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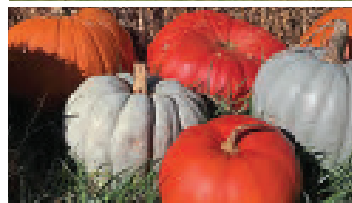
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The Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission and Natural Resources Department will be conducting an experimental lake drawdown this November. Read about the project on page 26!



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



BY NOLAN MULLEN

Summer is winding down, but there is still time to enjoy everything ACL has to offer. Here is an update on some of the projects we've accomplished this year.

I was happy to hear that the zebra mussel treatments have been applied and were successful. The test cages installed around the Lake to monitor the treatments experienced a mortality rate of at or near 100%.

In preparation for the 2024 flood mitigation Spillway Project there is a planned drawdown of the Lake this November. The plan is to lower the Lake two feet this year, to gauge the effects it has before we lower it even more next year. You should start seeing communications from ACL staff regarding the drawdown.

The dredging project is winding down and should be complete some time this month.

Budget season is under way. The Budget Commission has started meeting to put together a 2024 budget proposal to send to the Board for approval. I am optimistic that we can balance a budget and keep assessment increases to a minimum.

Some highlights from the August BOD meeting are:

- Approved a contract with Management Matters, as an executive search firm, to assist with finding a new GM.
- Approved additional \$89,000 in funding to CMT for phase 2 of the flood mitigation spillway project.
- Approved moving forward with the building of the Memorial Pavilion west of the Mann Lookout Tower, using \$54,045 from the Memorial Pavilion designated fund.

Wishing you a great rest of your summer at ACL!

FROM THE GM...



BY MIKE HARRIS, *Interim General Manager*

Through my first month as the Interim General Manager, I have seen a huge improvement in staff morale. I ask our members to be courteous and patient with the staff as myself and the Interim Human Resource Manager, Mike Yorke work to understand where staffing is needed and work to hire to fill these roles.

The weed harvester was back out in the southern portion of the lake last month. Natural resources staff has finished harvesting North Bay, Winchester Bay, Apache Cove, Hidden Springs Cove, Washington Cove, Blackhawk Cove, and Concord Cove. By the time *The Apple Core* is published, Nixon Beach, Hawthorne Bay, and Independence Bay should also be completed. This month the Natural Resources team will be bringing in the long arm dredge to do additional work in Jefferson Cove, Hickory Cove, and the cove between Council Fire and Eagle.

As the Association moves forward with dam and spillway improvements, The Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission and Natural Resources Manager will be conducting an experimental lake drawdown this November. The experiment will involve lowering the lake level by 2 feet. The experimental drawdown will give necessary insight in preparation for the spillway improvements planned for 2024. The current planned improvements would update the dam to meet the current Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations for dam safety and allow for the water level to be lowered more quickly during a heavy rain event. The Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission has been working closely with the Natural Resources Manager, Tyler Hesselbacher, The Crawford, Milly, and Tilly (CMT), Rubino, and Shannon and Wilson engineering firms to collaborate on the project. The Board approved this project after suffering three major flood events between 2007 and 2017 that threatened the structural integrity of the dam, led to the flooding of ACL buildings, and damage to several docks and property owner's boats. Read the Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission's article on page 26 of this issue of *The Apple Core* for more information on this project.

Finally, I would like to introduce Randy Rasmussen as the new manager of The Cove Lakeside Restaurant. Many of you may already have met him over the season as The Cove Supervisor. In light of recent events, Randy has been promoted to The Cove Manager and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of The Cove Lakeside Restaurant moving forward. Randy has already hit the ground running with his new responsibility and is working closely with the Food and Beverage Commission to implement the vision the Association has for The Cove.



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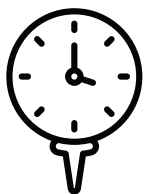
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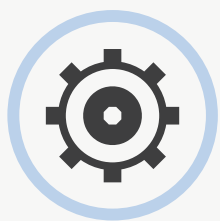
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ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 8, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order – Chairman Dave Allgood called the meeting to order at 8:02 am with the following committee members in attendance: Bill Ware, Dave Allgood, Henry Doden and Jim Frank. Inspector Joe Wiener was also in attendance. Bob Balinger and Nolen Mullen attended via Zoom. John Anderson was absent.
- 2.0 Approve Minutes of the May 2023 Meeting – Bill Ware Moved, Henry Doden seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 3.0 Property Owner Comments – None
- 4.0 Building Inspector Report – There have been 75 permits issued to date this year. Septic inspections are ongoing. A shed was identified as being placed into the 10' setback. Joe will contact the owners and request that it be moved out of the setback area. The latest changes to the building code were approved by the board and will be posted online. Setback Variance approved by ACL BOD for 12A280 Lincoln Ct goes to the County Zoning Board of Appeals July 25, 2023.
- 5.0 Agenda -Approve Revised Agenda – Bill Ware Moved, Henry Doden seconded.
Drop Item 7.7 and 7.8 Add Item 7.10 – Deck Permit. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business – Concerns were discussed related to Greenway Projects within 50' of the lake. Joe will follow up with the Conservation Commission to ensure projects align with current ACL Building Codes and Covenants.
- 7.0 New Business
- 7.1 Regarding 12A106 Johnson Ln
To permit the construction of a new 3 bedroom 3 bath dwelling with a 1,386- gsf ground floor, a 706- gsf upper level, 1,386-gsf basement level below grade without windows, no attached or detached garage, 807-gsf attached deck, driveway, buried LP Tank, 1,500 gal. septic tank and gravel seepage field utility infrastructure as per the attached construction documents. The finishes are LP SmartSide Harvest Honey, Window trim white, Asphalt shingles dark gray. The lot corner posts and structure setbacks must be located and flagged by a licensed surveyor in accordance with ACL Building Code 102.4. A silt fence shall be installed and maintained throughout the project until the ground cover is restored. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. A refundable \$500.00 Environmental Debris Bond is required. Jo Daviess County Planning and Development permits, Recorded lot combination documentation, Health Department permit, and Thompson Township Road District culvert approval must be issued before the ACL permit will be considered issued. No variance is granted.
Motion – Jim Frank Moved, Bill Ware seconded. Discussion – All ACL and County Requirements are met. Motion Passed 6 – Aye 0 - Nay 0 - Abstain
- 7.2 Regarding 2A020 Hidden Spring Ln
To permit within the 100 foot lake setback, the repair of an existing 288-gsf main deck, a 64-gsf lower deck and the replacement of the railings and balusters to meet Code. Materials will be tan composite decking, black aluminum railings, cable balusters and low voltage post mounted lighting. The finished deck will not be larger than 300-gsf. A silt fence shall be installed and maintained throughout the project until the ground cover is restored. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. A refundable \$500.00 Environmental Debris Bond is required. Jo Daviess County Planning and Development permits must be issued before the ACL permit will be considered issued. No variance is granted.
Motion – Henry Doden Moved, Bill Ware seconded. Discussion – All ACL and County Requirements are met. Motion Passed 6 – Aye 0 - Nay 0 - Abstain
- 7.3 Regarding 8A242 Washington Ln
To permit the replacement of existing pavers at an existing firepit and existing pavers at the lake shoreline between existing limestone retaining walls with two 4" thick tinted concrete pads. The combined gross square footage of the concrete pads shall not exceed 600-gsf. Concrete shall not be installed within five feet of the 800' water line. ACL Building and Environmental Code sections 124, 126 and 127 apply to this work.

The existing structure perimeters must be located and flagged for verification by the Building Inspector prior to excavation. Silt fencing shall be installed and maintained throughout the project until the ground cover is restored. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. A refundable \$500.00 Environmental Debris Bond is required. No variance is granted.

Motion – Bill Ware Moved, Henry Doden seconded. Discussion – All ACL and County Requirements are met. Motion Passed 6 – Aye 0 - Nay 0 - Abstain

7.4 Regarding 10A058 Cardinal Ct To permit the addition of 100' of 3' high limestone retaining wall along the lake shore as per the submitted documents. A silt fence shall be installed and maintained throughout the project until the ground cover is restored. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. A refundable \$500.00 Environmental Debris Bond is required. No variance is granted.

Motion – Jim Frank moved. Bill Ware seconded. Discussion – All permits and paperwork have been submitted. Motion Passed 6 – Aye 0 – Nay 0- Abstain

7.5 Regarding 6A007 Hampton Ct To permit enlarging an existing ATV turnaround adjacent to the lake shoreline installed by Permit 17-073 with a limestone retaining wall and gray turfstone as per the submitted documents. ACL Building and Environmental Code sections 124, 126 and 127 apply to this work. The existing and proposed structure perimeters must be located and flagged for verification by the Building Inspector prior to excavation. Silt fencing shall be installed and maintained throughout the project until the ground cover is restored. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. A refundable \$500.00 Environmental Debris Bond is required. No variance is granted.

Motion – Bill Ware moved. Jim Frank seconded. Discussion: All ACL Requirements have been met. Motion 6 – Aye 0 - Nay 0 - Abstain

7.6 Regarding 6A008 Hampton Ct To permit the replacement of the railroad tie steps and retaining walls with limestone. Add limestone retaining walls along the lake shore, create a 250-gsf sand beach and a 600-gsf brick paved patio as per the submitted documents. A silt fence shall be installed and maintained throughout the project until the ground cover is restored. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. No variance is granted.

Motion – Henry Doden. Second - Bill Ware. Discussion: All ACL setback and permit requirements have been met. Motion Passed. 6 – Aye 0 – Nay 0 – Abstain

7.7 - Withdrawn

7.8 - Withdrawn

7.9 Regarding Nixon Beach, 12A360 Nixon Ln To permit the installation of a 220V GIF outlet on the Nixon Beach Pavilion to provide power for a Limnetics Destratifier/Mixing Machine approved by the Board of Directors at their June 17, 2023 meeting.

Motion – Bill Ware moved. Henry Doden seconded Discussion – All ACL and County Requirements are met. Motion passed 5 – Aye 1 Nay 0 - Astain

7.10 Regarding 3A177 General Sheridan Ct To permit the construction of a 130-gsf deck made of reclaimed treated deck lumber at ground level below an existing permitted deck within the 100' lake setback. Disturbed ground shall be seeded and mulched as soon as is practical. A refundable \$500.00 Environmental Debris Bond is required. No variance is granted.

Motion – Jim Frank Second – Bill Ware Discussion – All ACL and JoDaviess requirements have been met. 6 Aye and 0 Nay Motion Passed

7.11 Motion to ammend permit to Cardinal Court project to include \$500 Debris Bond. Discussion – Needed to maintain consistency on all projects within the 100' setback. 5 - Aye 0 Nay

Motion Passed

- 8.0 Next Meeting Date – September 2, 2023
- 9.0 Adjournment – Bill Ware moved at 9:15 am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JULY 15, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: Called to order by Nolan Mullen at 3:16 pm.
Members present: Nolan Mullen, Bob Ballenger, Deb McNamee, Carmel Cottrell, Brian Holt, Bill Becker, Mark Kosco and Laura Pratt. John Anderson was absent. General Manager Jen Callaghan was also present.
Bob Ballenger motioned "to go to executive session." Second by Bill Becker. Mark Kosco motioned "to return to regular meeting." Second by Bill Becker, motion carried.
- 2.0 Election of Officers:
 - 2.1 President – Bill Becker motioned "to nominate Nolan Mullen as President." Second by Bob Ballenger, motion carried unanimously.
 - 2.2 Vice-President – Mark Kosco motioned "to nominate Bill Becker as Vice-President." Second by Deb McNamee. Motion carried with Bill Becker abstaining.
 - 2.3 Secretary – Bill Becker motioned "to nominate Laura Pratt as Secretary." Second by Mark Kosco, motion carried with Laura Pratt abstaining.
 - 2.4 Treasurer – Bob Ballenger motioned "to nominate Carmel Cottrell as treasurer." Second by Laura Pratt. Bill Becker motioned "to nominate Mark Kosco as treasurer." Second by Bob Ballenger. Roll call for Carmel Cottrell for Treasurer – Bob Ballenger - aye, Bill Becker – nay, Brian Holt - nay, Carmel – aye, Deb McNamee - abstain, Mark Kosco – nay, Laura Pratt – aye. Motion fails with three Aye votes. Roll call for Mark Kosco for Treasurer – Bob Ballenger – nay, Bill Becker – aye, Brian Holt - aye, Carmel Cottrell - nay, Deb McNamee - abstain, Mark Kosco - aye, Laura Pratt - nay. Motion fails with three Aye votes. Deb McNamee changed her vote to give Mark her vote since he has been here the longest. Nolan Mullen voted aye for Mark Kosco. Motion passes with five Ayes for Mark Kosco as Treasurer.
- 3.0 Approve/Adopt Minutes from the June 17, 2023 Board Meeting & June 26, 2023 Board Meeting (adding June 16 executive meeting) - Laura Pratt motioned "to approve/adopt minutes from the June 16, 2023 executive meeting, June 17, 2023 board of directors meeting, & the June 26, 2023 Special Board meeting." Second by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 4.0 Commission Reports – all reports were done at the annual meeting.
- 5.0 Property Owners Comments – will move this item to the end of the meeting.
- 6.0 Any Additions to the Agenda – Bill Becker motioned "to add 9.3 Campground Pavilion Funds to this agenda." Second by Bob Ballenger, motion carried unanimously.
- 7.0 Consent Agenda
 - 7.1 Appointment to Golf Committee – Barry Kren and 7.2 Appointment to Budget Commission – Mike Harris, Steve Borst – Deb McNamee motioned "to approve Barry Kren to the Golf Commission and Mike Harris and Steve Borst to the Budget Commission." Second by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.
- 8.0 Unfinished Business
- 8.1 Memo 2023-40 Multi-Sport Court – Bob Ballenger motioned "to approve the value engineered sport complex design presented by Helm in the amount of \$261,125.00 with the understanding that phase one

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

work will be done in fall of 2023 and phase two work in spring of 2024, as specified in Helm's proposal. The first phase done in 2023 will be under the budget allocation of \$228,000.00 with the second phase monies to be allocated through the budgeting process for a spring 2024 finish." Second by Mark Kosco. Discussion: didn't see a mention about other sports. Pickleball or basketball courts. Laura Pratt - today's bid is not showing any dimensions, but assuming it will be the same. Nothing about the tennis courts. But original idea was to have all three sports. N50 asphalt would only need 2" vs 3.5" – but seems we are going back to 3.5". Changing the asphalt to save money. Other question is #14 – color coating. Almost \$14,000 more. Want to approve this, but wish answers were available. Deb McNamee – we've done nothing for swimming. Indoor pool, basketball, pickleball – why are we building this outside. Put money in an indoor facility. RFP should generate multiple bids, it did not. Consider the effort unsuccessful. You should go out to the people you sent the bids to, etc. There are ways to generate bids. Mark Kosco – obligation to take care of the amenity. Vote and address concerns going forward. Motion carried with Deb McNamee voting Nay.

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Memo 2023-093 Back Up Valve – Laura Pratt motioned "to move forward to obtain quotes for purchasing and installing a secondary backup valve. Estimated cost could be up to \$30,000." Second by Bob Ballenger. Discussion: capital expense. Ron Carpenter – this would go outside the existing valve. Narrow slide valve. We tested our valve last year – Fehr Graham suggested putting in the backup valve. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9.2 Memo 2023-041 Dredge Addition – Laura Pratt motioned "to approve the additional dredging expenses for Frenress to dredge the following: Jefferson Cove (296 Cubic Yards) = \$12,000.00; Little Cove to the right of North Bay between Eagle and Council (666 Cubic Yards) = \$16,675.00; Hickory Cove (Mechanical) = \$10,000.00." Second by Bob Ballenger. Discussion: typical numbers for dredging. Dredging under budget right now, so makes sense to get these additional locations taken care of while they are here. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9.3 Campground Pavilion Funds – Bob Ballenger motioned "to authorize the transfer of \$12,700 from Campground Designated Fund to the Memorial Pavilion Designated Fund." \$10,000 set aside from campground funds to go to their pavilion, along with \$2,700 for picnic tables. Ron Carpenter - none of our money got used. Reaffirmed our commitment at the last Campground meeting, to put \$10,000 towards the Memorial Pavilion. Second part to this - all paid in 2022, books

are closed. Thought rather than giving back to R&R could give to Memorial Pavilion. \$12,700 total. Second by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Property Owner Comments

Henry Doden – 13A129 – lot of talk about projects on Winchester Bay. Did not remove the silt from that area due to the trees. Need to fix the big ravine (not on our property) – possibly put a dry dam there. Would take away some of the volume of rain.
Motion to adjourn from Bill Becker, Second by Mark Kosco at 4:17 PM. Motion carried.
Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry
President, Nolan Mullen
Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – At 4:12 P.M. meeting called to order by President Nolan Ryan. A quorum was met with the following members present: Nolan Mullen, Bill Becker, Carmel Cottrell, Brian Holt, Mark Kosco, Deb McNamee, Laura Pratt, John Anderson (via Zoom), Bob Ballenger (via Zoom).
- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3.0 APPROVE/ADOPT MINUTES FROM THE JULY 15, 2023 BOARD MEETING: Minutes unavailable.
- 4.0 PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER MEMBER)
- 5.0 ANY ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:
Bob Ballenger motioned "to add removal of standup paddle board fees from the fee schedule to the agenda." Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried with six Yeas and two Nays. Motion carried.
Mark Kosco motioned "to add delete all watercraft fees." Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried with five Ayes and 3 Nays.
- 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA- COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Bill Becker motioned "to appoint Mike Yorke as Chair, Stephen Borst as Vice-Chair, Steven Tribbey as Secretary, and Laura Pratt as Liaison to the GM Search Ad Hoc Commission; to appoint Mark Kosco as Board Liaison to the Cove Ad Hoc Commission; and to appoint Carmel Cottrell to the Board Policy Commission." Seconded by Mark Kosco." Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

At 4:24 PM Mark Kosco motioned to enter into executive session. Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried.
At 4:36 PM Mark Kosco motioned to return to open session. Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried.

7.1 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER:

Bob Ballenger motioned "to approve the hiring of Michael Harris as Interim General Manager." Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

7.2 APPROVAL OF ORG CHART/GM JOB DESCRIPTION:

DESCRIPTION: Mark Kosco motioned "to approve the General Manager Job Description July, 2023 and the ACL Organizational Chart as presented." Seconded by Deb McNamee. Discussion had re: Bill Becker noted that Natural Resource Manager reports to Maintenance Manager. The lake is such an important asset that he feels Natural Resources should report directly to GM. Nolan Mullen stated that Nat Resource Mgr uses resources from Maintenance Dept. Laura Pratt stated that the GM could still direct Natural Resource Mgr either directly or through Maintenance Mgr, if we left the chart as is. Brian Holt pointed out that a line in the GM Job Description lists "Oversees the Natural Resources manager."
Brian Holt motioned to amend Organizational Chart to move Natural Resource Manager to report directly to GM. Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve GM Job Description and amended ACL Organizational Chart carried unanimously.

7.2 Removal of SUP fee from fee schedule:

Bob Ballenger motioned "to remove stand up paddleboard fee from fee schedule." Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried with seven Ayes and one Nay.

7.3 Deletion of all watercraft fees:

Mark Kosco motioned "to delete all watercraft fees." Seconded by Bill Becker. Discussion: Mark Kosco—Why single out one watercraft from charging and registering? Removal of all watercraft fees would cost association approximately \$9000. Motion failed with one Aye and seven Nays.

At 5:13 PM Bob Ballenger motioned to adjourn. Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried.

Summary of Board Actions...

AUGUST 19, 2023 – BOARD ACTIONS

- 12.0 Consent agenda
- 12.1 Committee/commission changes - approved
- 12.2 Board liaison assignments to committees/commissions - approved
- 13.0 Unfinished business
- 13.1 Memorial pavillion construction - approved
- 14.0 New business
- 14.1 Designated signers for aclpoa accounts - approved
- 14.2 Gm executive recruiter firm - approved
- 14.3 Formation of safety & security ad hoc commission - tabled
- 14.4 Flood mitigation labyrinth spillway - approved
- 14.5 Cove food & beverage ad hoc commission charge – approved
- 14.6 Board policy financial documents – 1st reading, no motion required
- 14.7 Old firehouse roofing repair/bids – discussion, no motion



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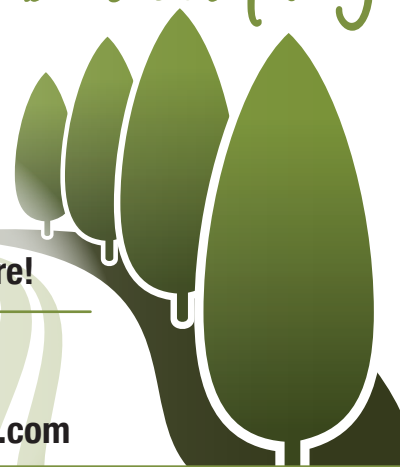
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BY RANDY RASMUSSEN, *The Cove Lake Side Restaurant Manager*

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Overall the month of August was busy. We served over 4,000 guests throughout the month. We expanded our menu to feature more offerings and continue to fine tune the menu based on sales and customer feedback.

On Sunday, August 13th, we had a back-to-school pot luck at The Cove to wish all our staff returning to College and High School good luck. We had a great team this summer and

we couldn't have pulled off this first season without every one of them. We can't wait to see them back next year.

On Saturday, August 19th we tested out an Italian Night themed menu at The Cove. The evening was successful over all with many compliments about the food. Ravioli, chicken parmesan, and caprese salad, were some of the featured items. We look forward to bringing more themed menu nights to The Cove in the future.

Breakfast is here! We are currently testing out breakfast after many requests. Sundays from 9:00am to 11:00am we will be serving a traditional breakfast menu. Depending on how well it is received, we may expand breakfast to additional days.

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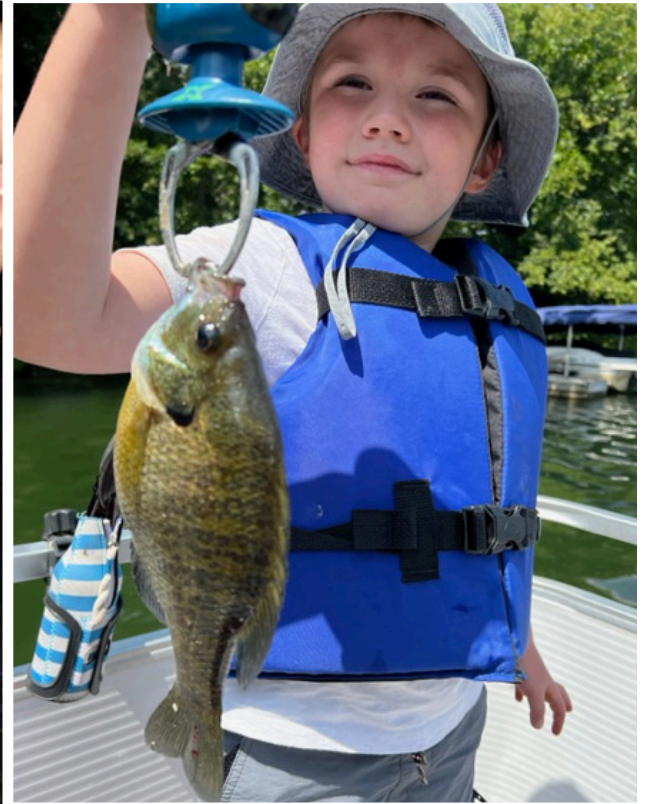
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Employee Spotlight



Julie D.

Server

This was Julie's first year as a server with The Cove, but this is her second year with ACL! Julie will be leaving us next week to return for her senior year at the University of Illinois, at Champaign-Urbana, where she majors in Community Health with concentrations in Health Administration and Health Education & Promotion, with a minor in Business. After she graduates in 2024, Julie plans to continue her education, seeking a Master's degree in Senior Living Administration. As we have got to know Julie, we know this go-getter will be very successful in all she pursues! We hope our members take the time to come say good bye to Julie and experience her superior service and wonderful smile one last time before she returns to school. We will miss you so much, and wish you all the best of luck. We hope to see you next year!



Employee Spotlight



Maddie C.

Meet Maddie the New Maintenance Secretary!

Hello! I'm Maddie Korte, the new Maintenance Assistant here at ACL. For most of my life I lived with my family at the lake and now am lucky enough to live just outside of it and still enjoy every aspect of it. Aside from working at the lake, I love to coach athletics, travel, spend time with family, and play with my dog Ollie!



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Dale L. Butts, age 80, of Apple River, IL formerly of Yorkville, IL passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at Lena Living Center in Lena, IL. He was born on August 9, 1942 the son of Cloyd and Barbara (Madsen) Butts.

Dale was united in marriage on August 17, 1962, to the former Carolyn Strausberger and they spent the next 49 years happily married until her passing on September 2, 2011. He was employed for many years as a business owner in the agricultural industry. Mr. Butts was a long-time member of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Yorkville, IL. Dale was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle who will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Karen (Robert) Lukowski of Battle Creek, MI, and Duane (Jill Dopart) Butts of Yorkville, IL; his beloved companion, Sandra Miller of Apple River, IL; his grandchildren, Sarah (Jay Stotsky), Jessica (Benjamin Kleykamp) Lukowski, Christopher (Lauren) Lukowski, and David and Derek Butts; his sister, Denise (Michael) Rogers of DeKalb, IL; as well as many nieces and nephews.



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- 6:00pm - Core Glute

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- 5:00am - Small Group Training
- 6:00am - Small Group Training
- 9:30am - Move Well, Feel Well
- 10:30am - Gentle Yoga

Thursday:

- 8:30am - Embodiment Yoga
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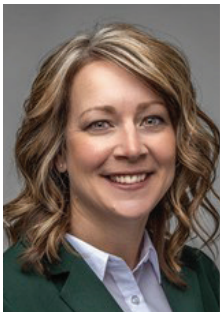
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BY SUE GARDNER, *Relay for Life Member*

We were blessed with a great day on Saturday, July 29th for the ACL Trail Trekker 5K Event. The sun was shining brightly; however, the temperatures and humidity were greatly reduced after the storms moved through. It was a picture perfect day for the runners and walkers as there was a nice breeze. Our Team would like to thank all of the runners & volunteers for graciously supporting Relay For Life and The American Cancer Society as it is a cause near and dear to our hearts.

The 1st place finisher was Matt Wallace who set a pretty fast pace and received a \$50 Visa gift card. The second place finisher was Lucas Nelson who walked away with a \$30 Visa gift card. The 3rd place finisher was Bobby Nelson who received a \$20 Visa gift card. All of our younger runners received medals and a raffle prize for their participation in the 5K event. Congratulations to all of you!

We would also like to thank all of our sponsors for supporting the Relay for Life Trail Trekker Event: Apple River State Bank/1st Community Bank of Galena, Bustin Axe Throwing Range, Coldwell Banker Network Realty, DeSoto House, Freeport Health Network (FHN), Galena on the Fly, Harris Golf Cars, Patricia M Egan & Associates LLC, Pearl City Elevator, Mulgrew Oil and Propane, RBS Activewear, Stephenson Service Company, Tri-State Porta Potty.

In addition, we had several volunteers who were critical to making a successful ACL 5K Trail Trekker Event: Pat Egan, TJ Gardner, Mike Harris, Bob Laethem, Mike and Kathy Makar, Laura Pratt, Penny Diehl, Lois Rees, Steve and Fern Tribbey. Thank you!

We also need to give a big shout out to the ACL Recreation Team, the Maintenance Team and the Security Team! This event wouldn't happen without these folks.

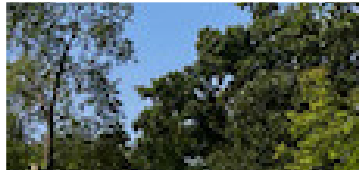


RECREATION RE-CAP: YOUTH ARCHERY DAY



BY KIM REES, Deer Management Commission Secretary

On August 5, 2023 the Deer Management Commission hosted our Annual Youth Archery Day at the Apple Canyon Lake Archery Range. 60 kids participated in the event, both practicing and learning new archery skills. This year new arrow rests were installed on the bows which improved the kids' shooting skills. They had a great time shooting at balloons and a variety of targets.



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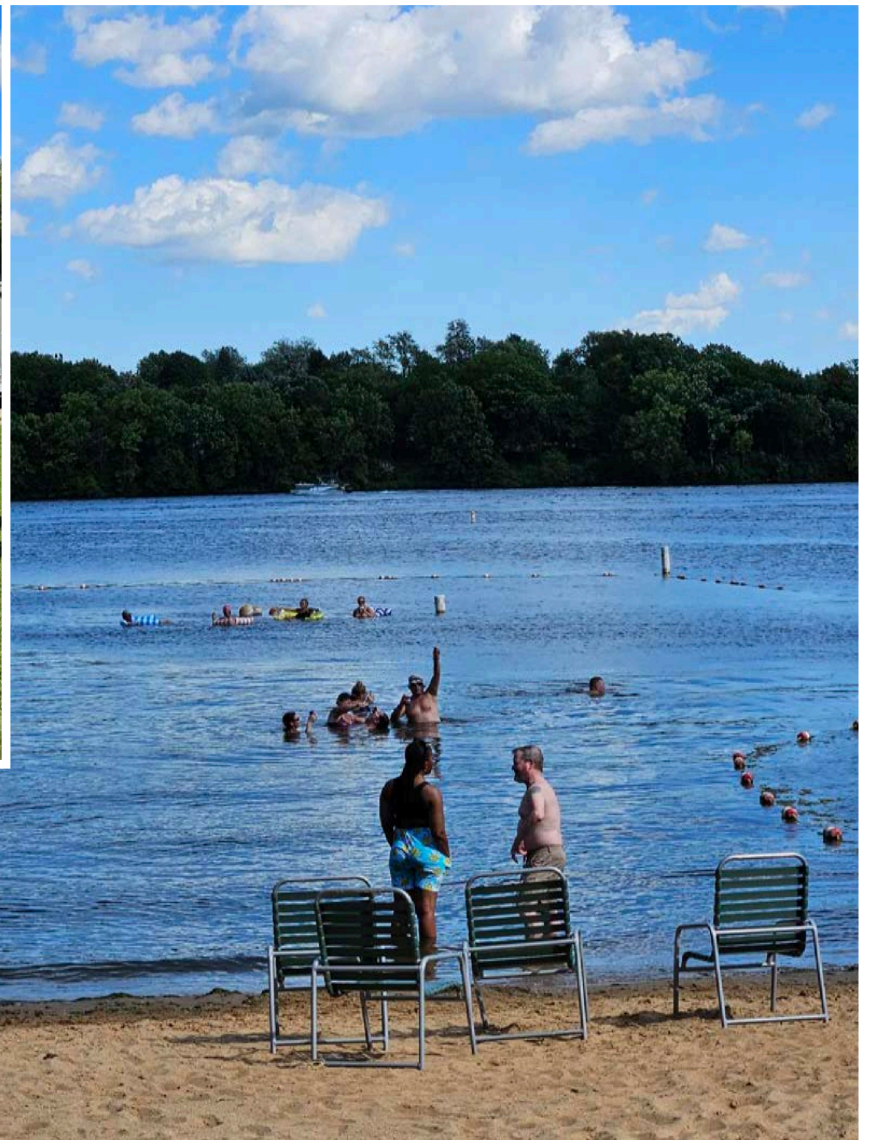


RECREATION RE-CAP: BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY



BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, *Event & Activity Coordinator*

You know it was a good summer when you spent time at Apple Canyon Lake with your loved ones either on the boat, trails, events, eating at the Cove Lakeside, the Proshop, or even a get together! Our Back-to-School party at Nixon Beach was a blast, we had a castle bounce house from Galena on The Fly, Birds. Fried Chicken food truck and Udderly Delicious Ice Cream on the Mooooove ice cream truck! We also had Jef Spradley at the beach house singing. The Recreation department put out the bean bag toss board game, volleyball, some buckets in the sand and frisbees for the kids to use. We had plenty of adults, teenagers, kids, and babies enjoying the beach on Saturday, August 12. The weather was perfect for everyone to play sand volleyball and just relax before school was back in full swing! Don't forget to look at our Facebook page for our upcoming events for the remainder of the year. We have a few events in September, October, and November. I look forward to seeing you at the future events.



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Children's Garden Club Happenings

BY LU DIMONTE, *Garden Club Member*

Butterflies and Blooms Children's Garden event on July 29th was a huge success. There were over 200 kids and adults fluttering in, many with butterfly wings, and a few in full butterfly costumes checking out the beautiful flowers and more. The kids loved the butterfly making crafts, butterfly bubbles and scavenger hunt. The highlight of the event was the educational piece which involved having every stage of the caterpillar to butterfly displayed. We had a butterfly emerge, a caterpillar made into a chrysalis, and 5 butterfly releases. It was amazing! A Huge Thank you to over 30 volunteers, garden club members and others that gave their time and talent for this event.

Come join us on Saturday, October 7 from 10am - 12 noon as we transform the Children's Garden into the Pumpkin Patch! There will be pumpkins for the kids to decorate, decorated pumpkins throughout the garden, a pumpkin display of all colors and sizes, pumpkin games, plus much more fun for all! We hope to see you there!



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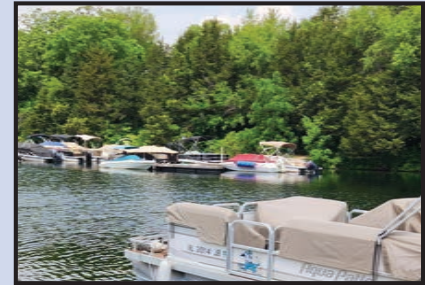
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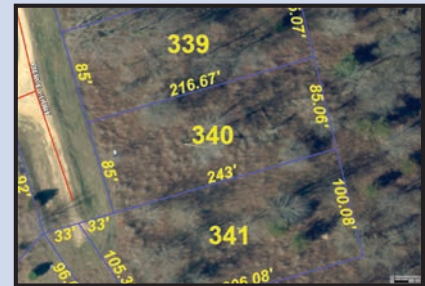
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NOTES FROM NATURAL RESOURCES



ABOVE: CMT engineer Ted LaBelle and Natural Resource Manager Tyler Hesselbacher take elevation measurements throughout various points on the weir and channel.



The Rubino 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.

Left and Above: Rock core samples that will be run through various structural analyses.

NOTES FROM NATURAL RESOURCES

ACLPOA Dam & Spillway Improvement Project

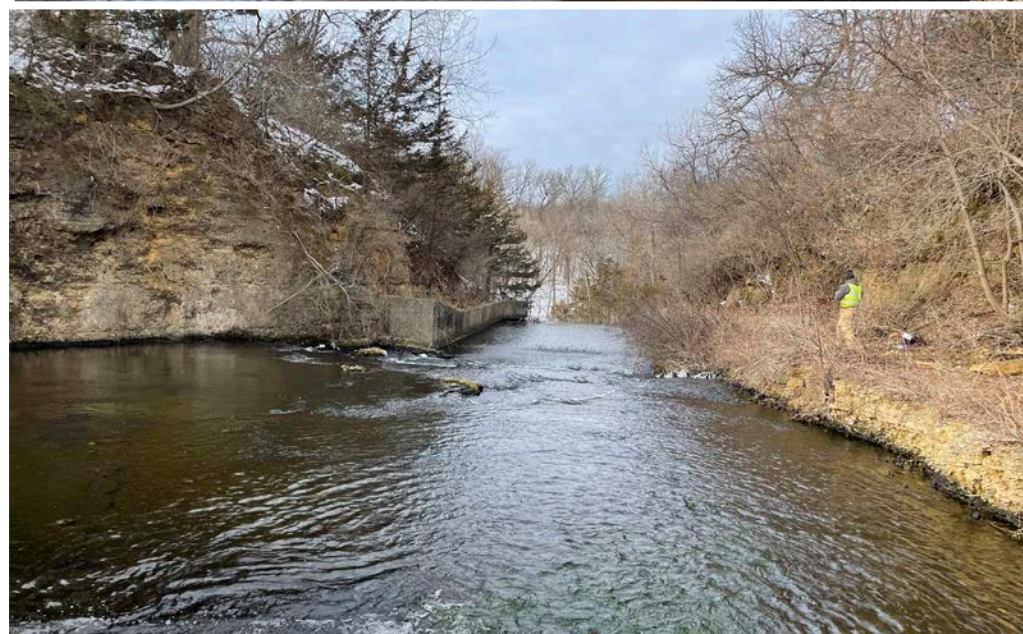
BY KELSEY KING, *Natural Resources Tech*



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.



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NOTES FROM NATURAL RESOURCES

Flood Mitigation Update – Lake to be Lowered

As noted by Kelsey King in the April 2023 Apple Core, 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 and damage to many boats and docks. The flood in July of 2017 resulted in the lake water level being within 1.5 feet of overtopping the dam.

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the top of the dam. The Apple Canyon Lake dam was grandfathered without meeting the current regulations because the dam was constructed before the regulations were written in 1980. However, since some improvements to the spillway need to be made, IDNR regulations require us to meet current regulations for 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 to replace the concrete spillway and deepen and widen the channels in front of and through the spillway. Clay will also be added to the top of the dam to level it.

Although the project was initially scheduled for this fall, major work has been postponed until the fall of 2024 to work out the many details. Due to the amount of rock that must be removed in the spillway channel and in the shelf that exists in front of the weir, the lake level will be lowered to ensure worker safety and reduce the cost of the project. The exact level of the lake lowering will be determined during the bidding process. Since this will affect the entire lake and has never been done before, we are scheduling a smaller reduction in lake depth to try to anticipate any problems that might arise.

In early November of this year, Maintenance, Natural Resource and Security personnel, as well as Volunteers from the Flood Mitigation Commission will open the valve located under the grate just south of the middle of the dam to begin draining the lake into Hells Branch Creek. The goal is to lower the lake 2 feet, which is estimated to take 2-4 days depending on the amount of water flowing into the lake and how wide the valve is opened. This reduction will be maintained for a short period of time, to inspect the lake area for possible problems, and then the valve will be partially closed to return the lake to its normal level. The purposes of this exercise are as follows:

- Determine the length of time to lower the lake level by 2 ft.
- Determine how the valve opening can be adjusted to maintain this lake level given that water is constantly flowing into the lake from various streams.
- Determine how the valve opening can be adjusted to return the lake to its normal level while still maintaining some flow into Hells Branch Creek.
- Testing a backup valve which will be installed prior to lake lowering.
- Determine any other issues that might arise from lowering the lake level, e.g. docks, etc.
- Security and Volunteers will be onsite to ensure safety and security. They will also survey the lakeshore to determine whether any issues will arise.

Although we expect that most boats will be off the lake by this time, we want anyone having a boat or floating dock around the shoreline to be aware. Boats docked in shallow waters should be moved to docks in deeper water to avoid damage to hulls. We will try to make arrangements for such docks to be available for those few boats still in the water at that time. Private dock owners should evaluate their docks at this time to try to determine whether a greater reduction in lake level will compromise them. Owners may want to consider having floating docks detached from their mounts and tied to the shore.

Further reminders and information will be sent out via the Apple Seed, Apple Core and Facebook while being posted on the official ACL Website.

LAKE LOWERING THIS NOVEMBER!

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Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association

August 14 at 9:20 AM

Notes from Natural Resources: Fish Kill Update!

We want to be as transparent as possible with ACL property owners regarding the recent fish kill the lake experienced last week. On August 2, 2023, Natural Resources got a call that there was a dead walleye along the shoreline by the Marina. We went out and picked up the dead fish but were sadly surprised to find several big fish in the southern half of the lake floating bellied up. We ended up spending the whole day picking up fish that had died- some were fresh, and others looked like they had been dead awhile. Over the next few days, we picked up a couple more fish, but not nearly as many as what we picked on August 2nd. We ended up with a total of 48 dead fish last week that were removed from the lake and properly disposed of. Of these fish 30 were walleye, 4 were Northern Pike, 3 were catfish, and 11 were suckers. We also heard there were crayfish dead below the waterfall. Natural resources cannot confirm their mortality as we were busy with the fish and did not see the crayfish.

Once we saw the severity of the situation on August 2nd, we immediately called our lake consultant Joe Rush for advice on what we should do. At first, Joe advised we collect some fresher fish samples to potentially run mortality tests if need be. He then arrived at our lake the next day to take dissolved oxygen data and assess the situation. He informed us that it is likely the fish died from hot water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels. At that time, it was not suspected to be a chemical issue and felt it was not necessary to get the fish tested. The dead fish looked mostly healthy, but some had flared gills and arched backs which are signs of suffocation from low dissolved oxygen levels.

There are many factors that have led to this fish kill. If you think back to the week before this event (July 24-28), we had extremely hot days in the upper 90s the whole week and then a 3-5-inch torrential rainfall. This fluctuation in events adds environmental stress to the fish by lowering dissolved oxygen levels during their already lowest level of the year (which usually occurs end of July- beginning of August). Natural resources and a water quality team monitor the dissolved oxygen levels in the lake monthly and we have noticed July's data has shown there is little to no oxygen present once you reach 15 feet and below in the lake. This means cold water loving fish (walleye) are forced to live in the top 13ish feet of water where there is oxygen available to them, but that water currently has very warm (over 81°F) water temperatures. Walleye prefer much cooler temperatures with an upper limit of 76 °F, and the high temperatures in our lake are putting stress on them. The barometric pressure was also high in the days prior to and during the fish kill. When it rains as heavy as it did prior to the fish kill you also get runoff of nutrients and organic material that bacteria consume which also depletes the lake's oxygen. Chemical treatments done on the lake during this vulnerable time probably also did not help the fish. For these reasons, the ACL Natural Resources Department will not be spraying Nixon Beach or the Marina for the rest of this summer. We will still have the weed harvester running to remove the algae and aquatic weeds in the beach area and around the lake.

We would like to reiterate that big fish tend to go first when their environment fluctuates. We don't know exactly where most of the fish came from, but the majority were found between Nixon Beach and the Marina. We also cannot say for absolute certain what the exact cause of this fish kill was with so many variables at play. ACL did have a smaller scale walleye fish kill around this time last year. Fish kills occur all around the world mostly due to natural causes. ACL is not unique in experiencing these events. ACL will continue to monitor the fishery and keep property owners updated on any future developments.



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Allen Zobjeck

August 7 at 9:47 PM

PHASE II RESULTS FROM THE SHORELINE CAGE MONITORING AFTER SECOND TREATMENT

The following is the Treatment Cage Monitor Information from the second phase of our ACL Zebra Mussel Shoreline Control process. The same cage locations were used for the second phase. On inspection, all cages inspected showed a 100% mortality rate. During the inspection, we found no live zebra mussels in the immediate area of the cages. This is outstanding news, as the final process is to be performed on Thursday August 10. While we are enthusiastic about the 100% mortality of zebra mussels, we are unsure if there are any located at 6 feet and deeper, as there was no one on the inspection team who was able to dive and locate them.

During the final treatment process this Thursday, August 10, the lake will not be closed. We are once again asking that if at all possible, property owners refrain from boating while the application process is taking place. If you do decide to go out on the lake, please avoid the areas where the work boat is, and do not interrupt or stop the workers to talk. We will once again have volunteers on the lake reminding boaters to avoid the treatment areas. Avoiding the areas of active application will give the product an opportunity to settle and attack zebra mussels at the deeper depths of Apple Canyon Lake.

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Wayne Shisler Top contributor

Any info on the implication that walleyes are dying?

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Jeff Fuerst replied · 3 Replies



Scott Collins

Allen, I was scuba diving in Presidents Bat and by Nixon Beach this past weekend and have underwater video if you'd like to see if. Saw a bunch of zebras anywhere from 15 to 30 feet down.

Like Reply 2w

Scott Collins replied · 4 Replies



Allen Zobjeck

August 10 at 1:02 PM

The last Phase of the Zebra Mussel Shoreline Control Process should be completed in an hour. Thank You All

ZEBRA MUSSEL SHORELINE CONTROL PROCESS COMPLETION

The shoreline process to help reduce the zebra mussel impact on boaters and recreation swimmers is now complete. This process reduced the zebra mussels in the lake which has allowed the lake to create needed plankton for the fishery. First, it's important to point out this project did not include the Marina, Jumping Rock, or Nixon Beach areas. These areas are the responsibility of ACL and treatments started in May and should continue into September. What did see as a result of the three-phase process:

- 1. The first phase started the massive mortality to the shoreline including boat areas.
2. A Canadian film company using an underwater drone captured video of both before and after images of our shoreline. This information will be presented in a documentary called "All To Clear." Information on this documentary will be sent out when it airs.
3. Dr. Hammond, the inventor of the EarthTec QZ product, traveled from California to consult with McCloud Aquatics on the treatment process. John Cortell, a Lake Management Scientist from Earth Lab Science, also travelled out to Apple Canyon Lake to consult and review on the process. It's important to note that Dr. Hammond worked with McCloud Aquatics in the development of the proposal that was given to ACL.
4. EarthTec QZ product that was used for our lake treatments can also be used for swimming pools and hot tubs. It's safe for swimming. It is also used in state fish hatcheries, as well as in agricultural applications. It is safe to eat fish from treated lakes.
5. For both Phase I and Phase II reporting, we used twenty-one treatment cages that had live zebra mussels in them. They were staged around the lake at varying depths to monitor the progress of treatments. Phase I results were good but still reported that some areas still had zebra mussels. Phase II results were much better with 100% mortality. Visual reports along the lake also showed a massive improvement. Little if any zebra mussels can be seen. If any could be seen, they are all dead. No live zebra mussels could be located for Phase III monitoring.
6. Phase III process was modified to reduce shoreline treatment but move more treatment to sub-surface to increase mortality at deeper depths. The changes were made because of results from the second phase and some underwater video obtained by a homeowner. (Thank You - Scott Collins)
7. During the three applications, the ACL recreation boaters were asked to limit boating on the main lake. Thank You all. This did reduce impact on the treatment staff and allowed the product the opportunity to work to kill zebra mussels.

Finally, the shoreline will be evaluated after this final treatment. Our Commission does not have equipment to dive down into the lake. We are asking the property owners to send information on docks and boats (pictures) as they start to be removed for the season. Those that sent pictures last year, please send before and after pictures again so we can compare.

So, how do you know if you have dead zebra mussels on your boat and docks? Zebra Mussel shells that are open are dead. You can email your information to: zebramussels@applecanyonlake.org. Our Commission will monitor these emails.

Thank You for all of your Continued Cooperation

Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc Commission

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CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE COMMITTEE AND JULIE JANSSEN, *Safety & Security Manager*

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There will be two locations established soon displayed with the two logos above. One station will be at Nixon Beach Pavilion and the other will be at the outdoor area of the Marina building. Currently, we have plenty of life jackets to support both stations. More details to follow as the banners and life jackets are put in place.

Together with ACL, the Adventure Committee will utilize a variety of media and host public, in-person mini-lessons on water/lake/boat safety with Julie Janssen, our Safety & Security Manager. Julie is also an expert at inspecting life jackets, fitting life jackets, and with this new initiative, the Children's Adventure Committee will loan life jackets as well as provide important safety tips.

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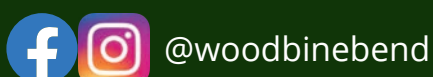
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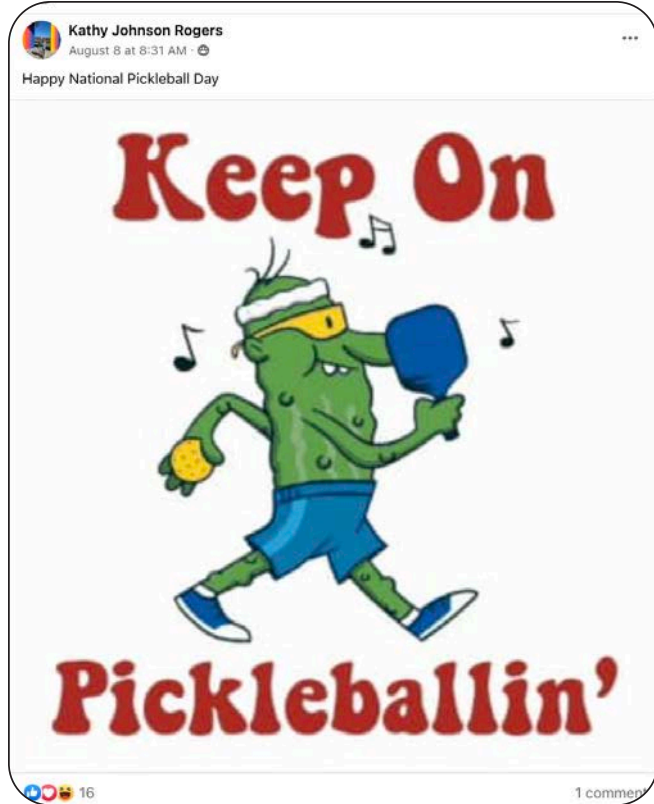
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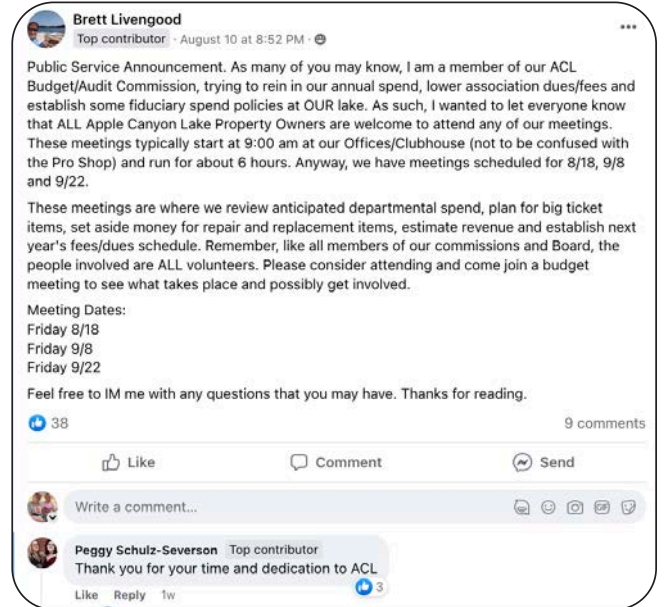


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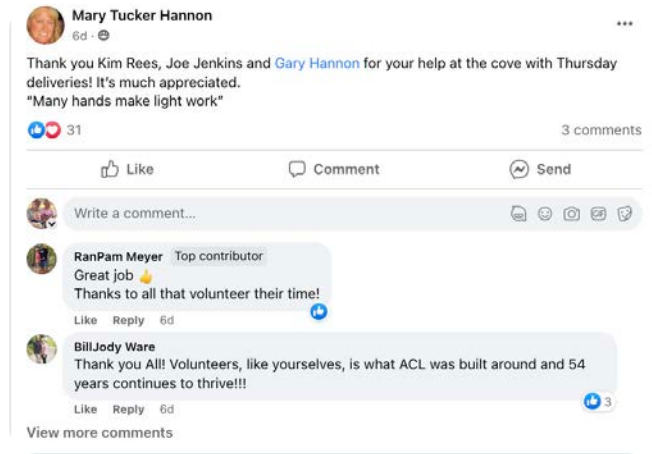
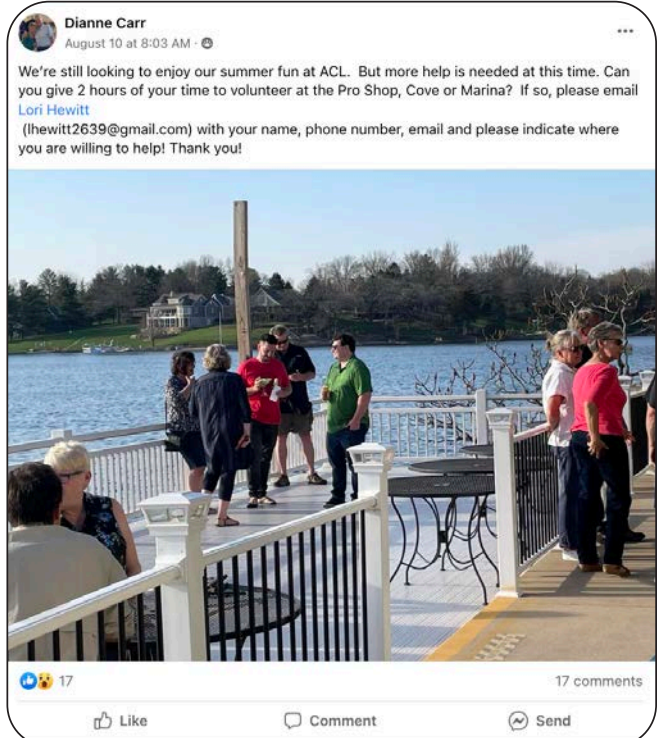
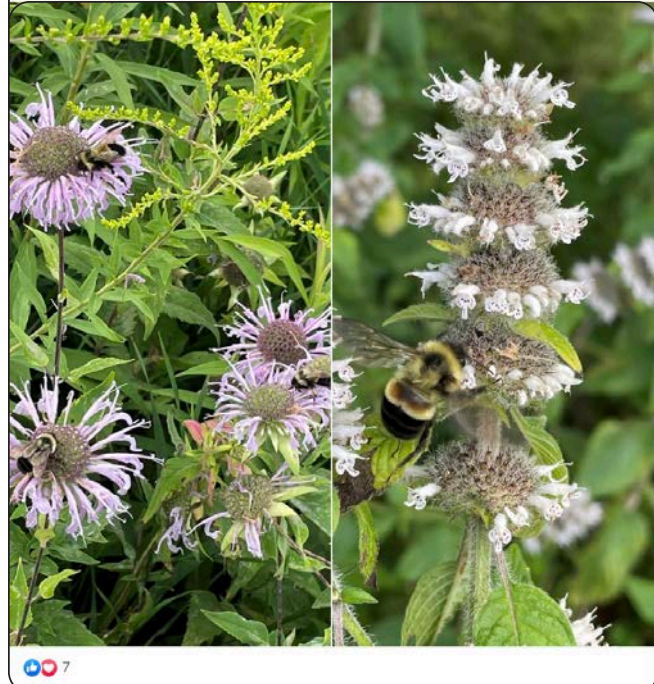
Notes from Natural Resources:

Exciting news! The endangered species (listed in 2017 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) the rusty patch bumble bee was spotted at several prairie sites around the lake this past month!

Pathogens, pesticide usage, and loss of habitat have led to the over 80% decline of this species where it is no longer present in 20 of the 31 U.S. States and Canadian Provinces it has historically inhabited prior to the year 2000. This is an exciting find since it shows that our greenspace areas around the lake are supporting a vulnerable species that needs a constant supply of diverse blooming flowers as well as adequate nesting and overwintering habitat.

This bumble bee is identifiable by the brown patch on its abdomen and has yellow surrounding the brown patch. You can look around your gardens to see if the rusty patch bumble bees are utilizing your blooms! We urge you to not disturb them as they are a federally protected species, and we would love to get reported sightings/pictures from you via email at: naturalresources@applecanyonlake.org.

Sources: 2020-17093.pdf ([govinfo.gov](https://www.govinfo.gov))
Determination That Designation of Critical Habitat is Not Prudent for the Rusty Patched Bumble Bee | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ([fws.gov](https://www.fws.gov))




Purchase a brick and help build the Memorial Pavilion and Pathway!

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Cheri Spillare-Zweep commented on this photo.

Deb Vanderleest
Top contributor · August 6 at 9:03 AM



7 1 comment

Chas Petrone
Top contributor · August 7 at 10:32 AM

I'm starting to believe! This is the second time we took a large group to the Cove for dinner and they nailed it. Philly cheese steak sandwich was a hit and Chicken Cordon Bleu. New thin cut fries are almost chip-like and delicious. Staff was friendly, available and accurate. Missing one thing... Music! A family friendly playlist would change the vibe dramatically. I know there are outdoor wall speakers... do they work?



98 13 comments

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Short Video · ACL Garden Club and Community Gardening · Au...



Front porch tale! The showstopper flowers catch your eye and then you see the beautiful welcome sign. Compliment with well chosen light fixtures to keep a light on for your guests. You know you're welcome here. See less

ACL Garden Club and Community Gardening
Top contributor · August 9 at 3:36 PM

Gold star parenting tip!
Ask your child where they want their picture taken in the garden?
By the way!!!!




Right here!!!!

8

Stephanie Nicks Krok
Top contributor · 3d


Kudos to the Cove and their staff last night! Had a wonderful time with friends. We enjoyed the ice cold beer on tap and great Cobb Salads! Coconut shrimp and cheese curds are also wonderful and you can't beat the view! Also, had the quesadillas at the proshop last week and they are delicious! Plus Terri is back! Yay!!!



89 4 comments

Lori Hewitt
Top contributor · 6d


Thank you so much to Tom Ernst who donated time and materials to make some new pieces for The Pro Shop!
Thank you for volunteering your time and talent.
As they say..."many hands make light work"



77 18 comments

Dana Dalton
August 7 at 2:27 PM

Great catch off our dock yesterday!



99 15 comments

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Top contributor · 5d



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5d

Snap your fingers to these snapdragons and salvia. Though they are annuals, this homeowner has enjoyed their repeat performance for 10 years now. She also has ha... See more

10

Bradley Fosler
August 15 at 3:37 PM

I still have a buildable lot (9-51) I am trying to give away. We are moving out of state.
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3 16 comments

Mary Tucker Hannon
5d

Thank you **Deb Vanderleest** and **Gary Hannon** for your help in sprucing up the landscaping around the cove-I wish I had taken before and after pictures "Many hands make light work"

37 2 comments

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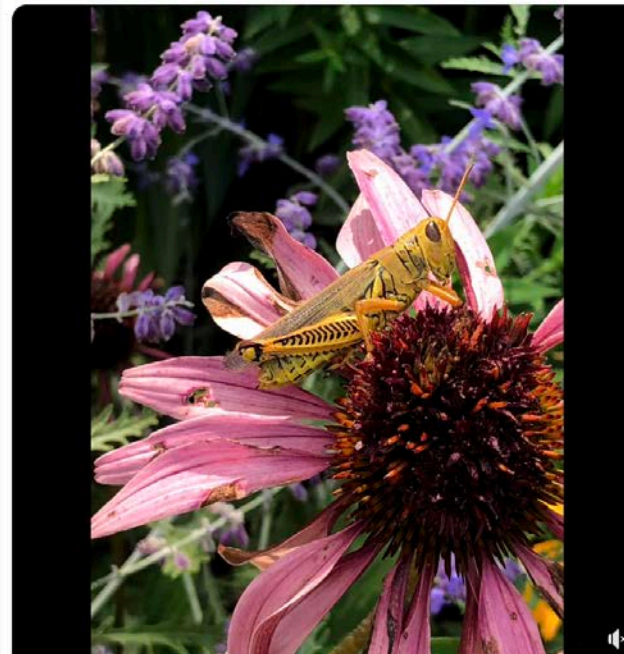
Karen Gouskos
Awesome work you do and much appreciated that you donate so much of your time Mary Tucker Hannon and friends!

Like Reply 5d

RanPam Meyer Top contributor
Thank you all for making it look marvelous

Like Reply 5d

ACL Garden Club and Community Gardening
Top contributor · 2d



ACL Garden Club and Community Gardening
2d

Before I became a gardener I had no butterflies, no bugs, no frogs.
Now I have it all!
Don't hesitate, just plant!

2

Lynette Larson Swedberg
Top contributor · 6d

Thanks so much to the staff at the Cove, especially Ivy and Lily, for the great birthday dinner for my mom! Excellent service with a personal touch and good food too!

46 3 comments

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Write a comment...

Lily Baker
Glad y'all enjoyed!

Like Reply 6d

Lynette Larson Swedberg replied · 1 Reply

Don Cisek Top contributor
That's Great , for sure

Like Reply 6d

ACL BASS CLUB

07-16-23 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First	Chris Marek/Steve Wiskerchen	14.76 lbs
Second	Mike Kiesling/Andrew Kiesling	14.64 lbs
Third	Drew Kissel/Jeff Ehlers	14.40 lbs
Fourth	Bill Ballenger/Jacob Harris	14.36 lbs
Biggest	Drew Kissel/Jeff Ehlers	4.42 lbs

Number of Boats:	36
Number of Limits:	33
Number of Fish Weighed:	167
Total Weight:	408.19 lbs
Average Weight:	2.44 lbs



Upcoming Tournaments
 September 17
 Buddy Classic:
 September 23 & 24



Front Row (L-R): Andrew Kiesling, Mike Kiesling, Chris Marek
 Back Row (L-R): Drew Kissel, Jeff Ehlers, Jacob Harris, Bill Ballenger, and Steve Wiskerchen

2023 Buddy Classic Standings								
Rank	TEAM	23-Apr-23	21-May-23	25-Jun-23	16-Jul-23	20-Aug-23	17-Sep-23	TOTAL
1	Marek/Wiskerchen	18.77	14.39	16.04	17.02	14.76		80.98
2	Evans/Hernandez	16.51	14.65	14.65	14.96	13.32		74.09
3	Dittmar/Dittmar	13.05	15.41	17.44	14.73	12.07		72.70
4	Ballager/Harris	12.69	15.78	14.00	15.01	14.36		71.84
5	F. Staver/D. Hastert	11.57	15.75	16.09	14.44	13.68		71.53
6	Kiesling/Kiesling	14.13	11.57	14.45	14.20	14.64		68.99
7	Winslow/Steger	11.56	13.86	13.81	15.85	13.05		68.13
8	Gariti/Korpics	12.98	13.42	14.78	14.37	11.84		67.39
9	Skorupski/Hodge	13.17	14.71	12.61	14.41	11.88		66.78
10	Sproule/Stovall	11.15	11.32	13.09	16.82	13.65		66.03
11	Sargent/Eveland	12.95	13.76	13.79	13.84	11.57		65.91
12	Reeverts/Reeverts	13.13	12.66	13.22	14.13	11.97		65.11
13	Judas/House	12.80	11.36	13.54	14.32	12.50		64.52
14	Woolcock/Woolcock	5.57	13.48	16.50	15.77	12.29		63.61
15	Krzeminiski/Folmer	8.38	12.87	14.61	14.14	12.90		62.90
16	Alt/Reifsteck	9.66	12.84	13.89	13.28	13.13		62.80
17	Busch/Cigrand	12.05	11.68	13.45	12.37	11.57		61.12
18	T. Hastert/S. Staver	6.93	14.84	13.10	13.52	11.94		60.33
19	Ballenger/Maness	7.19	14.32	14.39	12.69	11.57		60.16
20	Popp/Webster	11.94	12.06	11.02	12.83	10.55		58.40
21	Anderson/Anderson	8.33	12.15	12.99	13.04	11.11		57.62
22	Olivotti/Olivotti	14.99	13.26		14.16	13.29		55.70
23	Miller/House	2.37	13.87	14.19	12.54	12.31		55.28
24	Lank/Bates	3.10	11.70	16.46	11.82	10.99		54.07
25	McAloon/McAloon	5.65	12.53	15.22	13.59	4.27		51.26
26	Beegle/Reeder	0.00	9.09	13.88	15.59	11.51		50.07
27	Tidei/Amodio	0.00	13.29	12.62	11.98	10.40		48.29
28	Jungblut/Mills	11.01	11.65	10.83	11.82			45.31
29	McWard/Muehlfelt	3.39	12.83	12.92	13.74	0.00		42.88
30	Baker/Evans	0.00	12.18	14.36	15.96	10.35		42.50
31	Krippendorf/Krippendorf	4.62	0.00	12.39	12.32	11.81		41.14
32	Smith/Hazelbower	4.78	10.54	11.67	13.92	0.00		40.91
33	Stanley/Stanley	2.99	11.52	13.20		9.90		37.61
34	Kissell/Ehlers				13.55	14.40		27.95
35	Lawrence/Riffle	11.14	11.84					22.98
36	Haniacek/Haniacek				11.09	10.93		22.02
37	Anderson/Kotwica			9.03	9.69			18.72
38	Kooistra/Kooistra			13.84				13.84
39	Cuppini/Baker					13.61		13.61
40	Vondra/Sundstrom				11.55			11.55
41	Haniacek/Childress					10.07		10.07

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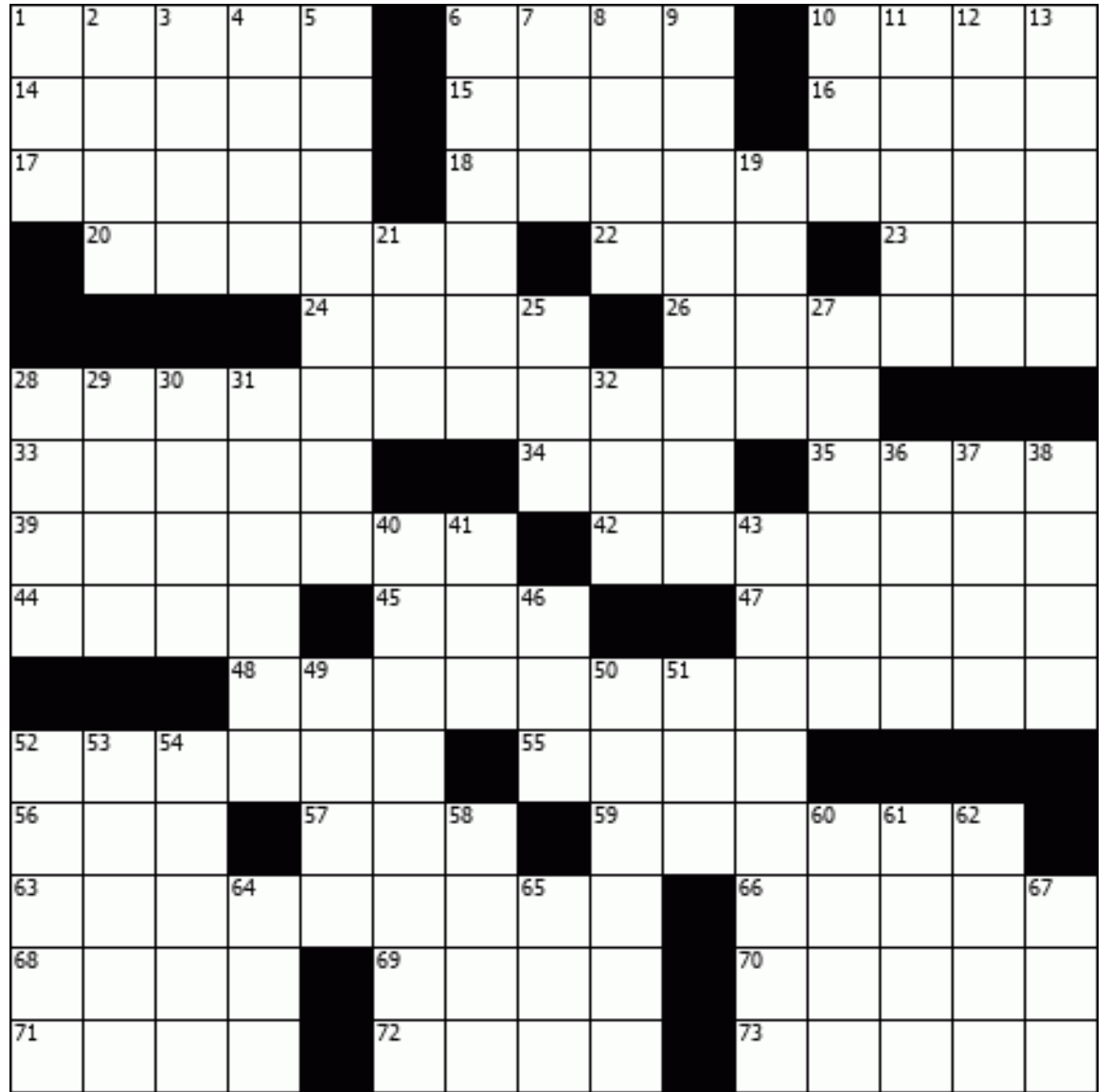
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Across

- 1. Falafel holders
- 6. Fine-grained mineral
- 10. "Want to hear a secret?"
- 14. Jungle reptile
- 15. Truant, in the USMC
- 16. Blues singer James
- 17. Play for time
- 18. Linda Ronstadt hit
- 20. Olfactory stimuli
- 22. Parking lot topper
- 23. Hosp. employee
- 24. Brainstorm
- 26. Sweetest and kindest
- 28. Bobby Darin hit
- 33. It could be stuffed
- 34. Actor Erwin
- 35. Stadium sounds
- 39. Fall, while surfing
- 42. Finch
- 44. Glance impolitely
- 45. U.S.A. defense agency
- 47. Diamond-studded topper
- 48. Part of an Otis Redding hit
- 52. Puget Sound city
- 55. Combat for two
- 56. Familiar vow
- 57. Exist
- 59. Footwear giant
- 63. Henry Mancini hit
- 66. Got into pitch
- 68. Gardner of fiction
- 69. Roman ruler
- 70. Step into

71. Lull

- 72. Trouble persistently
 - 73. Pitiless
- Down**
- 1. Some IBM products
 - 2. Small amount
 - 3. Vail device
 - 4. One of Woody's kids
 - 5. "Rebel Without a Cause" actor
 - 6. Programmed command for fixed indentations
 - 7. Leatherworker's tool
 - 8. Big galoot
 - 9. Makes quite a profit
 - 10. Word with soup or shooter
 - 11. Vogue
 - 12. F3.5 and F4.0
 - 13. Reproach bitterly
 - 19. It's cheesy
 - 21. Cookbook direction
 - 25. Patient sounds?
 - 27. King novel
 - 28. Big sports event
 - 29. Peace Nobelists Wiesel
 - 30. "Oh, my!"
 - 31. Strain one's muscles
 - 32. Toy store aliens
 - 36. League type
 - 37. Israeli dance



- 38. Oscillate
- 40. Not concerned
- 41. "For shame!"
- 43. They participate in big games
- 46. Icelander's catch
- 49. Tent tycoon
- 50. Plow line
- 51. Start of a giggle
- 52. Official recorder
- 53. Hold precious
- 54. Chills
- 58. Free from fluctuations
- 60. It can be a drag
- 61. Understanding
- 62. Quick-witted
- 64. Spiker's barrier
- 65. Historic time
- 67. Unbuttered

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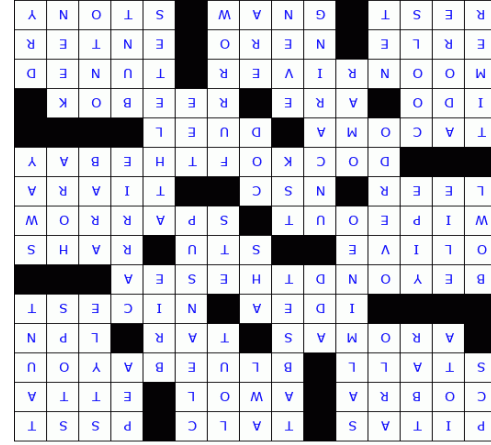
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COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

BY TIM BROKL, *Communication & Marketing Manager*

Did you know you can read the *Apple Core* online? The digital *Apple Core* features interactive content that can take you to business website, the commission minutes, event registration and more with just a click. The digital *Apple Core* also comes to you directly in your inbox via *The Apple Seed* the day prior to its delivery, so you are also able to get your ACL news a day sooner by reading the digital version. After many requests, I am currently working with the Interim General Manager to allow member to opt out of the printed version and only receive their *Apple Core* digitally. We hope to begin offering this in January of 2024.

Another summer is in the books at Apple Canyon Lake. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who have helped make the recreation events a success this year. We will hold our Annual Volunteer Dinner in the clubhouse on Saturday, September 30th. If you

volunteered for an event, volunteer on a commission or committee, or volunteered in any way for the association this year we would love to say thank you and enjoy dinner with you. To help Ashley and I plan though, reservations are required. You can RSVP by emailing recreation@applecanyonlake.org.

Lastly, if you haven't already heard, Kirsten Heim is no longer with us in the Communication and Recreation Department, but she is still part of the ACL family. You can now see Kirsten's smiling face at the Association Office. Kirsten recently has moved from the Communications and Recreation to the Office to assist Stacey in the Office and the board and commission secretaries in maintaining the associations agendas, minutes, and other important documents. Kirsten was an amazing administrative assistant to myself for the last 3 and a half years and I am excited to see her grow in her new role in the Office.



Apple Canyon Lake 2024 Calendar Photo Submission

No cost to enter • Deadline to Submit: September 30

Submit up to 4 photos - 1 photo for each season.

Photos Needed: High-resolution, color photos taken of any Apple Canyon Lake natural setting within the past year & without identifiable human subjects (*no selfies, posed, or group photos*).

How to Submit:

- 1.) Open facebook.com/groups/applecanyonlake.
- 2.) Find the "**Calendar Photos Here**" post pinned to the top of the Apple Canyon Lake Owners Group.
- 3.) **COMMENT** your photo submission(s) in the thread below the "Calendar Photos Here" post.
- 4.) If you do not have Facebook, you may submit your photos to applecore@applecanyonlake.org with the subject line "CALENDAR".

Note: Do **NOT** post your photo(s) separately into the Group itself as was done in past years. To be considered for the 2024 calendar, photos must be placed under the "Calendar Photos Here" post. Please also note that photos of poor quality, photos with borders, and/or filters will be disqualified.

The calendar photos will be selected by the Communications Department and premiered on our public Facebook page facebook.com/applecanyonlake, along with all other submissions by Friday, October 6.

Photos submitted may be used for ACLPOA marketing purposes.

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Saturday, September 16
(Rain date: September 17)

8:00 - 8:30am Registration
9:00am Tee-Off



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Saturday October 7



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5:00 - 6:30pm

CAMPERS:

If you are interested in handing out treats, please leave your lights ON.

PROPERTY OWNERS:

Bring treats and join us in the Campground parking lot for trunk-or-treat!

Let's Decorate and have some fun!
Bring your children, grandchildren, and friends.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21
6:00 - 9:00PM**

GAMES & PRIZES **COSTUME CONTEST**

**ALL WELCOME
AND IT'S FREE**

MOVIE **ICE CREAM BAR**

DONATIONS WELCOME!

Join us for Bocce on the Courts!

The bocce ball courts are located between the Campground & Maintenance Department

Wednesdays at 5:45 pm

\$2 per player to help pay for prizes

Everyone is Welcome! For more details, see the ACL Bocce Ball Facebook Page

New to Bocce Ball? Come to an introduction to the game, explaining the rules, and a short practice session. May 24 or June 7 at 4:45

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