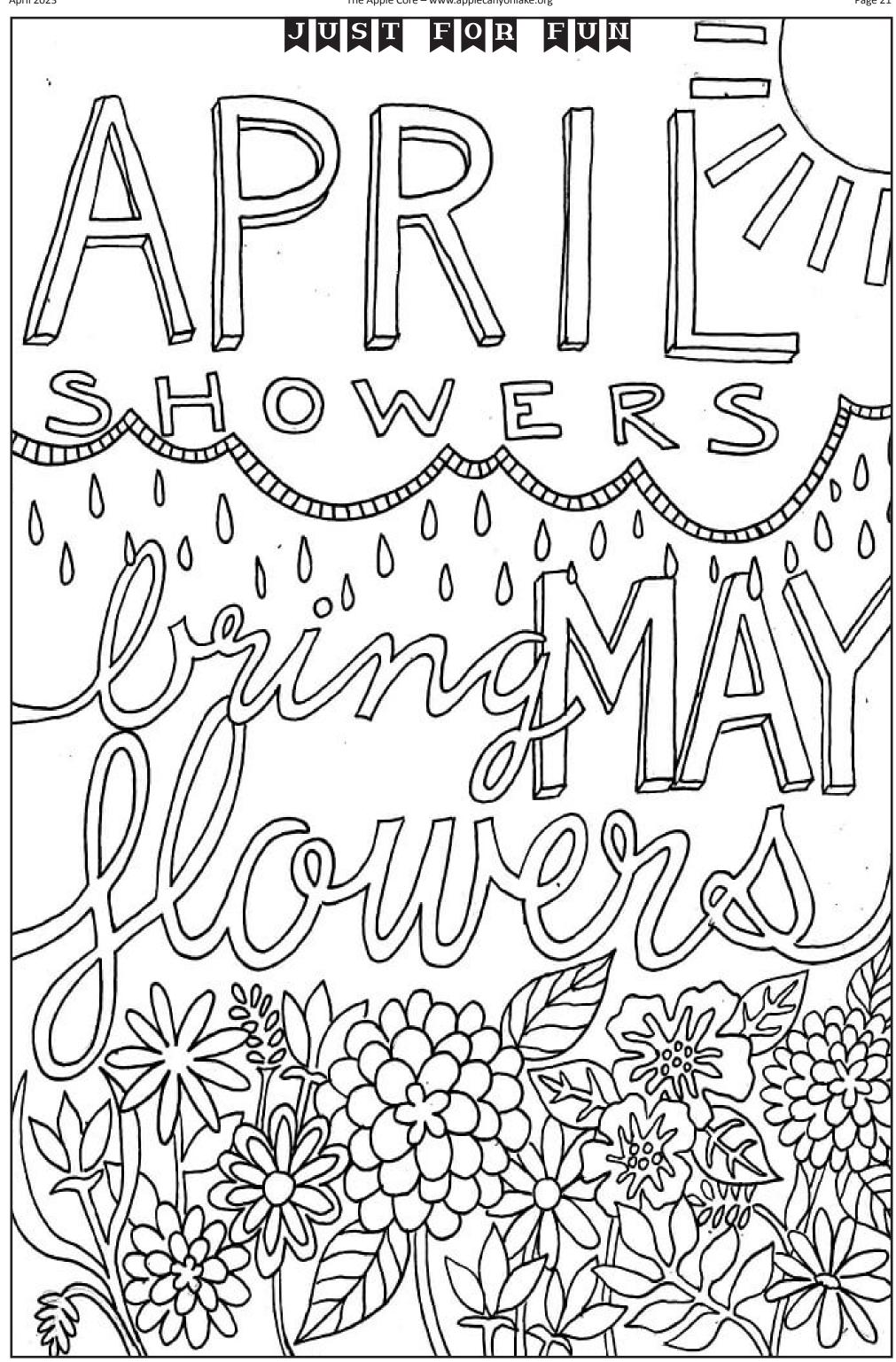


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# JUST FOR FUN

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Oral legend
- 5. Like Barbie's nose
- 9. Spaghetti sauce herb
- 14. Imitates
- 15. Orrin Hatch's state
- 16. Noosed rope
- 17. Service meal
- 18. Cornmeal cake
- 19. Add to the city
- 20. Primary source of income
- 23. Forest spirit
- 24. Zester, basically
- 25. Air Force One, for one
- 28. Cordial opening
- 33. Heroic and impressive
- 37. Constantly reminds
- 39. Lily variety
- 40. Fancy boardinghouse
- 43. "Legally Blonde" star Witherspoon
- 44. Large, edible bulb
- 45. "\_\_\_ the night before..."
- 46. Acting in a play
- 48. Family member
- 40. Faililly

50. Jab

- 52. Ogden Nash creation
- 57. Oscar-winning song introduced by Bob Hope
- 62. Vietnamese capital
- 63. Key part
- 64. Give off
- 65. Thrown in

- 66. They may be square
- 67. Actress Russo
- 68. Stone nodule often containing crystal
- 69. Mickey Rooney has a lot
- of them 70. Attire

#### **DOWN**

- 1. "The Silence of the \_\_\_\_"
- 2. "Tosca," e.g.
- 3. Return to an original state
- 4. Scholarship entry, sometimes
- 5. Insect form
- 6. Waist-length jacket
- 7. Time off, briefly
- 8. Horror film about an evil child
- 9. The stars of "St. Elmo's Fire," collectively
- 10. "Say it \_\_\_\_ so!"
- 11. Not crazy
- 12. Brain passage
- 13. Unstrict
- 21. Erving nickname
- 22. Put into play
- 26. Final chapter
- 27. Service piece
- 29. Flat-bottomed craft
- 30. Cabbage salad
- 31. Rick Blaine's old flame
- 32. Charlie Brown's cry
- 33. Longest river in Spain

34. Hammer end

- 35. The \_\_\_ of March
- 36. Word before iron or member
- 38. Kaplan Review test
- 41. It comes with the
- 1st and 3rd quarters of the moon
- 42. Wanted poster abbr.
- 47. Slime
- 49. Burned item
- 51. Lord high constable in "Ivanhoe"

53. Roeper's TV partner

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54. Famous family feud participant

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- 55. Playground equipment
- 56. \_\_\_ Park, Colorado
- 57. Beseeched
- 58. Loosen a fastening
- 59. Struck a nail obliquely
- 60. Opposite of aweather
- 61. New Jersey five
- 62. Old witch

OnlineCrosswords.net. Solution may be found on Page 28.

# Know the Difference Between Sirens:

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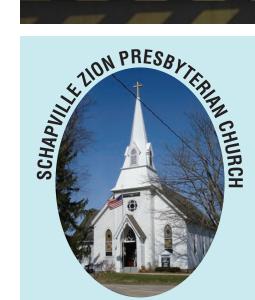
Emergency alerts will also be posted to our Facebook page as available.

**2.) An up-and-down, rising and falling tone** notifies local first responders (and the public) of the need for first responders to respond to the station for an emergency call. (Structure fire, vehicle accident, EMS call, etc.) This tone will continue for a total of 3 minutes. Be alert for vehicles responding to and leaving the fire station.

# "What should I do if I hear the sirens?"

If the storm sirens are activated (and it is NOT a monthly siren test) the public should see it as a signal to: **1.)** Seek shelter. **2.)** Tune in to radio or television to get information about type of emergency and instructions and recommendations. **3.)** Listen to your local media for indications that the emergency is over. The public should not call 9-1-1 unless they have an actual emergency.





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# ACL GARDEN CLUB

# Duncheon Announced

The Apple Canyon Lake Garden Club proudly announces their Spring 2023 Luncheon: Butterflies & Blooms Brunch to be held on Friday, May 19, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the ACL Clubhouse. Last fall, close to 50 Garden Club members and guests enjoyed the Fall 2022 luncheon. The luncheon sub-committee is busy planning the menu and decorations for the event. The theme was chosen to pair with the Children's Garden Butterflies and Blooms event on July 29, 2023. The butterfly symbolizes a powerful beacon of growth and new beginnings. Each year, the Garden Club witnesses new beginnings with the new life cycle of butterflies and fresh spring blooms throughout Apple Canyon Lake.

The ACL Garden Club members through the various volunteer sub-committees continue to beautify the common areas of Apple Canyon Lake; as well as educate the children through the many activities throughout the year. The current Garden Club leadership for the 2023 year is Therese Nelson, Chair; Rosemary Pope, Treasurer, and Terri Ward, Secretary. The Children's Garden sub-committee led by Kathy Rogers and her talented team of volunteers are planning wonderful Children's Garden events for summer and fall. We look forward to seeing the beautiful work of all who lend their time and talent on the Islander's committee led by Pam Meyer. We joyously anticipate the 2023 events including Garden Walks, Invasive Plant Tours, Prairie Seed Collection and Spreading, the Memorial Weekend Plant Sale, Pumpkin seeds planting, Garden Club Holiday Field Trip, Hanging of the Greens, and all the Children's Garden and Adventurer's Club events. The ACL Garden Club is 80+ members strong. If you are interested in learning more about the ACL Garden Club but are unavailable to attend the luncheon, please contact new Membership Chairperson Lori Hewitt at 630-302-2002 or Lori.hewitt@outlook.com.

We look forward to seeing current members, seasoned Garden Club alumni, and welcoming new members. Each participant is asked to bring a dish to pass at the brunch for everyone to enjoy. The yearly membership cost is only \$20. We invite you to blossom and "grow" with us!



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# MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Introducing, Dave Mc Worthy

BY GAIL TASCH, Maintenance Administrative

As promised last month, we are interviewing our Maintenance employees so you can get to know them better and see what they do for us. None of our accomplishments could be done without our team.

Dave McWorthy joined the ACL Maintenance team on January 12, 2023. Below are a few things we found out about Dave.

Favorite Color: Red, because he has always worked around red equipment.

Favorite Food: Brauts

Favorite Hobbies: Hunting and Fishing

What is your past time fun activity after work? Taking care of our animals, lately playing with our new baby goats, only a week old.

Previous Employer: Worked for John Deere 27 years as a Technician and Service Manager

Current ACL Responsibility: Service and repair of all golf equipment, plus any other projects requested.

Advice to pass along and he lives by: Always strive to do better and learn something new every day.

**Family:** Dave and his wife Sandy own a farm and live in Lena, II. Currently, they also have two dogs, Hondo the 9-month-old Dachshund, and Brandy an Australian Shepherd.

Dave, we appreciate everything you do and are glad to have you on the team.



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# HELP US FIND WHISKERS THE FOX ON THE APPLE CANYON LAKE TRAILS

BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, Event & Activities Coordinator

As many of you know we have many foxes that call ACL home just like you. The Recreation Department hosted a fox coloring contest last year and the winning name from the contest was Whiskers. After some discussion, I decided to add some fun for families on the trails this year. We have 12 3D foxes that were cut out by the Maintenance Department. Julie, the Safety & Security Manager, and I got the pleasure to hide all 12

of these 3D foxes out on the trail. How does this work you may ask yourself, well first of all let's make sure the children have a parent or guardian to help. Before you hit the trail make sure you have a tracking map that you may pick up at the Association Office or download from the website. Then, the fun finally begins. Hit the trails and keep your eyes peeled for Whiskers hiding. Make sure you find all 12 and mark them on the map. Finally, turn your map in at the Association Office to the Event & Activities Coordinator to pick up your "I Found Whiskers" sticker! I can't wait to see how many stickers I will be giving out this year for this fun memory-making activity.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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#### **STANGER**

The election for a Director to the Jo Carroll Energy Board of Directors District 3 occurs every 3 years. As your current Director I ask you to again re-elect me. I am currently Board Secretary and member of Executive Committee.

The entire utility industry is entering uncharted waters. As members, all, of this Electric Cooperative, we are affected by the questions of rate changes, fiber expansion, solar and net metering, and more. Having spent the time to learn about this every changing, challenging business, I hope you will consider allowing me to continue to represent you for another 3-year term. The Directors on the Board our focus always is on our fiduciary responsibilities to you the members who actually own this Cooperative and elect someone to represent them. We are committed to the principles that the services be: Available, Sustainable, Affordable, Safety.

Apple Canyon Lake has been Stanger home for over 20 years. Years passed, I served on Recreation, Golf and other Commissions, and even the ACL Board early

Primarily, PLEASE Vote. Ballots will be mailed to you April and May. Vote by mail or e-mail. Results are counted and announced at the Annual Member Meeting. Consider attending - - Monday, June 5 at the West Carroll High School in Savannah.

I do have a worthy opponent. But consider your choice and do Vote. And Thank you for all your support over the years. It's s truly been an honor.

Marcy Stanger, 13a17 Rawhide Ct

#### WHEN CAN WE EXPECT A QUALITY SPORT COMPLEX?

In 2022, \$245k was approved by the BOD to update our sport complex amenity (tennis, basketball, volleyball and pickleball). The budget was based on an "educated estimate" in 2021 for \$250k from two qualified consultants. After initial budget approval, a consultant was hired to create designs, write an RFP and secure qualified bids. Multiple companies were asked, however only one bid was returned due to location and specifications. That bid was \$319,600. The cost of material and labor over the past few years has increased. At the 2/18/23 BOD meeting additional funding was requested to complete the project, however the BOD voted AGAINST additional funding. Some suggested we eliminate the amenity entirely. This widely used amenity needs improvement. The current surface is of poor quality, and in bad shape

The commission has spent considerable time and effort to improve this amenity. Labor and material prices are stabilizing but not expected to go down. We are looking for ways to reduce costs; adjusting design, phasing over years, reusing fencing, etc. It will also be discussed at upcoming budget meetings so in 2024 we can hopefully do this right. The BOD is legally responsible to maintain and enhance our lake and amenities. Quality amenities improve home values, and our community in general. Please express your support to the BOD!

Thank You. The Sport Complex ad hoc commission members.

Scott LoSasso, Suzanne LoSasso 8A247

Ryan Blentlinger 12A83

Gary Hannon 8A239

# **ACLPOA Board Approved Policy**

# THE APPLE CORE: ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

The Apple Core is published by the ACLPOA for the benefit of its Members - to keep them informed about developments with respect to the lake, facilities, activities and finances; to report Board decisions; to provide a handy reference about rules, fees and coming events; and to afford a means of communication on questions and issues of importance to property owners.

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.

The General Manager is responsible for having the paper produced. The Communications Director is the Editor. Any and all editorial material (copy other than paid advertising) must be submitted to the Editor's office.

The Editorial Review Committee will determine whether or not letters, advertising material or any other material submitted for publication should be rejected. If material is rejected, property owners will be notified and told cause of rejection.

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Letters to the Editor must be:

- a) Submitted and signed by a Property Owner.
- b) Received by the 15th of the month previous to publication.
- c) Confined to 250 words or less.

The following guidelines for treatment of letters have been adopted for the purpose of encouraging expression of views with the focus on discussion of issues not people. Publication of letters does not necessarily imply agreement or endorsement by the Association or the Board

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- Constructive criticism will be accepted. Positive suggestions for improvement are encouraged.
- Letters must be in good taste. Those containing offensive or derogatory language, libelous statements or expressing personal grievances or conflicts will not be published.
- Nothing in these guidelines should be construed to prohibit references to people so long as an issue of importance is the focus of the letter.
- Editorial comments will be limited to factual clarification or update on the matter at issue. No point of view will be expressed.

#### With respect to Board Elections:

- 1) Candidates will be presented in the March and April issues.
- 2) A special section for questions regarding candidates will be included in the March and April issues of The Apple Core. Questions regarding candidates must be received thirteen (13) days prior to copy deadline in order to provide the candidates with the opportunity to respond in the same edition. Candidate responses must be received two (2) days prior to copy deadlines.

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Our volunteers have an important role in helping family, friends, neighbors and the community when emergencies occur. As a Volunteer you will give back to the community, make a difference and develop new skills! For additional information please contact Dan at 815-238-1999 or Richard at 815-289-2940.



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# **APPLE RIVER MEMORIAL DAY 2023**

Apple River American Legion Post #298 apologizes that the Post will be unable to conduct its annual Memorial Day Ceremony

The Post has fallen prey to the ravages of old age and health issues. We do not have enough healthy personnel to present the Memorial Day service this year. The Post asks area veterans to get involved so we can continue our service activities in the future. If you would like to get involved, please call Mike Toepfer at (815) 858-0612 or Rick Smith at (815) 291-6579.

# ATTENTION APPLE RIVER AREA VETERANS!

Your services are still needed. The Apple River American Legion needs active members who would still like to serve their community and fellow veterans. We have 30 members on our roster but due to health and age, we have very few members who can provide the traditional activities assisting the village and area veterans.

If you have spare time we need your help with Memorial Day ceremonies, care of veterans' graves, village flags and funeral honors for deceased veterans.

Please come and meet us. We meet the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Apple River Event Center

Please call us at (815) 858-0612 or fill out and mail the following information:

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BY TIM BROKL, Communications & Marketing Manager

Spring is finally here, and we are excited for the 2023 season! The start of spring signals the beginning of the golf and recreation season and boy do we have a lot planned this year! Ashley Randecker, our Event & Activities Coordinator has been very busy over winter preparing for our 2023 events, as well as, creating some new and exciting activities for our members to take part in. This year, we have added more live

music, expanded on our Independence Day activities, and are working on a few family fun golf outings. Ashley has also been hard at work with our maintenance team and Security Manager, creating a new activity for families to do together on the trails. Read all about it in Ashley's "Where's Whiskers?" article in the center spread to learn how you can participate. Golfers, check out the "News from the Nine" article to learn more about the upcoming golf outings we have planned for 2023.

With the start of the season and all the upcoming events we have in store, we have made registering a breeze by partnering with Fare Harbor to bring back online registration and payments! You can register for events like the Trail Trekker, purchase

your Rumble & Roll Ball raffle numbers, sign the kiddos up for Kids Camp or the Kids Fishing Tournament, and more! We also have swimming lesson and golf outing registrations coming, as well as campsite and pontoon boat rentals in the works.

Have you downloaded the Apple Canyon Lake app? I may sound like a broken record at this point, but the Apple Canyon Lake app should be on every owner's phone. While you can make payments, book tee times, check the weather, and other things on the app, the most important reason to get the app is for notifications. In addition to the Apple Seed being posted to the app weekly, you will receive push notifications anytime an important announcement is made. Get the Apple Canyon Lake app today from the Apple Store or Google Play Store today, and never miss an important announcement again.

Lastly, the 2023 edition of the annual Apple Canyon Lake Service Directory is on its way to your home. Each year the Communications Department puts together a handy little directory of local businesses and services in the ACL area. Whether you need a contractor for your next building project or are just looking for a new place to eat, refer to this handy directory.

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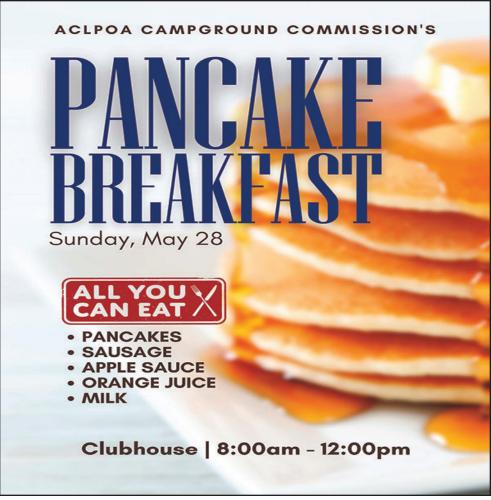








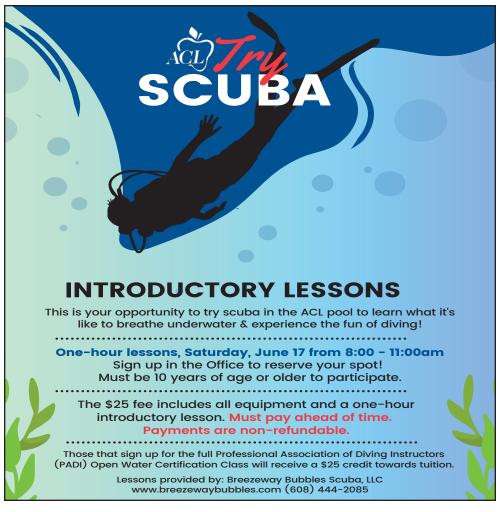














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