

THE Apple Core

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★ GM Message ★

BY MICHAEL HARRIS, *Interim General Manager*



I would like to start by reporting that dredging has been completed in all sections of the lake. This has been an ongoing project this year, so it is exciting to see it completed. In addition to dredging, the many rip rap projects going on around the lake were also completed in November. This will help stabilize the banks and help reduce erosion.

As you are probably already aware, the Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission and Natural Resources Manager, with assistance from the Maintenance Department, conducted the Lake Drawn Down test last month. The test began on Monday November 13th and was a site to see. The purpose of this test was to gauge any issues that might arise, as well as, to help determine the drawdown time and refill time of the lake in preparation for the Spillway project in 2024. The Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission will be analyzing the results and writing a detailed article of their findings in the next Apple Core. Watch for that in January.

Lastly, from myself and all the staff here at Apple Canyon Lake, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

★ Letter To The Editor Policy ★

Publication of letters does not necessarily imply agreement or endorsement by the Association or the Board of Directors.

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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.

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- 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.

Adopted: May 16, 1998 – Amended: April 21, 2001
 Reviewed: November 15, 2008 – Amended: November 19, 2011

Scan the QR Code to visit the Flood Mitigation Lake Draw Down web page and learn more.



★ Thompson Township ★



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With the winter season on its way, we would like to give everyone a few friendly reminders. Please inspect your mailboxes. Make sure your mailbox posts are of good sound condition. Heavy, wet snow could knock over mailboxes. Snow plows will make their rounds when 1 inch of snow is on the ground. In the event of a winter storm, please have all vehicles off the street in front of your homes for ease of plowing. And lastly, please be courteous to our plow drivers and pull over to the side of the road and slow down when approaching a snow plow. Thank you.

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★ ACLPO Foundation News ★

ACLPO Foundation Is Seeking Grant Applications

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is seeking applications for grant requests up to \$5,000 of funding awards for the 2024 calendar year.

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

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

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

- Contact Information
- Proposal Title

- Proposal Summary
- Organization Description and History Requesting the Funding (Must be affiliated with an ACL Committee/Commission or approved Club such as the Garden Club)
- Background/Explanation of Problem
- Project Description
- If ACL staff will need to be utilized for project
- Project Timeline/Budget Timeline
- Proposed Budget

Requests for Proposals must be submitted digitally to Jody Ware at billjodyware@gmail.com AND a hard copy dropped off at the Association Office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Applications will be reviewed for funding allocation by the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation Board of Trustees by the end of February. All applicants will be notified by March 8, 2024 as to whether or not the application was funded.

Winter Reading with JDCF's "Conservation Conversation" Book Club

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 11/15/23
CONTACT: JEAN MATTHIESSEN (815) 858-9100, EXT 102

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites you to join our book club, *Conservation Conversation*, for a free series of Zoom discussions starting January 10, 2024. To honor JDCF's mission statement, and in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, our reading and discussion will focus on land, water, and the Driftless Area.

1. "Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World," by Simon Winchester – January 10 & 24
2. "The Three Ages of Water: Prehistoric Past, Imperiled Present, and a Hope for the Future," by Peter Gleick – February 7 & 21
3. "The Driftless Reader," Curt Meine and Keefe Keeley, editors – March 6 & 20

Discussion will be facilitated by Andy Townsend, and will take place via Zoom on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm. This is a free program and open to all. Join as you are able, whether it be for one book, all books, or any session. Online registration will open in December at www.jdcf.org/events and is requested so that we can keep you informed of updates or additional information.

JDCF is a local, member supported non-profit whose mission is to preserve and steward land and water for the lasting well-being of all people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public, free of charge, for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking such as community favorites Casper Bluff and Horseshoe Mound. No local tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF properties. For more information, visit www.jdcf.org.



Lena Celebrates Hometown Christmas Event December 2

LENA – The Lena Business Professionals Association (LBPA) announces details of activities to celebrate the Hometown Christmas Event on Saturday, December 2.

Hometown Christmas is a Lena community tradition offering opportunities to shop, eat, enjoy games and, of course, see Santa Claus to ring in the holiday season. Stores downtown will be open for your holiday shopping pleasure throughout the day with FREE family activities beginning at 4 pm. Several inflatables for the kids, and a picture booth will be available along Main Street and Santa & Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures in the pavilion.

The evening's events culminated in the lighted parade at 6 pm. The parade, themed Candy Cane Christmas, features dozens of floats adorned in lights from local businesses and organizations. As the parade rolls down Main Street, Santa will descend from his sleigh to light the tree at the new pavilion.

"Our annual holiday events are a highlight for many as they shop and plan for a

day of fun with family. We are excited to have a number of great activities for kids, and the support we receive to help create an outstanding parade is truly remarkable," said LBPA member Ryan Buss.

If you would like to participate in the Candy Cane Christmas parade with a float entry, please contact LBPA at 815-246-2560 or lenabpa.org@gmail.com.

For those who can't attend in person, the parade and lighting of the Community Tree will be broadcast live on the Lena Business Professional Association Facebook page.

For more information: Ryan Buss, LBPA, 815-238-1106

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★ News from The Nine ★

Live Music at The Pro Shop

November 9th was a great night at the ProShop with lots of birthday wishes to Tom and listening to the amazing Dylan Doyle Band....



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★ Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ★

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: 8:00 am.
- 2.0 Executive Session – 8:00 am.
- 3.0 Regular Meeting Called to Order at 9:08 am.
- 4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – after the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following Directors in attendance: Nolan Mullen, John Anderson, Bob Ballenger, Bill Becker (via Zoom), Mark Carmel Cottrell, Brian Holt, Kosco (via Zoom), Debra McNamee, and Laura Pratt. Interim General Manager Mike Harris was also present.
- 5.0 Approve/Adopt Minutes from the September 16, 2023 Board Meeting - John Anderson motioned “to approve/adopt the minutes from the September 16, 2023 Board Meeting.” Seconded by Carmel Cottrell motion carried unanimously.
- 6.0 Treasurer’s Report – will be in The Apple Core.
- 7.0 Committee/Commission Reports
 - Zebra Mussels – Norm Vandigo - Boat owners are not finding zebra mussels. Will have a better idea when lifts are pulled out of the water. McCloud asked if we would eliminate the algae in the back bays. Algae absorbs the EarthTec QZ before Zebra Mussels.
 - AECC – Dave Allgood - met on October 7. Septic inspection program is complete and all compliant. We had lot combinations and a couple of permit approvals.
 - Campground - Ron Carpenter reported there were lots of kids for the Trunk or Treating event. Winter Gathering is first weekend of February. Will go forward with the pancake breakfast event again.
 - Flood Mitigation – Ron Carpenter reported we will drop the lake a couple of feet this year. Still waiting on the IDNR permit. Having a peer review go over the CMT plan. Hope to advertise to contractors by the end of November giving notice of the project. Would like to get the bids back around the first of January. We would like shore to be allowed to be stored on the greenway this and next fall to speed up the process of getting them out of the water before we drop the lake level.
 - Memorial Pavilion – Carmel Cottrell reported the concrete foundation is in. Thistle has the posts in and will complete the structure. Then the electric will be put in. Beautiful area.
 - Conservation – Deb McNamee – Removal of brush from the Clubhouse point has begun. A proposal was sent to AECC to not allow erosion blankets used by landscapers—as a board this should be discussed.
 - Sports Complex – Gary Hannon reported they had to reinforce the entire base, which was probably the cause of the problem in the first place. Fencing may or may not get in this year. Next phase will be in the spring.
- 8.0 General Manager’s Report – Mike Harris reported on dredging – still have three coves or bays that need to be dredged: Washington Cove, Hawthorne Bay, and Jefferson Cove. This week Helm will black top the road from Deer Run to the Fitness Center. LED lights installed in the Cove and Clubhouse parking lot. The knife valve, a secondary valve should be installed the first week of November.
- 9.0 President’s Report - will be in The Apple Core.
- 10.0 Any Additions to the Agenda – Nolan Mullen combined 13.5 with all of the recommendations from Budget Commission. Carmel Cottrell motioned “to add 13.6 Dredge to the agenda.” Seconded by John Anderson, motion carried unanimously. Laura Pratt motioned “to add 13.7 Shore Station Storage on the Greenways to the agenda.” Seconded by John Anderson, motion carried unanimously. Laura Pratt motioned “to add 13.8 engagement of the Honkamp accounting services to the agenda.” Seconded by John Anderson, motion carried unanimously.
- 11.0 Consent Agenda
 - 11.1 Committee/Commission Changes – Laura Pratt motioned “to appoint Susan McDonald to the Board Nominating Committee; Nick Gouskos and Mike Tyson to the Trails Commission; to appoint Randy Meyer as Chair of the Trails Commission; to allow Steve Nelson to resign from the Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc Commission; to allow Mike Yorke to resign from the Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission and to appoint Pam Opyd as the Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission.” Seconded by Deb McNamee, motion carried unanimously.
- 12.0 Unfinished Business – None
- 13.0 New Business
 - 13.1 Buoy Request - Deb McNamee motioned “at least one buoy be placed between docks 7- 248 and 7-253 to prevent boaters from running too close to shore and allowing the waves more time to settle out before hitting stationary objects.” Seconded by Brian Holt. Discussion: has anyone gone out and inspected these locations? Send back to Maintenance for more investigation. Should create a process for future requests. Motion fails with seven nays and one yea by Brian Holt.
 - 13.2 Proposed 2024 Calendar - Deb McNamee motioned “to approve the 2024 proposed calendar.” Seconded by Carmel Cottrell. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 13.3 Hand Railing at Clubhouse – Laura Pratt motioned “to approve JLS Fabrications to fabricate and install railings on the handicapped ramp and a railing on the steps at the Clubhouse.” JLS was the lowest bid. Seconded by Brian Holt. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 13.4 Helm Proposal – Laura Pratt motioned “to approve the Helm proposal to fix the soft grade which is present on the courts with RX 1200 Geogrid and Aggregate Base (Ca-10) for a cost of

\$23,299.00.” Seconded by Brian Holt. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13.5 Budget Recommendations #1 - to recommend the BOD keep the Pro Shop and the Cove open year-round, raise dues 15%, implement an across-the-board fee increase that averages 13%, transfer to R&R \$500k and transfer to Capital \$500k.” (Motion failed with 0 yeas and 9 nays at Commission level.)

Budget Recommendation #2 - recommend the BOD close the Pro Shop from November 1 to March 31 and to keep the Cove open year-round, raise dues 15%, implement an across-the-board fee increase that averages 5%, transfer to R&R \$500k, and transfer to Capital \$500k.” (Motion failed with 2 yeas and 7 nays at Commission level.)

Budget Recommendation #3 - to recommend the BOD keep the Pro Shop open year-round and close the Cove from November 1 to March 31, raise dues 15%, transfer to R&R \$500k, and transfer to Capital \$500k. (Motion carried with 6 yeas and 3 nays at Commission level.)

Budget Recommendation #4 - to recommend the BOD consider closing the Cove until a new tenant can be found, keep the Pro Shop open year-round, raise dues 11%, transfer to R&R 500k, and transfer to Capital \$500k. (Motion carried with 6 yeas and 3 nays at Commission level.)

Discussion: Ron Carpenter, Budget Comm – went through the numbers for each of the scenarios. The first two were voted down; last two were voted approved. Wanted to give all discussion points to the Board. Nolan Mullen – we will have to make separate motions to publish – operating (R&R) and fees. Mark Kosco– we, the Budget did not have any direction whether the Cove or Pro Shop would be open or closed. Reason why we have these options. Nolan Mullen – do not want a 15% budget increase. They ran the numbers as if we operated a certain way for each scenario. Don’t need to tie the Cove or Pro Shop to the actual Budget. It is just the way they ran the numbers. Steve Borst, Budget Comm – first meeting our Finance Manager, handed us the employees’ proposed budget for us to review, to give you the best advice we can. The very first meeting, she handed us a budget with her best guess that in 2024, the Cove would lose \$450,000. Pro Shop has been open year-round for years – we know what that will do.

Bob Ballenger motioned “to close the Cove on November 1 and reopen on March 31; keep the Pro Shop year round.” John Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion: Carmel Cottrell – bad management at the Cove. We didn’t have a chance. Pro Shop is working. But people still like The Cove. Could keep the Cove open; close the Pro Shop and take the employees from Pro Shop and bring them to the Cove. John Anderson – to move everybody down there makes no sense; hard time to get the trucks down there in the winter – will cost us more to keep that open than the Pro Shop during the winter

Mark Kosco motioned “to suspend Roberts Rules of Order.” Seconded by Carmel Cottrell, motion carried unanimously. Carmel Cottrell – we did have a food and beverage manager, we had two, now they are gone. We have no power there to change anything. Randy – is the manager. When you have a question about the Cove, ask Randy. Deb McNamee – don’t feel confident in the Cove numbers or the management structure. To reduce the Budget costs, more must be done with less. Labor costs need particular scrutiny. Propose a hiring freeze until a new manager can review open positions. Nolan Mullen – we don’t make a motion to shut down the Marina or close the pool when there are problems. Understand these are hot topics but we leave that up to management.

Mark Kosco motioned “to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order.” Seconded by Carmel Cottrell, motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: John Anderson – yea; Brian Holt - nay; Bob Ballenger – yea; Laura Pratt - yea; Carmel Cottrell – nay; Deb McNamee - yea; Mark Kosco - nay; Bill Becker – yea. Motion CARRIED with five yeas. Recommendation #3 – Nolan Mullen – publish this budget with a 15% increase and would like to propose some fee increases and publish that. We can still do some work on the budget even though it is published. Adopt the updated budget at the December board meeting. We can always come down from a 15% increase. Publish the fee adjustments in the Apple Core too. Will have another vote in December. Publish the proposed budget as recommended by the Commission along with the fee schedule – get them published. We are not adopting the budget, just publishing it. Mark Kosco motioned to “recommend to publishing Budget Recommendation #3 (to recommend the BOD keep the Pro Shop open year-round and close the Cove from November 1 to March 31, raise dues 15%, transfer to R&R \$500k, and transfer to Capital \$500k).” Seconded by John Anderson, motion CARRIED unanimously.

John Anderson motioned “to authorize staff to publish the recommended 2024 Operating Budget, with a total revenue \$5,383,533 and total operating expenses of \$5,379,910 in the November issue of the Apple Core, with a transfer to R&R Fund of \$500,000 and transfer to Capital of \$500,000 in the November issue of the Apple Core.” Seconded by Laura Pratt, motion CARRIED unanimously.

Laura Pratt motioned “to authorize staff to publish the attached 2024 Operating Fee Schedule and the 2024 Building Fee Schedule in the November issue of the Apple Core.” Seconded by John Anderson.

Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Carmel Cottrell motioned “to authorize staff to publish the recommended 2024 Annual Assessment of

\$1430 in the November issue of the Apple Core.” Seconded by Laura Pratt, motion CARRIED unanimously.

Budget Recommendation #5 – Brian Holt motioned “to authorize staff to publish the 2024 R&R Budget in expenditures of \$601,500.” Seconded by Carmel Cottrell, motion CARRIED unanimously.

John Anderson motioned “to suspend Roberts Rules of Order.” Seconded by Carmel Cottrell, motion carried unanimously.

- 13.6 Dredge – Discussion: Carmel Cottrell – opportunity to sell our dredge that has been sitting. Good opportunity to get rid of that equipment. Worth \$200,000 to \$300,000. Ask Mike Harris to figure out what this is worth and talk with Frentress to see if interested.

John Anderson motioned “to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order.” Seconded by Brian Holt, motion carried.

- 13.7 Shore Station Storage on the Greenway – Laura Pratt motioned “to approve placement of shore stations on nearby greenways for the 2023 & 2024 boating seasons only. The shore stations must be removed from the Greenways in a timely manner the following springs.” Seconded by Deb McNamee. Discussion: Guidelines to figure out where these should go? Part of the draw down and spillway project. Deb McNamee recommends having a date to get it out by and if not out set up a fine system. Bob Ballenger – every shore station is touching the bottom right now. If you drain the lake, every shore station will stay there. They don’t need to come out for a draw down. Laura - We cannot be the ones to recommend leaving shore stations in. If we tell people to leave them in and they are damaged during the winter, they will look to us to fix it. Vote: four yeas, two nays from Bob Ballenger and Mark Kosco, John Anderson abstained. Nolan Mullen voted yea, motion carried with five yeas. Bill Becker was no longer at the meeting.

- 13.8 Honkamp Contract – with our financial manager leaving us – management pursued a contract solution for short term. Bids came in with Honkamp being the lowest. Deb

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★ Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ★

McNamee motioned “to approve engaging the accounting services of Honkamp, PC for \$2600/month.” Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried with Bill Becker absent.

14.0 Property Owner Comments

Jody Ware 12A134 – cannot vote on any item not posted on the agenda. Some things today were voted on. Look at Robert’s Rules of Order. Hope the Budget committee [commission] was able to work with real data. Lately, we are not getting numbers, the Treasurer’s report. When we decide to close the Cove did the Board take into account that this will cost money to winterize and additional employee expenses. The board did an analysis in 2020 and 2021 when it was shut down – propane and electric were very high. Tough decisions made today.

Henry Doden, 13A129 – big question should be what are we doing with conservation. One bay has never been dredged. Marina Bay has never been dredged because it has a golf course above it. Grasses keep down erosion and slow down the water. The pond across from the old Maintenance building had cattails, which pulls phosphorus and minerals out of the water.

George Drogusz 48 on Constitution – update on dredging – came in Washington Cove Wednesday and also working today. Looks like they are about half-way through the Bay. Restaurant situation – should be separate from the Association, even if they are run by the Association. Can’t make money to stand by themselves, close them.

John Diehl 6-71– Speaking as my role of supervisor in Thomson township taking care of financials – not in charge of the roads. But related to roads, we have new street signs. These roads are maintained by the township, not the county. This was a township project, initiated by me. Originally we thought it would take 3-5 years, for the over 1000 streets. However, the Township budget did well and was able to transfer an additional \$10,000 to the Road budget without any additional tax money needed.

Gary Hannon 8-239– Strong disappointment and lack of understanding on what the Cove needs to be successful. Cove did not have leadership to be a destination place even through the winter months. After an entire season, we are back to square one. We need help from an expert in the field to make it right. The Cove can be and should be a destination restaurant. It takes money, talent, foresight and commitment. You refuse to hire a much needed outside expert. Disappointing we cannot invest \$20,000 in one of our finest amenities.

Brett Livengood 12A251 I’ve been on the budget commission for the last three years. Close the Cove on November 1; raise dues 15% in order to publish. Sounds like you are kicking the can down the road.

Need to extract the expenses out of the equation. Disappointed that I heard you want to approve a budget but not make a decision on the Cove. So intertwined, cannot be removed from one another. Now take the expenses out of the equation now that we are closing the Cove. Still have a lot of work to do without a financial manager, full time general manager, food & beverage manager.

Mike Ward 1-229 Jefferson Court – as a property owner and successful restaurant owner, closing the Cove does not support the vision of the board in January. Previous restaurant did make money. Keeping Pro Shop open during the winter – will cost a lot of money. Lost sight of the goal, the vision – most important thing for any organization. The Cove was never set up properly. We’re making a decision based on financials. Let’s finish what we started, optimize the food and beverage amenities. Don’t give up on the vision we all had in January for the Cove and the Pro Shop.

Diane Carr 3-39 – most people come here for the amenities. The board’s responsibility is to optimize all amenities. We do have a chance to optimize the winter hours and make the Cove and Pro Shop profitable. Then when our big season comes next year, we will be ready. Consider a manager to take charge and get us on track financially.

Steve Nelson, Budget Comm – talked about the budget – none of us want our dues or fees increased. R&R schedule –Budget commission really scrutinized that schedule. Scheduled expenses and reserve contribution by year. This year’s recommendation of \$500,000 to put towards R&R – that is close to \$300,000 underfunded already, even if approved \$500,000, kicks the can down the road again. For the next 10-15 years, if we fund R&R, we need to have substantial increases.

Motion to adjourn by John Anderson, seconded by Deb McNamee at 11:07 am. Motion carried.

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

Summary of Board Actions

AUGUST 19, 2023

- CONSENT AGENDA
- COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHANGES - APPROVED
- BOARD LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS TO COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS - APPROVED
- 13.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 13.1 MEMORIAL PAVILLION CONSTRUCTION - APPROVED
- 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

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

- 11.0 CONSENT AGENDA
- 11.1 COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHANGES - APPROVED
- 12.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 12.1 SAFETY & SECURITY AD HOC COMMISSION – TABLED, NO MOTION TAKEN
- 12.2 BOARD POLICY FINANCIAL DOCUMENT – SECOND READING – APPROVED
- 12.3 MEMORIAL PAVILION CONTRACTOR REMOVAL - APPROVED
- 12.4 MEMORIAL PAVILION CONTRACTOR REPLACEMENT - APPROVED
- NEW BUSINESS
- 13.1 ICE FISHING SHELTERS – MOTION WITHDRAWN
- 13.2 DEER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS – APPROVED
- 13.3 FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMISSION PROPOSAL - FAILED
- 13.4 FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMISSION HOURS RECOMMENDATION - TABLED
- 13.5 TREE CARE SERVICE – APPROVED
- 13.6 BACKUP VALVE – APPROVED

OCTOBER 21, 2023

- 11.0 CONSENT AGENDA
- COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHANGES – APPROVED
- NEW BUSINESS
- BUOY REQUEST – FAILED
- PROPOSED 2024 CALENDAR – APPROVED
- HAND RAILING AT CLUBHOUSE – APPROVED
- HELM PROPOSAL – APPROVED
- BUDGET RECOMMENDATION #5 – APPROVED
- DREDGE – DISCUSSION, NO MOTION CARRIED
- SHORE STATION STORAGE ON GREENWAY – APPROVED
- HONKAMP CONTRACT – APPROVED

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Saturday, March 23: Slip Swap – 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 13: Kayak Locker Swap & Assignment Day – 9:00 am

Saturday, April 13: Slip Assignment Day & Sublicense Assignments – 10:00 am



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Monday – Saturday: 8am to 3pm
Sunday: CLOSED

HOLIDAY & SPECIAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

- Friday, December 22
Saturday, December 23
Monday, December 25
Friday, December 29
Saturday, December 30
Monday, January 1
Tuesday, January 2

The Office will re-open at 8:00am on Wednesday, January 3 to accept in-person payments. Online payments can be made through the Member Portal on the website after January 1. If you do not remember your Member ID or password, please contact the Association Office and we will help you get logged in.

PAYMENT PLAN FORMS AVAILABLE NOW

The 2024 Budget has not been formally adopted yet, but submissions for the new year can be accepted. The form and complete details are published in this issue and are available on the ACL website or from the Association Office. There is a \$35 Payment Plan Processing Fee for each lot entered on the Payment Plan before the early signup deadline on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. This fee is paid in the March 1 installment, no payment is required at signup. Installment amounts will not be emailed out until after January 4.

GO PAPERLESS!

It's not too late to sign up for paperless statements! Owners can sign up to receive electronic billing statements and forms by submitting the Electronic Notice Request form. New signups are accepted at any time. The form can be downloaded from https://www.applecanyonlake.org/group/pages/forms-resources or filled out at the Association Office. The Apple Core newspaper, election materials, and other important mailings will still be sent via USPS mail.

ACH SIGNUPS ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 25

New one-installment ACH signups for the new year can be accepted any time prior to Thursday, January 25, 2024. ACH payments are withdrawn from your checking or savings account on February 1 of each year. The full statement balance is paid in one installment with this option. The ACH authorization continues until the agreement is terminated in writing by either ACL or the property owner. Please contact the Office for a form if you would like to sign up. There is no charge to participate in the one-installment ACH program.

SUBMIT INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION UPDATES NOW

It's easy to forget about updating insurance and registration once your ACL stickers are on your boat, UTV, etc. If your insurance or registration has been renewed, please take the time to submit this paperwork to the office now. This is especially important if you have an Association-licensed Boat Slip or Campsite! Doing so now will save many headaches in January/February. Documents can be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.

Payment Plan ACH Debit Authorization Form

MUST BE RETURNED BY JANUARY 31

I (we) hereby authorize ACLPOA, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate debit entry to my (our) account indicated below and the financial institution named below, hereafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to debit the same account for (Application). I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of the US Law.

The debit to my (our) account will be made on (mark one): ___ Checking ___ Savings

(Financial Institution Name) (Address) (City/State) (Zip)

(Routing Number) (Account Number) (Name (s) on Account)

The COMPANY has my permission to initiate a debit entry to my (our) account for the total amount assessed to my (our) lot listed below, plus any applicable Processing Fees, including Late Fees. The Processing Fees, including Late Fees, and payment installments will be calculated by Association staff in accordance with the Board-approved ACL Payment Plan. The authority/permission granted herein to ACLPOA shall remain in full force and effect until ACLPOA has received payment in full or ACLPOA has received written notification from the undersigned of its termination, in such time and in such manner as to afford ACLPOA and the Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act upon it.

(Lot(s)) (Signature) (Date)

(Phone #) (Email Address)

ACLPOA can only accept ACH payments initiated by ACL. This form must be completed in full.

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Lot(s)

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For Office Use Only:
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\$ May 15
\$ June 15
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\$ August 15
Total Amount Owed: \$
Lot(s)

ACH Debit Authorization Form

Return to ACL Office Prior to January 25

I (we) hereby authorize ACLPOA, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated below, and the financial institution named below, hereafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to debit the same from such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of the US Law. The debit to my (our) account will be made on February 1 of each year.

Type of Account: ___ Checking ___ Savings

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(Routing Number) (Account Number) (Name on Account)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time, and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

(Lot #(s)) (Signature) (Date)

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Lots for Sale:

- 02-043 Pioneer Dr..... PIN 18-002-043-00
- 03-006 General Grant Dr..... PIN 18-003-006-00
- 03-123 Admiral Farragut Ct..... PIN 18-003-123-00
- 03-133 Admiral Farragut Ct..... PIN 18-003-133-00
- 03-152 General Jackson Ct..... PIN 18-003-152-00
- 03-185 General Jackson Dr..... PIN 18-003-185-00
- 03-197 General Bragg Ct..... PIN 18-003-197-00
- 04-022 Colt Dr..... PIN 18-004-022-00
- 04-087 Springfield Dr..... PIN 18-004-087-00
- 05-013 White Buffalo Dr..... PIN 18-005-013-00

- 06-032 Wilderness Ct..... PIN 18-006-032-00
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- 05-136 N Apple Canyon Rd..... PIN 18-005-136-00
- 06-085 Appomattox Dr..... PIN 18-006-085-00
- 06-101 Appomattox Dr..... PIN 18-006-085-00
- 07-168 Coyote Ln..... PIN 18-007-168-00
- 07-173 Coyote Ln..... PIN 18-007-173-00
- 07-186 Butte Ct..... PIN 18-007-186-00
- 7-193 Butte Ct..... PIN 18-007-193-00
- 08-020 Franklin Ln..... PIN 18-008-020-00
- 08-106 Independence Dr..... PIN 18-008-106-00 PENDING**
- 08-174 Concord Ln..... PIN 18-008-174-00
- 09-001 White Birch Ln..... PIN 18-009-001-00
- 09-017 E Apple Canyon Rd..... PIN 18-009-017-00
- 09-087 Evergreen Dr..... PIN 18-009-087-00
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- 9-091 Plum Ln..... PIN 18-009-091-00
- 10-090 Cardinal Ct..... PIN 18-010-090-00
- 11-233 Driver Ln..... PIN 18-011-233-00
- 11-293 Brassie Ct..... PIN 18-011-293-00
- 11-317 Nelson Ct..... PIN 18-011-317-00
- 12-003 W Apple Canyon Rd..... PIN 18-012-003-00
- 12-184 S Apple Canyon Rd..... PIN 18-012-184-00
- 13-009 Rawhide Ct..... PIN 18-013-009-00
- 13-058 Pioneer Dr..... PIN 18-013-058-00
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★ 2023 Lake Drawn Down - Day 1 ★

November Lake D

BY TIM BROKL, *Communications Manager*

On Monday, November 13, 2023 the Flood Mitigation Department Manager, Tyler Hesselbacher opened the Test. The test ran for a week, ending on Monday, Nov

As previously noted, the ACLPOA is moving forward will meet current Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Most of this work will be conducted in the fall and winter conducted in order to gauge any issues that may arise.

You can learn more about the test by visiting the link on this page of the Apple Core. You may also submit comments on this page.

The Flood Mitigation AD Hoc Commission is having a meeting to release a detailed article of their findings in the January



★ 2023 Lake Draw Down - Day 3 ★

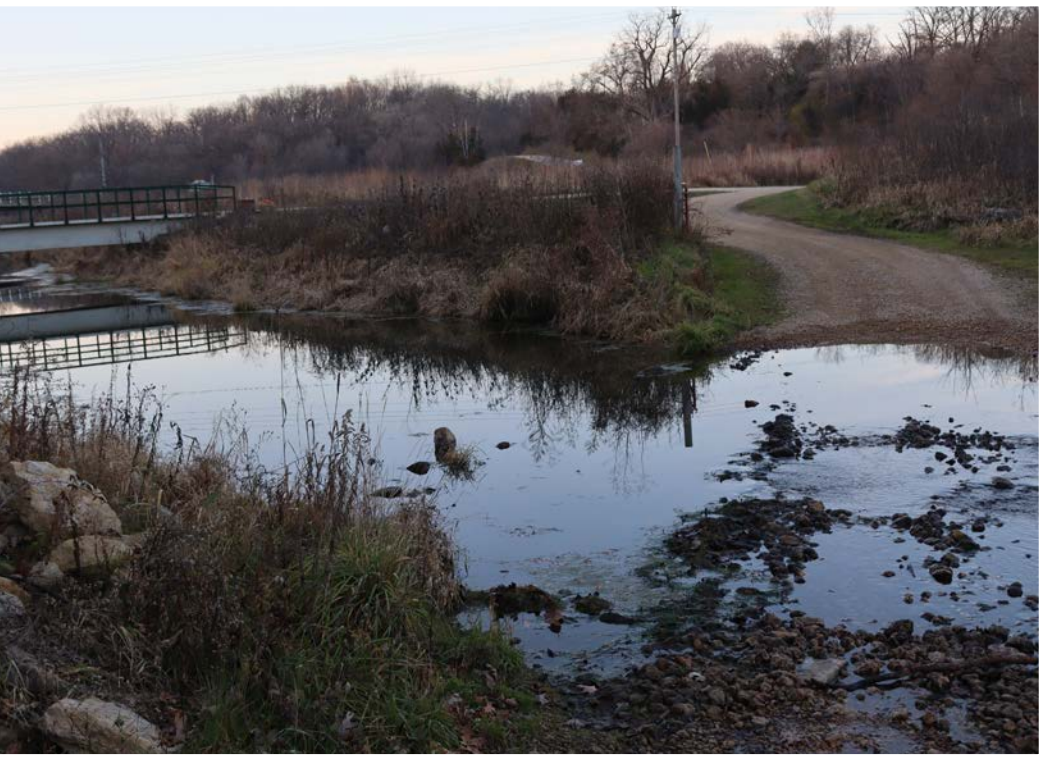
Draw Down Test

on AD Hoc Commission and Natural Resources
the spillway valve and began the 2' Lake Draw Down
November 20.

ward with dam and spillway improvements which
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questions to the Flood Mitigation AD Hoc through

ard at work analyzing the results of the test and will
ary Apple Core.



★ Dam Emergency Valve Installation ★



On Thursday, November 9, technicians from Molitor Plumbing, Stockton, IL and the ACL Natural Resource Manager, Tyler Hesselbacher along with assistance from the ACL Maintenance Department, installed an emergency knife valve onto the spillway valve.

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★ Hawthorne Prairie Restoration ★

Tucked away just off the trail near Hawthorne Bay lies Hawthorne Prairie. What was once considered an eyesore filled with stubborn weeds, Hawthorne Prairie has now become the focal point of a restoration project.

The journey began in 2021, when Roger Higgs, voiced his concerns about the prairie’s deteriorating condition, received a call to action from Paula Wiener, the chair of the conservation committee. Roger brought a plan together to reclaim and rejuvenate the Hawthorne Prairie. The first phase of the restoration began in the spring of 2022, with targeted spraying and diligent tilling efforts to combat the pervasive goldenrod infestation.

In the fall of 2022, the first seeding to the prairie took place. In the spring of 2023, controlled burning was employed to facilitate the prairie’s regeneration, followed by meticulous mowing and spot spraying conducted by Roger throughout the year to ensure the suppression of thistles, mullein, and garlic mustard.

This ambitious restoration venture became a testament to the power of collaboration, showcasing the coordinated efforts between the garden club, conservation committee, resource conservation manager, and the maintenance team. Despite facing the challenges of the drought conditions in the summer of 2023, the dedication shone through as Roger reported that the goldenrod is 100% gone.

The recent gathering in October 2023 brought out 15 garden club and ACL volunteers, uniting once again to spread more native prairie forbs under Roger’s guidance. All the native seeds have been harvested by Roger from the Prairie Maze by Canyon Club and Deer Run Drive on ACL greenway.

As the prairie begins to show promising signs of revival, it is clear that the journey towards complete restoration will demand continued patience and perseverance. In the spirit of spreading love through seeds, the Hawthorne Prairie restoration is proof of what can happen when the community comes together.



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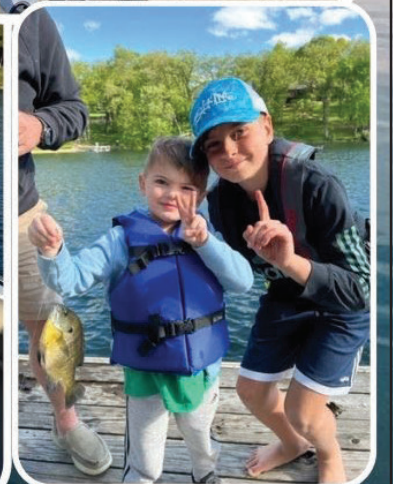
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★ Natural Resources Notes ★

TYLER HESSELBACHER, *Natural Resources Manager*

This has been quite the year and I wanted to give you all a recap of some of the activities the Natural Resource Department has accomplished in 2023. While many of you may know her from her monthly Apple Core articles and the ProShop, Kelsey King started early this year and was a tremendous help and vital member of the department this year as the Field Technician. Also, we know not all of you may support every project we complete, our overall goal is and will always be to manage and progress the lake, thus allowing all aspects of our ecosystem to thrive in our environment, while also helping to restore the lake to its natural beauty.

We started the year between Hawthorne and Evergreen removing redundant trees and brush to allow the surrounding oak and hickory trees more room to grow and regenerate, while also planting oak, hickory, and dogwood saplings. I apologize for all the noise and smoke we created in the process but knowing the outcome of restoring the area and allowing the oak and hickory trees more room to mature in the coming years will be worth it. While we may not be heavily working in the area now, we plan to continue to monitor it and will make adjustments when the remaining trees and the flowers and forbs that lay beneath them need help maturing and developing to their fullest potential.

During the winter season, we were also able to get an early start on cleaning up the trails and preparing them for the busy months ahead. This project included picking up fallen branches and trimming trees on the edge of the trails, which allowed us to avoid debris build up and keep the trails safe for all to enjoy this year.

A big event that started this winter was a survey of our spillway. This was an exciting privilege to do and watch since it isn't something that happens often at our lake. We were fortunate to have Ted, an engineer from CMT, and Mark, a geologist from Shannon & Wilson, along with two operators for the geo-probe to look at our spillway and surrounding area. Mark and the geo-probe operators were focused on studying the rock walls of the spillway, while Ted focused on double-checking measurements (even getting some near the waterfall edge). A fun fact that Mark shared was that this area used to be in tropical waters millions of years ago. While Ted and Mark may not be here anymore, the spillway project continues to progress today through the Flood Mitigation committee, in hopes that we can update our spillway to handle flood events more efficiently in the future.

The last thing we did this winter was attend the Illinois Lake Management Association (ILMA) conference. While it was new to both of us, we were able to listen to professionals and create connections within our field. This conference allowed us to discover what other individuals and companies are doing and have done for their lakes, which in turn allowed us to consider more projects to better our own lake. One gentleman we met at the conference was Tom from Limnetics. While we started out as strangers in the lunch line, we quickly began conversing on ways to clean up our lake at Apple Canyon and Tom offered to do a test run with his destratifier machine (a large water circulator that moves water from deep parts to shallow areas) in the spring of 2024. After a couple more conversations, we have been approved to conduct a season long test for 2024 at Nixon Beach, but that's a topic for another day. While we may have slipped on ice and fallen in some snow at the beginning of the year, we still managed to do the best we could to get the year rolling off to a good start.

Springtime rolled around rather quickly this year, and we were off to the trails once again. We spent enough time (sometimes more than we liked) spraying poison hemlock and parsnip from the trail edges and dredge ponds. This seemed to have paid off in the end as there were very few survivors left once summer began. With spring trail maintenance also came spring burns. We were able to get roughly 15-18 areas burned this spring, which is almost 3 times more than last year! After the burns had passed, we were able to plant some prairie seeds to start the restoration process in these areas. Our focus then switched to our annual fish shock, which allowed us to monitor and record how the fishery had progressed over the winter months. I can confidently say that I managed to stay upright and dry on Joe Rush's boat and Kelsey managed to keep all the volunteers from falling off her boat.

This year we were fortunate to be approved for another grant from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), to restore the oak savanna at the Clubhouse Point and by Remington Court, along with two more streambank stabilization projects, Independence and Hawthorne.

Towards the end of spring, our good friend and previous co-worker Barb, from the Northern Illinois Prairie Enthusiasts (NIPE), was able to make a visit and give us some guidance on what to look for and some general tips on how to maintain our prairies. While our prairies are off to a good start, we still have a lot of work to complete before the areas are restored to their fullest potential. However, the warm spring air and early blooming flowers probably weren't enough to get us ready for what was to come this summer.

When summer finally made its way to the lake, the heat made up for the season's late start. However, the summer heat wasn't the only thing we were trying to beat...the weed harvester tried to beat us, but we managed to keep your boats floating the best we could. Unfortunately, with our spray boat not being ready in time for the aquatic weeds at the beginning of the season, we were quickly found under a pile of docks and bays that were surrounded by weeds. Luckily, we had a small rental weed harvester along with our own big harvester (once it was fixed), that we both ran whenever the sun was out. We did the best we could to make the bays traversable for all of you, though we apologize that we couldn't get everything the first time around since we still had to make sure others were able to get out of their docks. After a few weeks the small rental harvester was returned, and we were down to just our big harvester. We decided to take turns on it just to keep the bays and docks accessible while still completing other projects.

One of our biggest summer projects was the zebra mussel treatments. These treatments helped minimize the amount of zebra mussels within the lake, as we did not find live mussels in many of the treatment areas. While there has been some debate over the pros and cons of these treatments, we are still observing how other factors may have influenced the results as well. This summer we also were able to assist the creator of the Marina wetland garden by contributing a few more additions to it and cleaning it up a bit more. This was a project that grabbed a lot of your attention as you passed through the Marina this year. One of our most exciting finds from the summer was when Kelsey found a rusty patch bumble bee over in Independence Prairie and in a couple other places around the lake. This was both interesting and exciting to find, as neither of us had ever seen one in person since they are currently an endangered species.

Our fall season seems to have come and went within two months. The weed harvester finally called it a season and we can finally catch our breath. Now our focus has shifted to working on our 2023 grant areas. The Clubhouse Point restoration has been progressing well and we both really appreciate all the volunteers that put their time in to help clean it up. We would not have got as much done if it wasn't for all of you. Our second area is in Remington, which we plan to start soon, if not already by the

time you read this.

Our three streambank stabilization projects (Independence, Hawthorne, and Bathum Trail) were also completed this fall and all three were completed in a matter of three days! The contractor was able to get in and place the rock in a quick, efficient manner, while we were able to clean up the streambanks and remove the redundant trees and brush.

This year the NRCS and DNR both visited ACL to tour our lake and give recommendations on ways to improve the vegetation and greenspaces. After a general tour of the lake, there were two recommendations we received specifically. (1) Continue to open the canopies within the greenspace – this will allow the oak and hickory trees more room to regenerate and promote the growth of more flowers and forbs. (2) Plant deep rooted grasses and clean up our understories – this will prevent silt from seeping into our lake.

Then came our fall fish shock, which unfortunately neither of us were able to attend, but with the help of many volunteers stepping up was a success. While we do not have the complete results on how our fishery is progressing and if anything needs to be done yet, Joe Rush was able to inspect a bass and found a healthy fish, free of any round or tape worms.

Just before the fish shock, we received the bittersweet news that Kelsey was offered a position with the Carrol County Soil and Water Conservation District, which she accepted. While I am sad to see her go, it brings me great joy knowing that the lake was able to help her progress to this next step in her career. She is a hardworking and committed individual, who always strives to do the best for the environment; always looking for more research to help progress the lake and had a great sense of adventure and humor.

While I could not include everything we did throughout the year, I hope this gives you a glimpse of what the Natural Resource Department does for the lake. We are always trying to find new articles, research, and products to make the lake a better place, including both the land and water in our area. We also wanted to mention that we always enjoy the small talk from everyone when you see us out and about and we just want to give one last thank you to all the volunteers who helped with any of our projects throughout the year. Whether you helped once or multiple times, your help is greatly appreciated and noticed. I look forward to finishing the year off strong and look forward to the projects our department will take on in 2024!

Thank you,

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BY JULIE JANSEN, *Safety & Security Manager*

With summer underway please keep in mind underage driving at ACL. I know the kiddos think it is fun and exciting to drive golf carts and UTVs but it's a huge safety risk. This stands firm on all ACL common properties, like the trails, campground, sports complex, golf course, pool, and beach.

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★ Prescribed Fire ★

Using Prescribed Fire as a Management Tool

This fall Apple Canyon Lake Natural Resource staff will be conducting prescribed burns on various areas around the lake. With every prescribed burn the area is prepped in advance to contain the fire in the area we plan to burn. This is done by mowing burn breaks around the areas we would like to avoid burning, including around certain trees and property lines. Before every prescribed fire we alert ACL Security and the General Manager so that they are aware of where we are burning that day. We plan to also alert property owners via Facebook in advance of the fire on the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association page. It can be difficult to plan the exact day we will be burning in certain locations due to shifting wind and weather conditions so we will try to give our burn notice with as much advance notice as possible to property owners. Ideally, we look for specific wind and humidity conditions to plan which areas we can burn on certain days.

Prescribed fire is widely used in ecological restorations and as a management tool for controlling the growth of various invasive species. Historically fires were very common throughout the Midwest due to Native Americans conducting burns for clearing and hunting purposes as well as natural fires started from lightning. However, with the conversion of prairies and oak savannas to agriculture and urban development land uses fire has been suppressed in many areas. It is important to conduct prescribed fires to burn fuel loads in areas where dead material has accumulated over the years to avoid uncontrollable fires that damage property and potentially endanger lives.

Fire is especially useful for controlling brush in areas around ACL that may alter the structural integrity of infrastructure such as the main dam, dredge ponds, and dry dams around the lake. ACL's prairies are also burnt at various time intervals to remove weed growth and to encourage the growth of native beneficial plants. Burning seasons are generally in the fall and spring when there is enough dead dry fuel for the fire to carry through. Burns are conducted using a method called back burning (basically starting the fire on the downwind side) so that the fire burns at a slower and more controllable rate. We apologize for any smoke you may experience from these burns, but we urge you to think about the benefits of conducting burns instead of the short time the smoke will be present.

ACL BOARD POLICY BURN RULES:

All open burning must be reported to Security prior to a fire being started. Security will inform all necessary parties of the event. Open burning is limited to landscape waste. Landscape waste is defined as trees, brush, leaves, and vegetative waste from normal yard maintenance. NOTE: A no-burn order could be in effect, and a violation of the fire district rules as well as the Association policy would apply.

1. PRIVATE PROPERTY Burning of landscape waste is restricted to the property of the person reporting open burning.
 - a. Burning of landscape waste must be monitored on the burning site throughout the entire duration of the burning time.
 - b. The burning site must be extinguished completely after the burn. No embers or unburned material that may ignite a new fire will be allowed. The burning area must be secured by either soaking it with water and/or covering it with soil. It is the responsibility of the property owner doing the open burn to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that the fire is completely out.
 - c. Burning after dark is permitted only in campfires and fire pits.
2. GREENWAYS: Only the Association maintenance staff is permitted to do open burning on greenways unless approved through a greenway stewardship and done by a certified professional.
3. PRESCRIBED BURNS: A prescribed burn, such as those used to maintain native prairies, must be done only with the approval of the General Manager and under the direct supervision of ACL staff.
4. SMOKE NUISANCE CONTROL: The burning of any material that will produce objectionable odors and/or toxic chemical vapors* will not be permitted. *Chemical vapors is in reference to emissions resulting from the burning of material other than natural vegetative matter.





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★ ACL Garden Club ★



Shades of Autumn

BY LUANN DIMONTE, *Garden Club*

ACL's Garden Club recently hosted their "Shades of Autumn" fall luncheon with approximately 50 Garden Club members and guests attending. The luncheon committee provided a variety of hearty casseroles and beverages. Participants enhanced the menu with delicious sides and delectable desserts. The room was adorned in "Shades of Autumn" from gorgeous floral table pieces, mini velvet pumpkins for all participants, and autumn décor.

The small group table discussions were held forging many creative ideas to keep ACL a beautiful place to live and visit. In the spirit of giving back to the community, individuals brought cans of non-perishable items that were donated to The Bread of Life Food Pantry in Apple River, IL.

A special thank you to the current Garden Club leadership for their tireless dedication including: Therese Nelson; Chair, Terri Ward; Secretary, Rosemary Pope; Treasurer, and Kathy Rogers; Children's Garden Chair.

A special thank you to the 13 luncheon committee members led by Chairperson Lu DiMonte for their tireless creativity and teamwork. The new 2024 Leadership team will be Lori Hewitt; President, Kathy Rogers; Vice-President, Terri Ward; Secretary, and Rosemary Pope and Ann Yorke; Co-Treasurers, Lu DiMonte; Marketing Chair, and Paula Kosco; Children's Garden Chair.

Additional thanks and appreciation to Kathy Rogers and her children's garden team for the wonderful events including the Butterflies and Blooms Spring Event and Fall Pumpkins in the Garden Event.



Thanks to Islander chairperson Pam Meyer and all of the Islanders that have kept the common areas or "islands" around ACL adorned with flowers and décor this year.

A special thank you to Carol Malone for a successful Plant Sale fundraiser.

Thanks also to Gary Pope and his team of volunteers who planted pumpkins for the Garden Club use this year.

The Garden Club is grateful to Roger Higgs who provided events this season including Prairie Seed Collection and Prairie Seed Spreading.

A special thank you to all that opened their homes for beautiful Garden Walks this year.

The Garden Club is almost 100 members strong. We look forward to "Hanging of the Greens" at all the Islands soon. A special thank you to ACL staff for their continued support of the ACL Garden Club. The Spring Garden Club luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Members of the ACL Garden Club bring many diverse and unique talents. You can get involved as little or as much as you desire and don't need to be a fulltime resident to join. If you are interested in being a part of this fun group, please email Lori Hewitt at lhewitt2639@gmail.com



Garden Club Island Snowmen

BY PAM MEYER, *Garden Club Islander Chair*

A work/fun day was completed recently by the Island gardeners, spouses and friends making snowmen for the Islands to enhance them for the winter months. We had a group of about 20. It was so great to see the enthusiasm and hard work that went into the building. There were chainsaws humming, drills buzzing, angel grinder sparking, hammers pounding and a lot of painting going on. The project was all done within about 2 hours. I want to thank all of you that came and pitched in. I was so impressed! Also a thank you to Tom Ohms for picking up rebar from Schuller Concrete, who donated the rebar. We can't wait to see them on the Islands as of December 1st. Be on the lookout!





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★ **Obituary** ★



Frohlich

Mary Frohlich, 95, formerly of Apple River, IL passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at Allure of Mount Carroll, IL. She was born on June 30, 1928 to Adam and Maria (Dornstadter) Berauer in Srpski Miletić, Yugoslavia. In 1953, she married Rudolph Frohlich at the St. Ida Catholic Church in Chicago, IL.

Mary began her life in the idyllic village of Srpski Miletić, Yugoslavia with her brother, Heinrich Berauer and her sister Katie (Berauer) Mathien. She endured the destruction of a way of life and the dislocation and migration of the post-WWII years. Through it all she found the love of her life Rudolph (Rudy) Frohlich and subsequently raised a great family in Chicago, which includes Anna (Frohlich) Lee and Rudi Frohlich. The families Frohlich and Mathien (Katie and Bruno) lived close-by and were

closely allied throughout all of the 8 Frohlich/Mathien cousin's childhoods, all of whom would affirm that this was to their great benefit.

In 1976, Mary and Rudy, along with family and friends built, with their own hands, their dream house in Apple Canyon Lake and permanently moved there in 1986. As she did everywhere, in Apple Canyon Mary made lifelong wonderful, kind, generous neighbors. Mary would always have fresh baked cookies and cinnamon rolls for all occasions, she loved sharing. Dancing around the kitchen table at every possible moment was *de rigueur*.

Among the highlights of her life was the birth of her grandchildren Rachael and Elizabeth, their marriages to Thom Greiner and Scott Duxbury, respectively, and her precious great-grandchildren, Max Greiner and Dylan Duxbury.

Mary loved her family, friends, especially children, employers, neighbors and caretakers and because of the love she gave was in-turn beloved. Mary was secure in her twilight years under the care of the folks at the Allure Memory Care Center in Mt. Carroll, IL, for which she was and her family will always be grateful. Throughout her long life, Mary was devout, guileless and ever pure-of-heart, one sharp witted nephew-in-law quipped, "It is always good to have Mary pray for me because I know she has a direct line to the top."

She is survived by her two children- Anna (Dan) Lee of McMinnville, OR and Rudi (Zelma) Frohlich, Jana Frohlich of Elgin, IL as well as a multitude of others including two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, 5 nieces, 1 nephew, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Rudolph in 2012.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the St. Josephs Catholic Church in Apple River, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will take place at a later date at St Josephs Catholic Cemetery in Apple River, IL.

A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leanonfh.com.

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Dec 15 & 16

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Dec 22 & 23

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1d · 🌐

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Kenneth Krok
9h · 🌐

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21h · 🌐

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2d · 🌐

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Sue Gardner
6h · 🌐

Interesting to see no water coming over the waterfall.

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TJ Gardner
4d · 🌐

I note an 8" drop in Winchester Bay...and dropped items begin to reveal themselves.

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★ 2023 Recreational Event Recap ★

BY TIM BROKL, *Communications Manager*

2023 was a fun time at Apple Canyon Lake! In April we hosted an **EASTER EGG HUNT** at the Golf Course. The Hunt had over 120 kids in attendance, hunting for the 2,000 eggs the recreation commission members filled and helped the Easter Bunny hide all over hole 1 and around the pro shop.

We then kicked the summer off Memorial Weekend with the **SUMMER KICK-OFF, CAMPGROUND COMMISSION PANCAKE BREAKFAST** and the **GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE**. The Summer Kick-Off has grown into an all day event featuring two bands, food trucks and a beer tent! The Annual Pancake Breakfast is a must! The event supports the Campground as their annual fundraising event. During the breakfast, the Garden Club of Apple Canyon Lake hosts their annual Plant Sale just outside the clubhouse. Having all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage while mingling with your family and friends in the clubhouse, then shopping for summer annuals for your garden is an ACL tradition.

In June we tried out a new concert series, The **MID-SUMMER BASH** and partnered with the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau once again for the **ANNUAL FARM FUN DAY** event. Cows, pigs, chickens, and more were brought out for kids to meet. The Farm Bureau with the help of the lovely Apple Canyon Lake volunteers hosted several education crafts including making fresh butter and ice cream, yum!

In July the Recreation Department and Commission hosted the annual **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS** at Nixon Beach. We started the morning off with the **ANNUAL RUMBLE AND ROLL BALL RACE**. Each year the Recreation Department sells numbered ball to raise money towards growing the **ANNUAL APPLE CANYON LAKE FIREWORKS SHOW**. These balls are then dropped and roll down the Nixon Beach driveway. The first 5 balls in the tube win cash prizes! After the Ball Race, the **GOLF CART AND UTV PARADE** departed Nixon Beach. This year the Recreation Commission hosted a contest and awarded ACL Swag Bags to the top 3 best decorated vehicles. The winners really loved their ACL Swag.

We then hosted the **INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT** on the beach while members waited for dusk and the Firework Show. We also had an ice cream truck and 2 food trucks at the beach during the concert and fireworks which went over extremely well. The evening ended with our Annual Fireworks show shot from the dam over the lake by Mad Bomber Fireworks.

July was a busy month. After the Independence Day holiday festivities wound down, the Garden Club and Jo Daviess County Conservation Foundation partnered up to host a 3-day **KID'S CAMP** in the clubhouse. Kids learned about all kinds of bugs this year and even went out to catch some. The weekend after Kid's Camp, the Apple Canyon Lake Bass club with assistance from the Recreation department staff, hosted the **KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENT**. This year we had over 40 kids compete for trophies and the bragging rights of "catching the biggest fish" and "catching the most fish".

At the end of July, The Apple Canyon Lake Relay for Life team and Recreation

department teamed up to host the annual **TRAIL TREKKER 5K FOR A CAUSE**. We had under 100 racers this year, but still brought in \$1,096.75 for the American Cancer Society. This event supports such a great cause and we hope to see it continue and grow in the future.

In August, Deer Management hosted their annual **YOUTH ARCHERY DAY** at the Archery Range. Each year members of the Deer Management commission invited kids of all ages out to learn and practice archery skills, passing on this skill to the next generation. The same evening, Just 1 More lead the **VENETIAN NIGHT** boat parade around the lake.

Over Labor Day Weekend, the Recreation Commission hosted the **ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR**. The Fair is the Recreation Commission's fund raiser and has grown to include the clubhouse, clubhouse parking lot, and firehouse fitness center parking lot.

We have over 50 crafters out with a variety of items, live music, a beer tent and the Recreation Commission runs a Culver's Frozen Custard stand all to help the commission raise funds to enhance and grow recreation and events at Apple Canyon Lake.

Some of the items the commission has donated to and purchased over have included, a large format printer to produce our own signage in house, a sport utility box complete with basketballs, volley balls, tennis racquets, pickle ball racquets and more and the multi-sport complex, a outdoor stage to host our bands on, an out door ice rink that will be set up this month in the Marina parking lot, has purchased all new umbrellas for the bocce ball courts, and has made donations towards the Memorial Pavilion that is currently being built.

On September 23, the Recreation Department and Farm to Table planning team partnerd with Scales Mound FFA students to host the **FARM-TO-TABLE DINNER**. This year we were able to raise money for 3 food pantries, Apple River Bread of Life, Stockton Food Pantry, and Elizabeth Food Basket. Each pantry received a donation of \$920 this year from the Far-to-Table Dinner profits. Thank you to everyone who attended and help make such a generous donation to our neighbors.

In October, the Recreation commission hosted a **HALLOWEEN PARTY** in the clubhouse. In total, just over 20 kids attended. The families enjoyed ice cream sundaes, cookies, crafts and carnival style games as Casper played from the projector on the wall.

The final event of the year will happen the weekend after this article comes out. **THE HOLLY JOLLY WINTER WONDERLAND** will take place in the clubhouse on Saturday, December 2. The clubhouse will be transformed into a winter wonderland for kids to enjoy. Complete with games, crafts, prizes, the big man in red himself will also be on site. Visits with Santa will go from 4pm to 6pm. During the Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland Santa will take a break to throw the candy cane switch and light the ACL Christmas Trees. This year the trees will be lit in the clubhouse parking lot round about. We hope to see you there.

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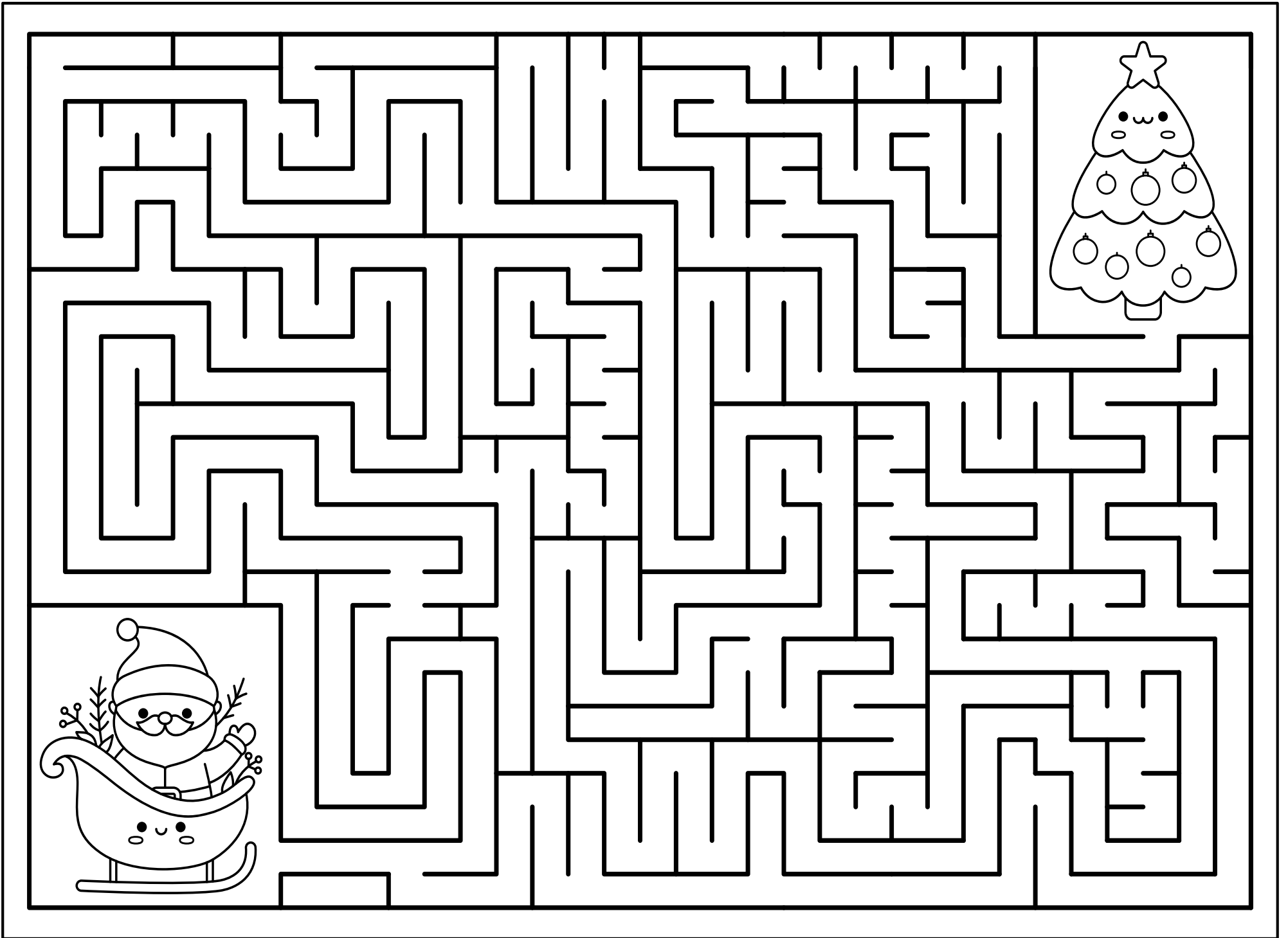
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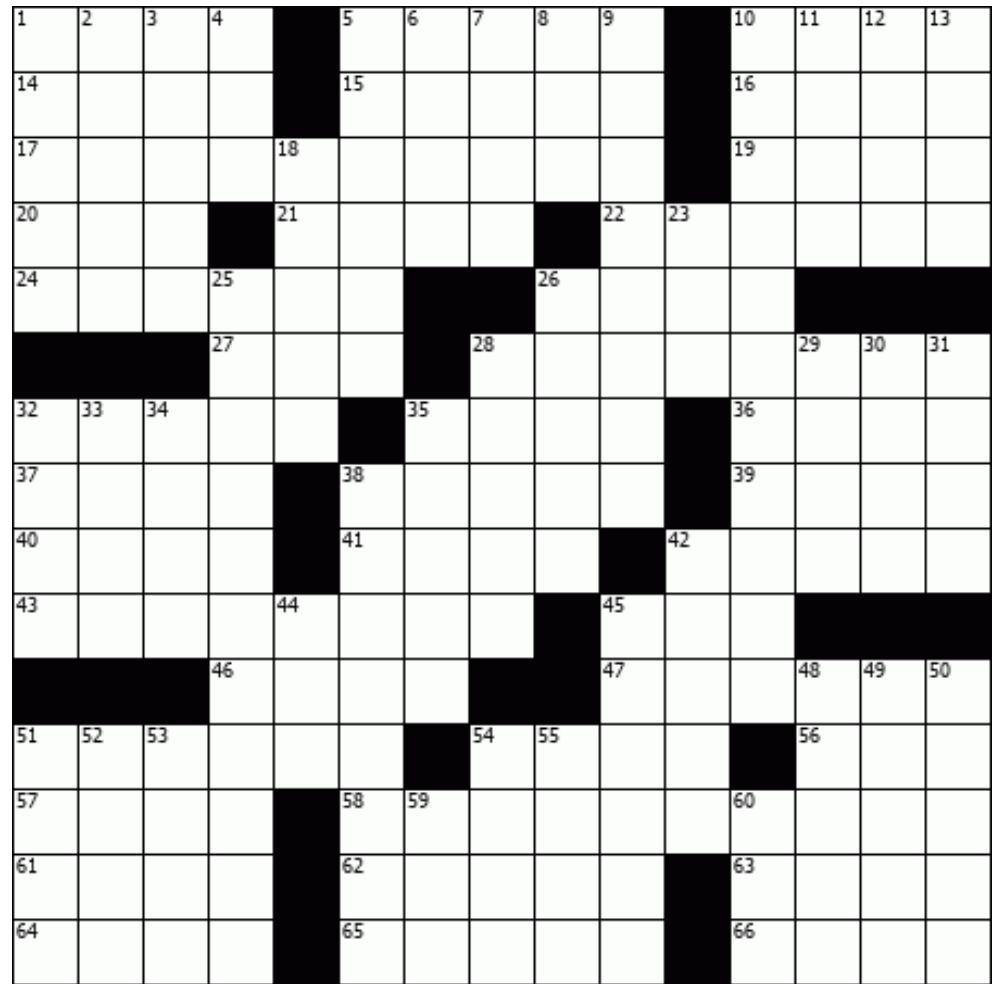
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- 5. Completely unfamiliar
- 10. Smog
- 14. Wheel rod
- 15. Russian furbearer
- 16. Desktop image
- 17. Gas-saving car option
- 19. Watch carefully
- 20. Good Feelings, for one
- 21. Eggheady sort
- 22. Talks back to
- 24. Cupid companion
- 26. Hold out
- 27. Gathered together
- 28. Ship or plane partition
- 32. Chasm
- 35. One and only
- 36. "Bells Are Ringing" heroine
- 37. Barnstorming feat
- 38. Scottish cattle breed
- 39. Short parody
- 40. Three gift bearers
- 41. Cartoon Bunny
- 42. Sew loosely
- 43. Waits in readiness
- 45. Rocket trajectory
- 46. Passing comments?
- 47. Dapper

- 51. Stun with noise
- 54. New Mexico home of Kit Carson
- 56. Soft murmur
- 57. Fuzzy red monster
- 58. Spot for rings
- 61. Jetty
- 62. Pandora's escapees
- 63. Twofold
- 64. Window insert
- 65. Continue without a break
- 66. Nimble

Down

- 1. Headquartered
- 2. Theater walk-on
- 3. Crook's cover
- 4. Yr. ender
- 5. State
- 6. Garland co-star
- 7. "The same" in footnotes
- 8. 2003 Christmas film
- 9. Retailer's concern
- 10. Calls it a day, really
- 11. Court winners
- 12. Sector
- 13. "... in the two of the mercy seat" (Ex. 25:18)
- 18. Pants parts
- 23. Drill
- 25. Musical that



- debuting in 1878
- 26. Corkers
- 28. Soft and waterlogged
- 29. Big game
- 30. Landed
- 31. Time line inclusion
- 32. Help for the poor
- 33. It's not to be missed
- 34. Meditative exercise
- 35. Rebuffs
- 38. Report card notation
- 42. Higher-ups
- 44. Gray-hair banisher

- 45. Spark
- 48. Become frosty
- 49. Water-penetrating device
- 50. In a heated manner
- 51. "Edward Scissorhands" star
- 52. Literary pen name
- 53. Word said with closed eyes, often
- 54. Alg. follower
- 55. Scopes trial org.
- 59. " Got Sixpence"
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★ **Freeport Holiday Hero Tree** ★

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Holiday Hero Tree returns To Downtown Freeport

Freeport, IL – A holiday tradition continues in Downtown Freeport at the Stephenson County Courthouse with the lighting of the Hero Tree on November 18.

The Greater Freeport Partnership is asking for the community to contribute to this growing tradition by creating ornaments to honor heroes to be placed on the tree. Bulbs can be decorated to honor first responders (fire, police and EMS) and military (active duty and veterans). Clear, plastic bulbs can be picked up at the Partnership Office (110 W. Main St., Freeport) Monday-Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. Decorated bulbs will need to be returned to the Partnership office by November 15 to be placed on the tree. There is no charge to decorate a bulb.

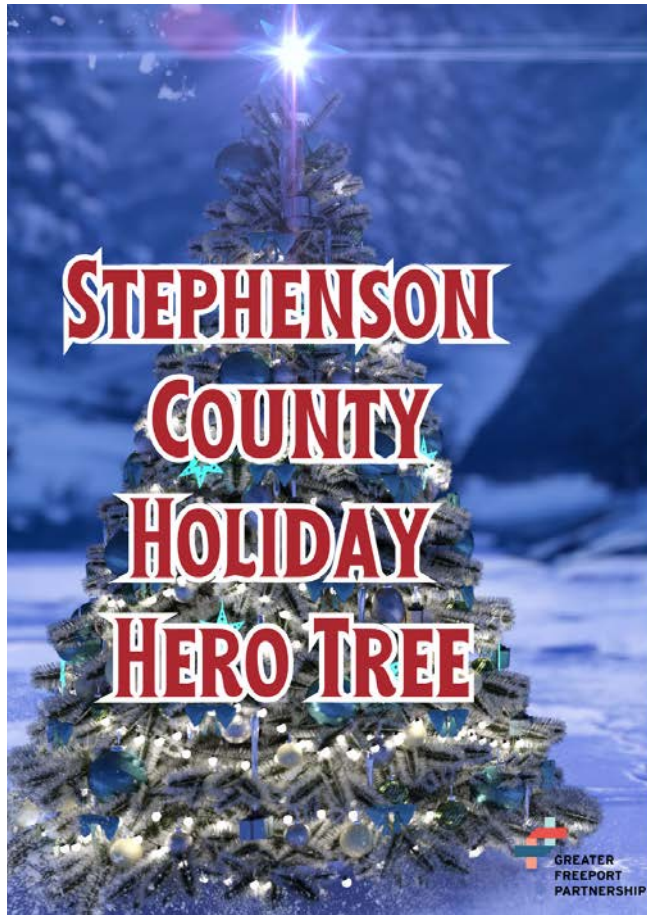
“It’s our great pleasure to have the Holiday Hero Tree here at the Stephenson County Courthouse. The decorated ornaments honoring our heroes is a fantastic addition and we appreciate all who participate,” said Stephenson County Sheriff Steve Stovall.

The Hero Tree will be lit in a ceremony at the Stephenson County Courthouse on Saturday, November 18 at 5 pm as part of Mistletoe Walk festivities. The tree will be lit nightly through January 2.

Please remember when decorating the bulbs, that the plastic is closed but not water-tight. For the safety of precious photos, please use photo copies and other items that are not valuable. After the tree is taken down in January, community members are welcome to come pick up the bulbs they decorated at the Greater Freeport Partnership office.

For more information, please visit greaterfreeport.com, or call 815-233-6301.

Or contact: Nicole Haas, Brand Director, Greater Freeport Partnership, 815-801-3676, nhaas@greaterfreeport.com



We are lighting up Downtown Freeport for the holidays with a show of festive spirit and humble recognition for our local heroes.

- Pick up your FREE clear bulb ornament at the Greater Freeport Partnership (110 W. Main Street, Freeport)
- Decorate ornaments with a copy of a photo of your hero. Remember not to use your original as it will be out in the elements.
- Ornaments will be accepted honoring first responders (police, fire, EMS) and military (active and veterans).
- Return ornaments to the Partnership office by November 15 to be placed on the tree. The tree will be lit on November 18 at 5:00 pm during a special ceremony and will be lit nightly through January 2.
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Catch The Train in Galena

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What a great opportunity to make family memories! There will even be a train that the kids can try running themselves. The large display features a variety of topography, including small towns, cities, deserts, canyons, oceans and more, with up to three trains running at a time. On Sundays at 2 PM an actress will read aloud the children's book "the Polar Express".

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- November 24-December 17, 2023
- No charge for this event, but donations will be welcomed.



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- This free holiday concert carries on the tradition of the former Galena Festival for the Performing Arts, which generously donated funds to support musical performances.
- The first Tuba Christmas was organized by Harvey G. Phillips to honor his tuba teacher William Bell, born on Christmas Day 1902. It was held December 22, 1974, in the ice skating rink at New York City's Rockefeller Center. Now in it's 50th year, Tuba Christmas is held in cities worldwide, celebrating those who play, teach, and compose music for instruments in the tuba family.
- Musicians of all levels wishing to perform (rehearsal and performance

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both on December 10) can email the concert coordinator, Danny Rowland, at rowlandd@uwplatt.edu.

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- Models vary by workshop from male, female, young and older. Artists use whatever they choose from pencil, charcoal, paints, pastels, etc.
- The atmosphere is low-key and casual. There is no instructor; however, artists often help each other.
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★ **Midwest Medical News** ★

Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Tree of Love Campaign begins November 1st

Sponsor an ornament to honor someone special

GALENA, IL—The Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary invites you to honor someone special by sponsoring a holiday ornament labeled with their name and hung on the 2023 Tree of Love. The Tree of Love will be on display the second week of November through January 1 in the hospital lobby at One Medical Center Drive, Galena, Illinois.

Ornament sponsorships are available in four different levels: \$10, \$20, \$30, and \$40. Donations of all amounts are welcome. In addition to your someone special's name being on the ornament, if your donation is made by December 7, your honoree's name will also be listed on a commemorative poster on display in the hospital lobby and in an acknowledgment in the *Galena Gazette*.

A special tree lighting celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM; the public is welcome to attend.

New this year—donors may submit an online donation using PayPal or a credit card. Third-party processing fees will be added. Online donations may be made at MMCGalena.org/TreeOfLove. For anyone wishing to mail or bring a check to the hospital gift shop, a printable PDF form may be found at MMCGalena.org/TOLForm. Traditional pre-printed giving envelopes are available at Midwest Medical Center, local banks, and will be inserted in the November 1 issue of the *Galena Gazette*.

Donations received for this year's Tree of Love event will be put toward new dining room furnishings at Midwest Senior Care Community. The dining room at MSCC is a core gathering area where residents enjoy community time with each other, meals, activities, and time with family and friends; new furniture will be enjoyed by all.

The Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation is comprised of more than 120 members who volunteer their time and efforts to organize fundraising events; operate Whispering Willows, the hospital gift shop; and help with other tasks as needed for the hospital and Midwest Senior Care Community (formerly Galena-Stauss Nursing Home). Funds raised by the Auxiliary are donated to the hospital and Midwest Senior Care Community to purchase items that will enhance patient care. The Auxiliary always welcomes new members. A membership application form and additional information may be found at: MMCGalena.org/auxiliary.

Midwest Medical Center is a not-for-profit Illinois Critical Access Hospital that has health clinics in Elizabeth and Galena. It serves the communities in northwestern Illinois, southwestern Wisconsin, and eastern Iowa through its health clinics, hospital and emergency care, fitness and rehabilitation center, and senior care—assisted living and nursing home.

For more information visit MidwestMedicalCenter.org.

**Tree of Love Lighting Ceremony
Wed, Dec. 13, 2023
6:30 PM**

Midwest Medical Center • One Medical Center Drive • Galena, IL 61036



The Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Tree of Love will be on display and accepting donations for ornaments through January 1. Last year, the Auxiliary donated more than \$17,000 toward a new fiberoptic camera system to help evaluate issues in swallowing. MMCGalena.org/TreeOfLove



United Churches representative Alma Mariano accepts a \$1,100 donation for the Galena Food Pantry from Midwest Health and Fitness staff members Natalie Gibbins, Marty Soat, Katelyn Leiden, and Julie Soat who helped organize the 19th Annual Midwest Fitness Fun Run / Walk in September.

Midwest Medical Health & Fitness donates race proceeds to Galena Food Pantry

GALENA, IL—On September 30, Midwest Health and Fitness hosted their 19th annual 5K Fun Run / Walk on the Galena River Trail. Seventy-nine participants of all ages enjoyed the event—which also raised funds for a local cause.

Proceeds from the race generated a \$1,100 donation to the United Churches Galena Food Pantry, presented by Midwest Health and Fitness staff.

“We would like to thank all of the sponsors and participants of our 5K. We could not have made this donation without your help,” said Katelyn Leiden, exercise specialist.

Sponsors of this year's race included: Galena Lions' Club / Galena Oktoberfest, Culvers of Galena, DeSoto House Hotel, The Spot Galena, Chocolat', Temperly Auto, Wyndam Garden Hotel, Galena Roasters, Gabby's Gifts, Palace Campgrounds, Great American Popcorn Company, The Great American Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor, Tammy's Piggly Wiggly, Galena's Kandy Kitchen, Chestnut Mountain Resort, Dillons HM, and Midwest Medical Center Vista Café.

Midwest Health and Fitness is already planning their 20th annual 5K Fun Run / Walk, slated for Saturday, October 5, 2024.

For more about Midwest Health and Fitness, located within Midwest Medical Center, (One Medical Center Drive, Galena), visit MidwestMedicalCenter.org. Additional race photos may be found at [Facebook.com/Fitnessmmc2](https://www.facebook.com/Fitnessmmc2).



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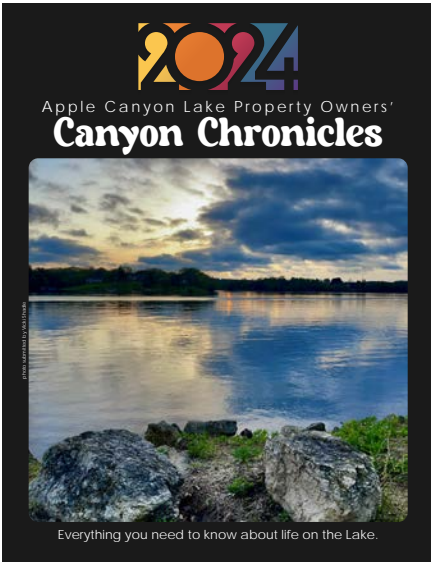
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Tree Lighting Dec 13 @ 6:30 PM, 1 Medical Center Dr. | GALENA

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BY TIM BROKL, *Communications & Marketing Manager*

I can't believe it is December already! Another Calendar and Chronicle complete and on its way. The 2024 Canyon Chronicle and 2024 Glossy Wall Calendar have been sent to print and are on track to be delivered to every owner at the beginning of this month (December). As we go into the end of 2023, I want to thank everyone who has volunteered and helped the association out this year. I look forward to 2024. Happy holidays everyone.



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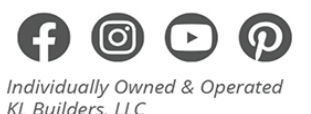
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Association Office lobby & Pro Shop
Donation Boxes On-site



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Monetary - Checks only made payable to: "The Bread of Life Food Pantry" presented to Pro Shop or Association Office Staff, food & household donations.

WE'RE HUNGRY FOR DONATIONS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

HOLLY JOLLY Winter Wonderland

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
AT THE ACL CLUBHOUSE**

4:00 - 6:00PM
TREE LIGHTING AT DUSK

Win Prizes
Carnival Games & Crafts
Fresh Baked Cookies from
The Garden Club
& Hot Cocoa
Pictures with Santa

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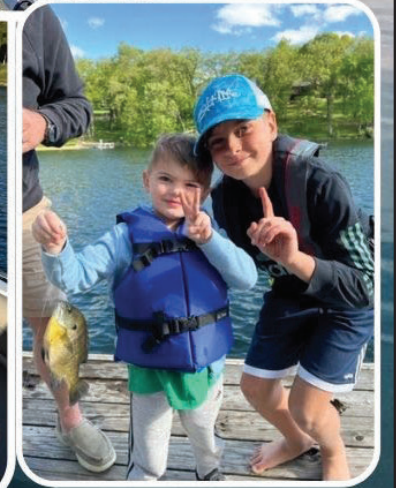
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