

# LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

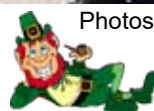
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## Short but sweet

The March 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade was short on floats but long on spirit, enthusiasm and candy!. Many groups of residents gathered on the parade route to wave and be showered with goodies.



## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

### Council estimates 66.6-cent cut in property tax levy

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met March 6 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Rodenberg presided.

**Visitors:** Steve Meek, 203 Anchor; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Jane and Matt Quinn, 19 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

**Budget:** Mayor Rodenberg proposed the council hold a work session on the upcoming budget and revenue sources at 5 p.m. April 3, one hour before the 6 p.m. regular City Council meeting.

**Property tax levy estimate:** Because the general obligation bond to rehabilitate the city water main system was paid off,

the City Council approved an estimated 2025 property tax levy that is more than 66 cents less than the 2024 tax levy.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud said he used last year's Jackson County Notice of Aggregate Assessed Valuation to calculate the property tax levy rate for the 2025 estimate required by the state. He told the council the proposed estimated property tax for 2025 is non-binding and the actual rate will be determined in late summer when approved by the State Auditor's office. The actual levy rate will be voted on by the council during the summer of 2025.

Jackson County's 2024 notice of aggregate assessed valuation for Lake Tapawingo totaled \$29.55 million,

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# Around the Lake

## BIRTHDAYS

April 4 Lenilce Oliveira, 92 Dockside  
 April 8 Elizabeth Braden, 45 Anchor  
 April 9 Kaye Williamson, 73 Beach  
 April 10 Rita Rainey, 107 Anchor  
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9 SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025	10 AM - 11 AM

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# Payoff of water system bond reduces special tax levy

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compared to \$30.33 million in 2023.

Blixrud said the estimated tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation would be the same as the previous year for the general operating fund, at \$0.6557, and there would be no tax rate for the general obligation debt service to repay bonds to finance replacement of the city water mains, compared to \$0.6666 last year.

The resulting estimated total tax rate of \$0.6557 compares to \$1.27 in 2024.

After discussion, the council passed, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Gary George to approve Bill 1258, Resolution 90362: *A Resolution Estimating 2025 Property Tax Levy Rates*. The estimate will be sent to Jackson County for the coming year.

**Planning and Zoning:** The council resumed discussion of four proposed ordinances that would: limit the time that free or for sale items could sit on the curb; require visual screening of streetside trash containers; allow detached garages on lots having residences; and limit the width of driveways at the street and require a minimum amount of green space on upper tier roadsides.

**Outdoor item display.** The council briefly discussed Bill 1256, Ordinance 1041: *An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Limit the Duration of Time Residents May Keep Items For Sale or For Free Outside*. The proposed ordinance would restrict outside placement of items for sale or for free to a maximum of 72 hours, with a minimum of 48 hours required between such displays.

Alderman Steve Magel moved for the first and second reading of the ordinance by title. The council approved and City Clerk Paul Blixrud read the title twice. The council passed, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Traci Via to approve the ordinance.

## **Outdoor trash container storage.**

The council briefly discussed Bill 1257, Ordinance 1042: *An Ordinance Amending the City Code to Add Requirements for Outdoor Trash Can Storage*. The proposed ordinance would allow residents to store trash containers within 20 feet of the street if they are behind an approved visual barrier, such as screening, landscaping, or other structures or designs. The existing ordinance requires trash containers to be stored no less than 20 feet from the street except during the collection period of 4 p.m. Sundays to 8 p.m. Mondays. (The existing ordinance allows yard waste to be placed at the curb as early as 3 p.m. Fridays.)

Magel suggested the term “trash cans” be replaced with “disposal containers” since most trash carts and receptacles would not be considered to be cans. He said a reference to the “City Council” should also be changed to “Board of Aldermen.” City Attorney Paul Campo was to provide a revised draft with those changes for consideration at the April 3 meeting.

**Garages.** The council and guests discussed proposed Bill 1255, Ordinance 1040: *An Ordinance Amending City Code Section 400-1.40.C.5 to Permit Detached Garages Under Certain Circumstances*. Magel questioned Section 1.3. requiring placement of a detached garage on a lot to “reduce visibility from the street and neighboring properties.”

Magel said the proposed ordinance already requires architectural compatibility with the primary residence and that many situations make it impossible to further reduce visibility. He said two residents, including Alderman Traci Via, seek to build garages in which it would be impossible for placement to reduce visibility. Via confirmed that would be the case.

Magel asked John Braden to explain recent Country Club Board findings regarding garage restrictions in the Country Club’s Original Corporation Warranty Deed Covenant. When researching property owners’ approval to transfer building regulation from the Country Club to the city, he found the action in 2006 (the 20-year interval for covenant renewal) made changes in covenant provisions that were filed with the Jackson County Recorder of Deeds but were never updated in the Lake Rule Book for residents’ use on a regular basis.

He said the Lake Board is updating the Lake Rule Book to conform to the amended covenant items: Section 6 on plumbing fittings is deleted; Section 9 on residential fences is deleted; Section 3 on outbuildings and garages is amended; Section 4 on building coverings is amended. The Section 3 language includes wording “Garages shall be attached to or built in as a part of the residence,” which would conflict with the proposed city ordinance that would allow detached garages.

City Attorney Paul Campo said the Country Club covenant does not override city ordinances. He said a larger city might have dozens of homeowners associations within its limits and is not beholden to what

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## Garage ordinance tabled, others tweaked

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are private agreements between property owners and the HOA. He said a city ordinance is legislative authority that no HOA can take away from the government.

Campo said a conflict between a property owner's action and a covenant restriction is a matter for the Country Club and the property owner to resolve. He called it odd that the 2006 covenant changes eliminated a ban on outbuildings while a detached garage is simply an outbuilding with a garage door.

Alderman John Nicol suggested the garage ordinance be tabled at this time. Magel asked Campo to make changes concerning placement of garages on lots and suggested that Magel take the proposed ordinance to the Country Club, expressing the city's intent, to see if the Country Club might be willing to adopt a resolution not to enforce the garage covenant item until property owners have a chance to delete it when the covenant is again renewed in 2026. The proposed ordinance was tabled.

**Driveways and parking areas.** The council discussed Bill 1254, Ordinance 1039: *An Ordinance Amending Section*

*400-1.40.C.14 Regarding Residential Driveways.* The proposed ordinance would specify, with the exception of first tier, that construction of new driveways be no more than the width of two cars, a minimum of 10 feet and a maximum 28 feet, at the edge of the street but could widen as they reach 4 feet from the street. The ordinance also proposed -- with the exception of first tier -- the city require green space on 33 percent of a residence's street frontage -- or no less than 5 feet as long as the street frontage totals 15 feet or more.

Behind the recommendation was the intent that residential lots should not have border-to-border driveways, which would eliminate scarce on-street parking. First tier homes were excluded from the recommendations because no on-street parking is allowed on first tier. Also, the requirement would only apply to new construction or modifications, not to existing frontages.

While gravel is prohibited for new driveways, the ordinance would allow existing gravel driveways to be maintained with new gravel that must be between 3/8 and 3/4 inches in diameter.

Magel said the ordinance should make clear that existing gravel driveways are lawful non-conforming structures and that owners adding gravel to existing driveways cannot enlarge the driveways. He said the ordinance also should make owners of gravel driveways responsible for preventing erosion and maintaining runoff into drainage ditches. Campo said he would look at the language and make some changes before the April meeting.

**Chickens.** Steve Meek asked whether the City Council would consider allowing residents with adequate property size to be allowed to raise chickens. The council suggested he first discuss with his Ward 1 aldermen about bringing a proposal before the council.

**Police:** Police Chief Paul Thurman explained a proposal for the Police Department to hire a policeman who would serve as a task force officer who would be assigned temporarily to a federal law enforcement agency. He explained Task Force Officers are state, local or tribal law enforcement officers who are

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# Police chief considers hiring task force officer

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often deputized or cross-designated by a federal agency, which allows them to operate under federal authority for the duration of their assignment.

He said task forces have proven to be a highly effective way for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and federal, state, and local law enforcement to join together to address specific crime problems and national security threats. In law enforcement, "concurrent jurisdiction" may exist, where a crime may be a local, state, and federal violation all at the same time. Task forces typically focus on terrorism, organized crime, narcotics, gangs, bank robberies, kidnapping and motor vehicle theft.

Thurman, who has served on such task forces, explained that task forces themselves cannot hire employees. However, local police agencies hire officers whose salaries and equipment are paid for by the FBI. Additionally, the local agencies receive revenue from property seizures and forfeitures gathered by the task forces. Thurman

said having a task force officer, who is not officed in the city, is a significant revenue source with no expense.

Thurman said he was interested in hiring an officer who has worked for him before as a task force officer.

Alderman Gary George, who served as police chief in Independence and in Alpharetta, Ga., said he had hired task force officers at every opportunity. In addition to the revenue benefit, he said if a murder or serious crime were to occur in Lake Tapawingo, Thurman would have access to all the task force resources necessary to deal with it.

Chief Thurman said he disqualified a recent police officer applicant and is still looking for one full-time officer. He said Officer Ken Brooks' sister died recently and he would be taking some time off.

### Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Rodenberg announced appointment of Brian Bronson, 40 Dockside, to serve as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning

Commission. The council passed, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to approve the appointment.

**City website:** Mayor Rodenberg said Office Administrator Sarah Chatham obtained the license for the city's website, [www.laketapawingomo.org](http://www.laketapawingomo.org), and now the city will need someone to host and work on the website. City Attorney Paul Campo said it would be a good practice to obtain bids for the service. Alderman Steve Magel said this is an opportunity to improve features on the website.

**City clerk job applications:** Mayor Rodenberg said the city received more than 70 applications for retiring City Clerk Paul Blixrud's position. Rodenberg said the applicants had been narrowed to eight, who he planned to interview in the next week.

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## Prevent new generation of Canada geese from nesting

By John Braden

Canada goose nesting season can begin as early as February. The geese begin to pair off and start looking for nesting sites, usually in sight of the water but out of sight of residents. It only takes two to create a heap of trouble (and heaps of other stuff).

In 2021, the Lake Tapawingo Country Club spent \$1,800 for U.S. Agriculture Department assistance and rallied volunteers with boats to collect and remove 59 Canada geese, making Lake Tapawingo one of the few, if only, area lakes where the lakefront and docks are free of sizable quantities of goose droppings.

Those geese currently flying over or landing on the lake are migrators, many looking for a new lake to call home. Residents are urged to contact the Lake Office, (816) 228-3721, if they suspect a nest has been established on or near their property.

Goose nests tend to be hidden under trees and shrubs on less traveled lakefront, as well as around surrounding ponds and across Woods Chapel Road in Blue Springs. The lovebirds also have been fond of nesting in docked pontoon boats.

Nests should not be disturbed or destroyed, but the Lake Board should be contacted so nests can be inventoried and eggs added or oiled under terms of the board's permit from the state.



Each pair usually produces about five eggs, but there can be as many as 12. If nests are missed by goose population controllers, that can mean a sizable increase in the local population, which generally returns to the same vicinity every year to reproduce.

The results around the country are significant populations of resident geese -- those that do not migrate but spend the entire year at the same locale, eating grass and pooping it back onto golf courses, lawns, and docks and lakefronts.

While the state has authorized the Lake Board to utilize pyrotechnics (fireworks) to discourage migrating geese from establishing, advice from the state has included use of laser pointers or remote-controlled toy boats to stir up the feathered visitors.

Feeding of waterfowl already is prohibited in Lake Tapawingo, which should make the area less inviting. Habitat can be made less attractive by reducing the goose's field of vision -- including creation of barriers with shrubs, hedges, rocks and fences, or the growth of tall grass. However, many of those tactics might be discouraged by rules on Country Club lakefront construction or city ordinances on grass height.

### MAYOR'S MINUTES

## New clerk hired; budget work session set April 3

By Mayor Tom Rodenberg

Well, it seems like Spring has finally sprung! Hallelujah!

By way of some City updates, we have hired Kate Alsup as the next city clerk. Kate intends to start on Monday, April 7.

Kate comes to us with several years of experience with the Blue Springs School District. She has very important experience in the area of budgeting and finances. That is a very important part of the clerk position. We look forward to welcoming Kate to our City.

### Website on the road to upgrade

As an update on the City website, we have managed to purchase the existing domain name, [www.laketapawingomo.org](http://www.laketapawingomo.org). Next step will be taking over managing of the content on the website. We are working on finding a host and then working to manage the content ourselves.

Thankfully, Kate has experience with website posting and management. Once she begins work for the City, I will be working with her on the management of the City website. We greatly appreciate your patience with our website problem.

### Council sets budget work session

As an update on City finances, the Board of Aldermen will be holding a work session on the City budget at 5 p.m. April 3, just before our regular 6 p.m. meeting. The Board has been discussing the possible need to increase the property tax levy which currently sits at \$0.65 per \$100 of assessed value.

In the past several years, the City has been noticing a consistent decline in income over expenses. With a budget of just over \$1 million, the City was just \$3,000 in the black in the 2024-2025 budget year (the City's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30). This was a significant decline over the 2020-2021 budget year when the City was about \$21,000 in the black.

Over the past five years, the trend in profit versus loss in the City's finances has been consistently downward. With this trend and possible budget needs in the areas of personnel and technology, the City needs to take a closer look at finances and the possible need to increase revenues.

### Utility rate increase eyed

As another update, the Board is considering an increase in the utility rates. They have not been changed since 2018. Needless to say, the City's cost to purchase and maintain those utilities has increased in the past seven years. In mid-January, Board President Steve Magel, myself, and City Clerk Paul Blixrud met with our auditor to discuss city finances. The audit itself reflects the need to increase utility rates.

### Obtain, comply with, building permits

Finally, a brief update on permits. This is a continuing challenge for both the residents and the City. If you are doing any work on your home, the safe bet is to check with the city clerk to see if a

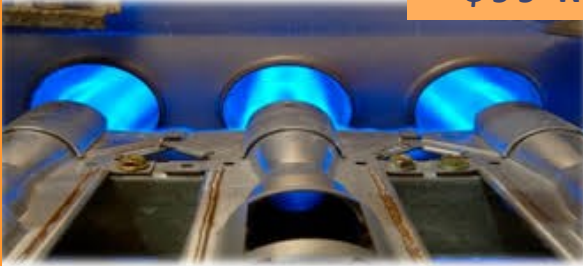
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## Unpaid Lake assessments to be charged interest

The Lake Board charges interest, retroactive to Jan. 1, to property owners having unpaid Country Club assessments as of April 1.

Lake Rules state that Lake Tapawingo Country Club fees are due Jan. 1 each year. While fees not paid by March 31 are considered delinquent, many property owners delay paying until March 31 or until they seek boat registration stickers before launching their boats.

Interest of 8 percent annually can be charged to delinquent assessments.

Residents who have not paid the annual assessment by March 31 also lose, until payment is made, all Lake privileges including use of the lake for swimming, fishing and boating, and use of recreational space such as Liberty Gardens and other Country Club open space and shelters, and discounted rental of the Clubhouse.

The Lake Office no longer accepts cash payments for transactions. Additionally, credit card users are required to pay the 3 percent credit card convenience fee, rather than it be absorbed by the Country Club.

Assessment money pays the significant expenses of maintaining a sizable lake, a Clubhouse, park and recreational space, and roads.

## Mayor:

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permit is required. Further, if a permit is required and you vary from the work represented in the initial permit, you must obtain an amended permit.

Please avoid the old adage, "It is easier to ask for forgiveness than permission." If the City's frustration with permits and residents' failure to obtain or follow them continues, we might be forced into the position to require the resident to tear out work and redo it in order to comply with city codes.

If you have any questions or concerns, e-mail is a great way to communicate with me at [mayor@laketapawingomo.org](mailto:mayor@laketapawingomo.org). I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor and certainly welcome feedback.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *Thanks to Darren and a little about me*

*By President Clayton Holland*

Happy Spring, Lake Tapawingo! As the new president of the Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. But first I want to say a very big "Thank You" to outgoing president Darren Davis.

Darren did an outstanding job over the last year and our Lake is better for it. His guidance helped us get important work done and went a long way to keeping Lake Tapawingo the place we all know and love.

Now a little about me. This is actually my second go around as a Lake Tapawingo resident. I first lived here as a child from 1954 to 1962, as you can imagine, things have changed a bit since then. The one thing I always knew was that if I ever had the chance to move back to the Lake as an adult I would take it. That chance came in 1998, I jumped at it and have been here ever

since.

During the warmer months you'll see me out on the lake fishing for bass or crappie, swimming with kids and grandkids during the summer and pulling the kids around the lake on the tube.

Speaking of fishing and boating, keep an eye out for information about putting boats in the water, including when the gate at the boat ramp will be open, and quarantine rules. I

know the quality of our lake environment is important to everyone and keeping invasive species out should continue to be a top priority for all of us.

The Country Club will have several projects going on in the coming months but repair/replacement of the roadway between Anchor and Beach drives has been set as the highest priority.

Here's hoping the warmer weather is here to stay so we can all get out and enjoy our beautiful lake!



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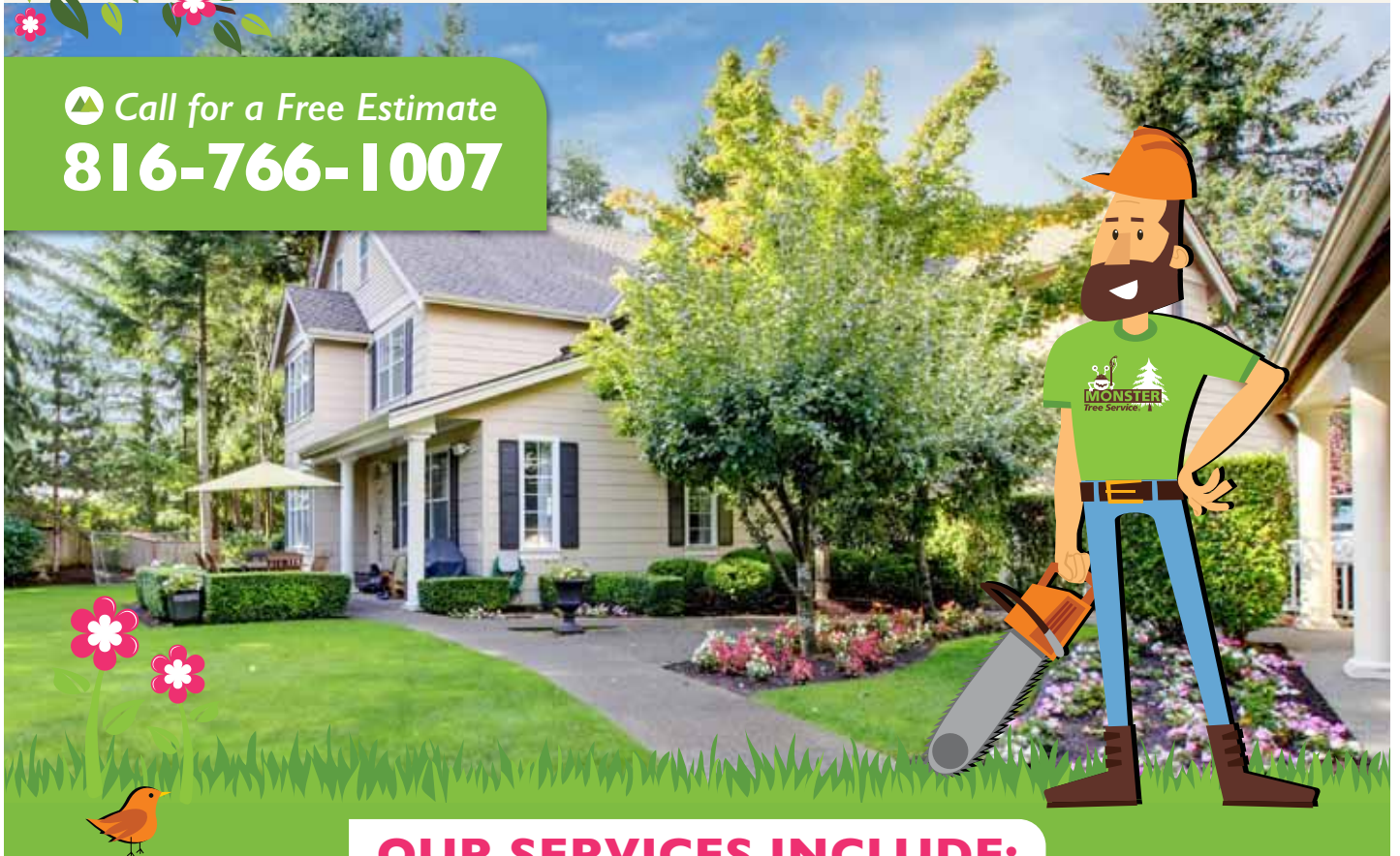




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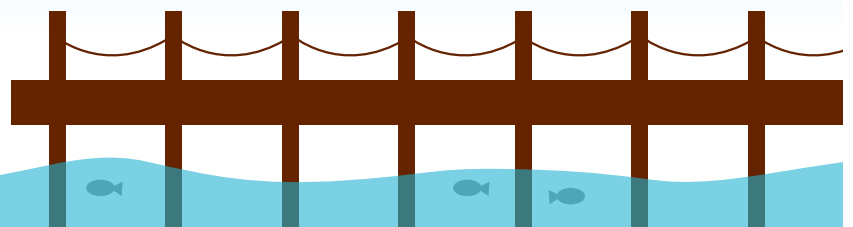


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## Lake voters to cast ballots in April 8 city election

Lake voters go to the polls April 8 to vote in the Lake Tapawingo city election. Polling is from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Clubhouse.

The seats of the mayor and three of the six Lake Tapawingo City Council members are up for election. All are for two-year terms.

Candidates on the ballot -- all unopposed -- are:

-- **Mayor Tom Rodenberg**, 35 Beach, who signed up for a second term;

-- Ward 1 (A Block), **Alderman Traci Via**, 68 Anchor;

-- Ward 2 (B and C blocks) **Jennifer Weigel**, 154 Beach, to succeed Alderman Gary George, who did not seek re-election;

-- Ward 3 (D and E blocks), **Alderman John Nicol**, 59 Dockside, who had been appointed to complete the term of Alderman Morgan Combs who moved out of Ward 3.

The remaining three council members, Steve Magel in Ward 1, Lisa Hodges in Ward 2 and Bob Seago in Ward 3, have terms that expire in April 2026.

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If you employ a company to do your applications, it might be wise to contact them to ensure that they're able to comply with this directive.

As a former Lake Board president once said "If you want to live on a golf course, live on a golf course. We choose to live on a lake, let's protect it!" Thanks for your caring.

## COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

### Lake Board names Holland president; more on Miller's pond dam plans

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met March 3 and 17 at the Clubhouse. Presidents Darren Davis and Clayton Holland presided.

**Visitors:** Tomi Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor; Vicki Bush, 69 Beach; Jim Conway, 91 Dockside; Gary George, 7 Beach; Gary Hawkins, 18 Anchor; Scott Osborne, 142 Dockside; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Jane Quinn, 19 Anchor; Jennifer Weigel, 154 Beach; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Hugh Welsh, Grain Valley; Brent Menghini, Menghini Landscaping, Greenwood.

#### Property Owners Meeting and Election:

President Davis said the annual meeting of property owners elected five new board members: Renny Buckaloo, Jayme Dean, Brian Hodges, Dan Via, Shawn Weigel and the re-elected Clayton Holland. President Davis inaugurated five of the new members March 3 and President Holland inaugurated Via March 17.

Davis said the board needed to determine which new board member would receive the one-year term that is open. Normally, the sixth highest voted candidate, Weigel, would receive the one-year term. However, Davis noted Buckaloo, who received enough votes for a three-year term, requested the one-year term. Davis moved to award the one-year term to Buckaloo and the full three-year term to Weigel. Nicol seconded the motion, which was approved, 11-0 with 1 abstention.

The board applauded the service of departing board members Scott Johnson, Wes Knox, Joe Rush and Susan Stiles.

**Election of officers:** President Davis called for nominations for board president for 2025. Board Member John Nicol nominated Davis who accepted the nomination. Board Member Sarah Jordan nominated Board Member Clayton Holland who accepted the nomination. A vote was held by written ballots and Holland was elected president for 2025.

Holland called for nominations for vice president. Nicol nominated Vice President Mike Stiles who declined the nomination. Stiles nominated Board Member Jayme Dean who accepted the nomination. Holland

called for a vote, which approved Dean, 11-0 with 1 abstention.

Holland called for nominations for treasurer. Dean nominated Brian Zoller who accepted the nomination. Holland called for a vote, which approved Zoller, 11-0 with 1 abstention.

Holland called for nominations for secretary. Dean nominated Board Member T.J. McGinnis who accepted the nomination. Holland called for a vote, which approved McGinnis, 11-0 with 1 abstention.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Brian Zoller noted a large amount of annual assessments, totaling about \$250,000, remained unpaid with only about two weeks remaining before delinquent penalties would be assessed.

**Miller's pond dam:** Board Member Jayme Dean asked for an update on the Miller's pond dam remediation project. Board Member Darren Davis said there had still been no response from the Miller family to Country Club attorneys seeking permission for the Country Club to have access to the pond property.

Davis informed the new board members that the project entailed rebuilding the deteriorating road and dam between the Miller property and AB Cove. He said the dam would be rebuilt to resemble the Woods Chapel Road wall with precast or cast-in-place spillway tubes, increasing dam height slightly, installing a guard rail system similar to that in B cove, and installing a trap system to keep the sediment and other debris from Miller's pond out of the lake.

Board Member Mike Stiles said the dam is gradually falling into the lake. Dean agreed, citing major deterioration and safety issues.

Because the Millers have never indicated they would grant access to the property, Dean said the board should begin rehabilitation work but perform it solely on the Country Club's side of the property line. Dean moved to discontinue talks with the Miller family and to ask engineering firms Affinis, which submitted the original project design concept, and Own, which engineered repairs to the Lake's main dam, to submit proposals to revise engineering of the dam

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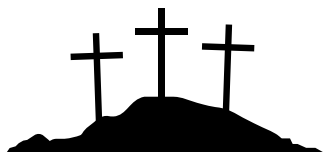
1. Try to minimize clutter. Many pests, like rodents and spiders, love to hide in dark, quiet corners. Keeping your spaces cleaned up and free from clutter helps eliminate hiding spaces.
2. Maintain a clean space. Small bits of food, crumbs, spill residues, and stale food can be an all-you-can-eat buffet for some small pests. Keep food in air-tight containers and dispose of garbage regularly.
3. Keep things dry. Many pests are drawn to moisture. Eliminate sources of water in bathrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, and basements.
4. Fill cracks and holes in basements and around windows and doors. Replace screens and weather stripping if needed.
5. Tidy up outside. Trim trees and bushes away from the house and keep mulch and rotting stumps away from your home's foundation.
6. Use natural repellants like peppermint oil, citrus peels, lavender, cedar, and diatomaceous earth.

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# Board to tidy up rule book version of covenant language

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and road above AB Cove to be performed on Lake Tapawingo Country Club property only. Board Member Sarah Jordan seconded the motion, which was approved, 12-0.

President Holland said he was creating a special temporary committee to pursue remedial work on the project. He asked Davis to serve as chairman and said he would give him a list of names of interested residents to serve on the committee. He said he also wanted Board Member Mike Stiles to serve and perhaps other board members.

In response to the board vote to confine remedial work only to the Country Club's side of the property line, Davis said at the subsequent meeting that he asked Affinis to submit a proposal to revise engineering of the dam and road to be performed only on Lake Tapawingo Country Club property. He submitted a document he received from Affinis and said he also was seeking a proposal from Own and from a third firm.

Jordan asked Davis if the document from Affinis was amended from what it previously presented. Davis said Affinis provided instruction on what needs to be done on the project, but made it clear Affinis thinks the Country Club should remediate the silt-clogged pond itself, in addition to working on the dam. Jordan said the engineer is not listening to what the board wants. Board Member Andy Gibler said the board needs to provide a clear scope of work and the firm has the choice to bid or not bid.

## **Lake Management: Boat launch**

**calendar.** Board Member T.J. McGinnis asked board members to sign up to launch boats on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, plus some Sundays to be determined beginning in April. He said he would set up the website tool that boat owners may use to schedule launch dates. Residents may schedule by going to the Country Club website, [www.laketapawingomo.com](http://www.laketapawingomo.com), and clicking on Residents and Boat Launch.

**Canada goose control.** Board Member Jayme Dean asked if Canada goose egg addling was still allowed for Lake Tapawingo for the 2025 season. Board Member Brian Smith said the board is able to addle eggs for the 2025 season and asked for volunteers to help if a nest is found. Board Members Darren Davis and Scott Patton volunteered.

President Holland reiterated if a nest is found, it needs to be reported to the Lake

Office as soon as possible. He said to inform residents not to destroy nests or interfere as the geese will just move locations and relocating them in time to addle the eggs is very difficult. Dean said if any eggs are addled, it needs to be reported to the state.

**Bylaws, Rules and Regulations:** Board Member Jayme Dean said it was found that property owners voted in 2006, at the 20-year renewal of the Country Club's Original Corporation Warranty Deed Covenant, to amend some covenant provisions that then were filed with the Jackson County Recorder of Deeds. However, she said the approved changes were never recorded in the Lake Rule Book.

She said the following changes had been approved:

-- Amending Section 3 to state: Garages shall be attached to or built in as a part of the residence. All rear entrances to residences shall be from the side of the residence where possible and if a rear porch is to be a part of the residence it shall be enclosed with a lattice or trellis so that it is not openly exposed from the rear.

-- Amending Section 4 to state: No residence shall be wholly or partly covered with tar paper, metal or canvas, and no tent house or shack shall be on said lot. No unpainted wooden house shall be on said lot. No storage tank shall be above ground on said lot without written consent of the Grantor. All plans must be submitted for approval to the City of Lake Tapawingo, and a permit to start construction work must be obtained from the City of Lake Tapawingo before building operations are started.

-- Deleting Section 6, which stated: All toilets, baths, sinks, lavatories, and inside drains on said premises shall be connected with the subdivision sewer systems; and plumbing fittings shall be not more than four inches in diameter.

-- Renumbering old Sections 7 and 8 as Sections 6 and 7.

-- Deleting Section 9, which stated: No fence or other obstruction shall be on said lot, except a fence not over four feet high and composed of wire with at least three-inch mesh, or pickets at least three inches apart. No signs of any nature may be displayed.

Dean said no action was required by the current board and that the Rule Book listing of the covenant would be updated to conform to the approved changes.

She noted the covenant comes up for 20-year approval again in 2026.

**Maintenance: Bicentennial tree.** Board Member Brian Smith said the board has paid \$2,000 per year for two years to Monster Tree Service for treatment of the ailing U.S. Bicentennial tree. He said it appeared the roots of the two-century-old bur oak in Liberty Gardens were damaged by Blue Springs' Woods Chapel Road improvement project and the related retaining wall around the tree.

Smith said Monster proposed to provide another four-times-a-year fertilizer injection treatment of the tree for another \$2,000. He said he did not want to be the one who decides to let the tree die. Board Member John Nicol said he hoped the tree would still be there through the Lake Tapawingo centennial in 2026. The board approved, 14-0, a motion by Smith to authorize another year's treatment.

**Tree removal.** Mr. Smith moved to approve bids from Monster Tree to remove a hollow tree from the 25-B lakefront by water for \$5,535 and to remove a tree from the Country Club pathway at 142-D for \$996. Mr. Davis seconded. Approved, 14-0.

**Mowing.** President Holland said the previously approved mower had been ordered for Maintenance and was ready for pick up. At the subsequent meeting, the board approved the bill for \$21,778 for the new mower.

Board Member T.J. McGinnis asked when bids needed to be solicited for this season's contract mowing. Holland said the bid process usually starts more into the spring. He said he would soon make committee assignments including the Maintenance subcommittee to start collecting bids.

## **Fire extinguisher maintenance.**

An e-mail vote was reported in which Board Member Mike Stiles moved the board approve fire extinguisher services as presented for \$953.93 to replace six fire extinguishers in the Country Club office, Maintenance building and Clubhouse. President Holland seconded the motion, which was approved, 9-0 with 5 abstentions.

**Liberty Landing dock.** Board Member Brian Smith said it is time to contact Williams Lakefront Construction about remedial or replacement work on the Liberty Landing dock. Board Member

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# Clubhouse cleaning fees waived for Sportsmen's, Women's Clubs

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Mike Stiles said Williams was waiting for warmer weather. President Holland said he would contact the contractor. Jane Quinn, 19 Anchor, asked if the dock should be roped off from resident use due to the condition of the deterioration.

**Clubhouse:** Board Member Jayme Dean asked the board to provide guidance to the Lake Office for 2025 whether to charge the Sportsmen's Club and Women's Club cleaning fees after their events in the Clubhouse.

Jennifer Weigel, who represented the Women's Club with Tomi Bellinghausen, said the club's understanding was if they have an event with food, they are charged the cleaning fee imposed on renters. If they meet and no food is involved, she said they sweep and put chairs away and are not charged.

Board Member John Nicol said the Sportsmen's Club had not paid cleaning fees but had an instance in which tables were put away too quickly without cleaning. Since then, he said, table covers are used and there have been no further problems.

Bellinghausen noted the only Women's Club meeting involving food was the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

for seniors and the cleaning fee was paid by private donations. While the Women's Club has only one event with food per year, Nicol said the Sportsmen's Club has three.

Dean said Clubhouse fees were increased, including a cleaning fee, after the Clubhouse was remodeled and the board had decided the facility should be in top condition to justify the higher rental fees to property owners and the public. She said if the Women's Club was being charged a fee, the Sportsmen's Club should be charged as well.

The board approved, 14-0, a motion by Board Member T.J. McGinnis that each club be allowed to have up to five meetings with food a year in which no cleaning fee would be charged, with the cleaning cost paid by the board's repairs and maintenance budget.

**Locks, thermostats.** McGinnis said the previously approved remote-control thermostats have been installed in the Clubhouse and that an electronic door lock/handle was installed on the front door. He said the side doors currently were still locked with keys.

**Lake Environment:** Board Member Jayme Dean said the invasive species quarantine period was 28 days in March and would change to 21 days in April.

Dean said new board members need to learn how to quarantine items for residents. She said board members need to view the item in person, take a picture of the item, and send the picture to Office Administrator Cassandra Marcotte in the Lake Office.

Board Member Brian Smith said he placed quarantine stickers on boats and trailers in the A and B Block Boat Lots, indicating the craft do not require invasive species quarantine before launching.

**Boat Lots and Lease Lot:** Scott Osborne, 142 Dockside, asked for an update on the renovation of the Lease Lot. He said he was previously told of possible plans to fix the fence surrounding the lot that would allow new number placards to be hung and more definition of leased spaces.

Osborne asked if the board plans to expand the lot. He expressed frustration of others parking in his leased spot whenever he removes his property for a short period of time. Board Member Scott Patton said he would meet with Osborne to discuss concerns and then speak with board members to resolve them.

**Zoning appeal:** Board Member Jayme Dean said the Jackson County Board

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# Lake Board questions city utility road patching

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of Equalization scheduled a March 18 hearing of a 2023 appeal by the Country Club seeking rezoning, from commercial property to undeveloped green space, of the old Station lot outside the U.S. 40 gate. Dean said the hearing would be conducted via telephone conference and the Lake Office would be closed during the hearing. She said former Office Administrator Diana Reyes had been asked to present the Country Club's case since she did much of the appeal preparation.

Dean said if the Board of Equalization decides not to rezone the parcel, the Country Club will need to pay a \$500 fee to apply to have it rezoned with Jackson County. The board passed, 14-0, a motion by Dean to approve the \$500 commercial industrial zoning fee to accompany the application to rezone. (Dean later reported the meeting was postponed due to technical difficulties.)

**Roads, Easements & Pathways:** President Holland said the contractor who works for the city Water and Sewer Department does not follow the Lake Tapawingo city code

for repairing road cuts after maintenance has been performed on utility lines. As a result, he cited several instances of sinking patches in the Country Club-owned roads.

Holland said he wanted a board member to attend a City Council meeting or speak to the mayor to seek corrective action. He asked Board Member John Nicol, who also is a city alderman, to help bring the matter to the council's attention. Holland said if the city does not correct the situation, the board would have to pay for repairs and bill the city.

**Silt disposal:** Board Member John Nicol said he investigated whether the former silt basin area on the Country Club's Ponderosa property could be used again for silt disposal from future dredgings. He said he questioned what board members had been told in the past about not being able to use a silt disposal site a second time.

Nicol, who retired from the Real Estate Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said he researched the Clean Water Act sections on dredging and contacted Justin McDougal, president

of Dredge America, which dredged the lake in 2018, who said he knew of no restriction on reuse of the site.

Nicol said he obtained copies of the board's dredging and silt disposal permits from the Missouri Department Natural Resources and found no mention of future reuse for silt disposal in the permit. He said he concluded there was no reuse restriction. He then moved that the Ponderosa site be reserved for a future silt basin by restricting any permanent structures being built on it and limiting surface land use to activities such as athletic fields. Board Member Renny Buckaloo seconded the motion. After brief discussion, President Holland tabled the motion for further study.

John Braden, 45 Anchor, said he had examined the dredging and silt disposal permits supplied by Nicol and could not find where a question of reuse of the site for future silt disposal was addressed at all, either for or against. He questioned whether constructing a new silt pond berm might be limited by practical engineering of the fine silt deposits, rather than a

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# Extent of landscaping plans on Country Club land eyed

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government permit. However, he said he supported the idea of preserving the Ponderosa site for future silt if feasible.

**Docks and Waterfront: 18-A.** Gary Hawkins, 18 Anchor, said someone had been viewing the lakefront next to his dock at 18-A, apparently to plan a new dock for a house being constructed at 165 Anchor. He said there was not enough room for a new dock in the 44-foot distance from his dock to the neighboring dock, plus shallow rock underneath. President Holland said the issue was a matter for the Docks and Waterfront subcommittee. Board Member Mike Stiles said 44 feet between docks would normally be sufficient space to install a new dock.

**77-B.** Board Member Darren Davis presented an application from Evan and Joanie Ericson to perform landscaping work between the house at 77 Beach and a newly approved seawall, including walls and above ground structures on Country Club-owned lakefront. Contractor Brent Menghini, Menghini Landscaping, was present to discuss the application with the board.

Davis noted the contractor had separated the landscaping application from the previously approved seawall application as requested by the board. Davis said the landscaping application showed plans to build a patio space extending from the seawall with a permanent storage space

where a kayak rack currently sits. He said there are plans for a hardscape area to maintain erosion control that would connect to a leveled area of the yard. Davis said the contractor planned to build a bocce ball court as well as a fire pit in this leveled area.

After discussing where the property line is located, Board Member Sarah Jordan said a majority, if not all, of the proposed structures would be located on Country Club property. She said it would set a precedent for developing much Country Club property for private use. She expressed concern the Country Club would be liable for damages if someone were to be injured either on the bocce court or at the fire pit. She also cited multiple tripping/fall hazards and reiterated the homeowner would be constructing multiple features that would be accessible to Lake residents because they would be on Country Club property.

Board Member Brian Smith said the current plans do not allow equipment access for maintenance or removal of a Country Club tree located on the property. Board Member Scott Patton suggested the contractor bring back a more detailed plan that has dimensions and measurements to clearly state where everything would be located once construction is completed.

Board Member Jayme Dean suggested the contractor resubmit plans with no features and a flat walkway. She said the erosion control area looked fine but once

one starts to impede availability to areas, whether it is originally walkable or not, it becomes a problem. Dean said it is also a problem when one invites hazards or possible liability issues into the plan.

President Holland asked if there was a motion for approval. No motion was made, and the contractor was asked to resubmit a different plan. Menghini asked for direction on what would be permissible. Dean and Jordan said walkways and plantings for erosion control would be most acceptable.

**78-B.** Board Member Mike Stiles presented applications for a seawall and landscaping from David and Diane Riordan, 78 Beach. He said the applications sought a 50-foot-long seawall replacement with a 5-foot-wide cap on top. Stiles said behind the 5-foot cap would be a 4-foot-tall retaining wall that has a 7-foot-wide by 50-foot-long patio at the top made with stamped concrete and a fire pit.

President Holland asked if the patio would be level with the ground and how the firepit would be made. Stiles said the fire pit would be cast in place with 4 to 5 feet of the pit on the owner's property and 5 to 6 feet of the pit on the Country Club's property. Board Member Scott Patton said the application presented the same problem as the previously

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## All watercraft on lakefront must be stickered by May 1

A current Country Club boat registration sticker is required for each watercraft that is operated on the lake, kept in a boat lot, or stored at a dock or on the lakefront. Failure to have a current sticker is subject to a three-point penalty.

Lake rules provide "All watercraft operating on the lake shall have current Lake Tapawingo registration stickers." That means if your boat is "operating" any time after Jan. 1, you must have the current year's sticker. Penalty for failure to do so is three points.

A different rule covers boats that are not "operating" but are just sitting on a boatlift or laying on the lakefront. That rule says "Any watercraft, motorized or not, located within the shoreline including on or at a dock or on a lift must have a current Lake Tapawingo registration sticker as of May 1st each year." That means, even if you have the sticker, if you have not put it on your boat by May 1 you also are subject to a three-point penalty.

Normally one of the first jobs of the Water Patrol in the spring is to list the lakefront boats that do not have current stickers by May 1. The Lake Board usually sends the owners a warning letter to be followed by penalty assessments if there is failure to comply.

Accumulation of nine penalty points in one year can result in suspension of Lake privileges, including swimming, boating, fishing and use of the lake for any purpose.

### Paddleboards, kayaks must have registration stickers

All standup paddleboards, kayaks and canoes must have registration stickers and must be marked with the owner's block and lot number. Like all other watercraft, such craft brought to the Lake from outside must undergo invasive species quarantine, even if fresh from the box. Contact the Lake Office at (816) 228-3721 or a Lake Board member about quarantine procedures.

Faced with a growing number of paddleboards, the Lake Board designated them to be watercraft requiring stickers in order to control their introduction to the lake in compliance with the zebra mussel quarantine.

Unlike other watercraft, paddleboard users are not required to have personal flotation devices (life jackets). But, also unlike other watercraft, they are restricted to "no wake" zones -- so they must remain in coves or between buoys and the shoreline on the edges of the main body of the lake. Violation is subject to a three-point penalty.



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# Lake Board resolves dock, boatlift spacing issue

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discussed application from 77-B in that the fire pit would expose the Country Club to liability issues if someone were to get injured. Jordan said the fire pit could be approved as long as it was not a tripping hazard and fully placed on the homeowners' property and not on Country Club property. Board Member Jayme Dean said she thought the 4-foot-tall retaining wall might require a railing as well. She said a concrete patio spanning from property line to property line also reduces too much green space and the Lake needs as much green space as possible. No motion was made.

At the subsequent meeting, Stiles presented a revised application in which the proposed 4-foot-tall retaining wall would be reduced to 3 feet tall to negate the need for a railing. It also eliminated the 7-foot-wide by 50-foot-long concrete patio above the retaining wall. He said because the board was not inclined to support covering an additional 50 feet of its property with concrete, and grass was unlikely to grow in the area, an alternative natural fill was to be placed in that area. Stiles also clarified that the proposed fire pit was not to be cast in place as previously thought, but would be removable if necessary.

Board Member Andy Gibler asked why the seawall would have a 5-foot-wide cap when most approved are only 3 feet. Stiles said a 3-foot-wide cap would leave a 2-foot-wide strip of shaded ground in which plants would not grow and would be simply a muddy mess.

Board Member Brian Smith expressed concern that the concrete might be damaged if Maintenance should ever have to bring in equipment to deal with a nearby Country Club tree. Additionally, he said, the seawall contractor should be required to remove broken rock that the previous owner allowed to fall into the lake.

Stiles noted the application also authorizes construction of stairs up the center of the lot through a break in the rock shelf, replacing an access path that crossed to the edge of the lot to reach the shoreline. The board passed, 14-0, a motion by Stiles to approve the application as amended.

**10-C.** An e-mail vote was reported in which Board Member Mike Stiles moved the board approve moving an existing dock and boat lift at 10-C at least 1 foot, but less than 3 feet, to the east, to ensure compliance with existing spacing regulations. Board Member Sarah Jordan seconded the motion, which passed, 9-0.

John Braden, 45 Anchor, said he understood the board's difficulty in taking some actions because of missed meetings due to weather, but suggested the board limit, when possible, the use of e-mail votes. He noted the e-mail vote report in the minutes did not address that the boatlift had been on the wrong side of the dock as established in its permit. Braden said the action appeared to violate Lake Rules on spacing.

Jordan said expedited action was required because sale of the house was imminent. Stiles said there was no violation because the neighboring dock was actually newer than the dock and lift being moved, resulting in the spacing being correct. Braden said when making such a ruling, the board should document its reasoning in the minutes for what appeared to be an unorthodox action.

**Dam and Spillway:** President Holland said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources inspected the dam on Feb. 26. He said the inspector walked the whole dam and said there were no soft spots and everything looked great. Holland said they would send their report to the board. Board Member Sarah Jordan said she would like a copy of the report to send to the board's insurer.

**Grounds Management: AT&T cable boring.** Board Member Jayme Dean asked whether AT&T's contractor had finished boring to install fiber-optic cable at the Lake. Board Member Darren Davis said the work was completed but the contractor needed to pick up some unused cable from the Country Club grounds.

**Erosion control.** Dean asked if the board was monitoring a house construction project at 131 Dockside Circle. President Holland said he would talk to city officials and the mayor concerning erosion control and possible reseedling.

**Water Patrol:** Board Member Jayme Dean asked when the work season would begin for the Water Patrol. President Holland and Board Members Brian Smith and Mike Stiles estimated the middle of May before Memorial Day Weekend was a likely time to begin.

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## Women's Club Scholar

### Aurora Jordan



--Graduating from Blue Springs High School, GPS 4.212; top 9% of her class  
--Member, The Glitter Girls & Company Dance team, top 10 each year at Nationals  
--Member of Student Senate

--Member of National Honor Society  
--Member of Wildcat TV  
--Member, Varsity Girls Pole Vault team

--Leadership role, member, Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
--Senior member of the CJ Dance Crew Competition Dance Team  
--Attending Kansas University in fall to study Neurobiology  
--Recipient of KU Excellence Scholarship (highest level awarded)

Aurora, we are so happy for you and proud of all you have accomplished. This list does not even begin to touch on the incredible young woman you have grown into. You have a drive that is going to take you so far in these next chapters. That combined with your wit, humor, ability to laugh, and your love/loyalty to friends and family are qualities that should be cherished. We love you and Rock Chalk!!!  
Mama, Daddy & Scarlett

## Women's Club Scholar

Abbigale Barge



--Graduating from Blue Springs High School, 4.231 GPA, top 7% of her class.  
--Participated in 2024 MMEA Concerts  
--Member, International Thespian Society  
--Secretary, Blue Springs HS FFA Chapter  
--Member of National Honor Society  
--Track and Field Team all four years  
--5 Main Stage BSHS Theatrical Shows  
--Attending University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife or Animal Science; minoring in Zoo Animal Science

As you stand on the brink of graduation, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible young woman you have become. Your love for the Kansas City Zoo and the adventures we've shared exploring other zoos during our travels have always brought joy to our family. Your passion for animals reflects your kind heart and nurturing spirit.

From a young age, you have shown maturity beyond your years, often teaching us valuable lessons about life and responsibility. Your athleticism and intelligence shine brightly, making you a role model for your peers. Your hard work and dedication have always been evident in your academic achievements, and we couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments.

Abbi, you are truly amazing, and we can't wait to see where your journey takes you next. Keep reaching for the stars, and remember that we will always be your biggest fans!

With all our love,  
Mom, Dad and Gunnar





## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

# *St. Patrick's Parade was cool, sunny and funny*

By John Nicol

With bright sun out, the cool temperature was tolerable Dec. 16 for the decorated St. Patrick's Day Parade entries of vehicles and participants dressed in fun and funny costumes. The Lake Tapawingo Police car and Central Jackson County Fire truck led the parade.



Many groups of residents had gathered to wave and be showered with candy along the route. Starting at noon, the Sportsmen's Club's Jim Clarke and John Harrison began selling take-home fare of pans of corned beef and pans of beans.

Club parade volunteers were Jeremy Cumberford, his son Clint, Chuck Welch, Matt Quinn, wife Jane, and John Nicol. Thanks all who participated and came out!

## **We'll have spaghetti, you bring sauce**

You are invited by the Sportsmen's and Women's Clubs to the free potluck Spaghetti Dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite sauce, with or without meat, other pasta or dessert. We will provide cooked spaghetti, plates, bowls, service, salad and dressing, garlic bread, soda, water and adult beverages. Wine is up to you to bring for yourself.

In addition, a \$25 door prize drawing will go to a lucky attendee. Come and join us at the Clubhouse to visit with the friendly Lake neighbors you have not seen all winter!

## **Kids, find 500 Easter Eggs April 20**

Bring baskets, bags or boxes, whatever it takes, for the children to gather eggs in a hurry at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 20.

The hunt begins at 1:30 p.m. and usually is over by 1:35 p.m. so bring your

children and grandchildren early! Age group categories are 1-3 immediately in front of the Club House, 4-6 from there to the road, and 7-9 who have a very large area from below the Shelterhouse to above all the way to the fence. It should be a "picture perfect" day!

## **Parade, corned beef, Eggs, Spaghetti**

At the regular Sportsmen's Club meeting March 11, First Vice President John Harrison announced the membership to be 137. We thank all for providing the scholarship funding through memberships.

Second Vice President Jeremy Cumberford volunteered to provide his truck for the St. Patrick's Day parade and would get the candy. John Nicol arranged for the Lake Tapawingo Police Department and Central Jackson County Fire Protection District to provide a fire engine to lead the parade. The club's St. Patrick's "float" was to be decorated at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Jim Clarke and John Harrison were to prepare the traditional corned beef brisket and beans with assistance by members Friday and with packaging set for 10 a.m. Saturday. Sales were to run from noon Sunday until 4 p.m. outside the Clubhouse.

A note was also made that the free Spaghetti Dinner would begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, because voting is scheduled in the Clubhouse on Tuesday, April 9. The Club is to cook the spaghetti. Lake residents are asked to bring sauces, soup and desserts for this free potluck dinner.

Under new business, Scholarship Chairman Darren Lengyel presented the list of eight scholarship applicants for 2025, and moved to divide the \$4,000 amount to be an even \$500 per scholarship, and it was passed.

With fair weather use of the restrooms ahead, John Harrison volunteered to do some repairs.



## **Sportsmen's Club awards scholarships to eight**

Sportsmen's Club Scholarship Chairman Darren Lengyel announced eight scholarship winners for 2025. The \$4,000 total amount is being divided to an even \$500 per scholarship.

Recipients are:

### **Seniors**

**Lillian McDonald**, 159 Dockside, daughter of Tom and Amy McDonald, majoring in Biology, attending Truman State University, Kirksville;

**Allison Wharton**, 22 Emerald Shore, daughter of Mark and Stacy Wharton, major Art Education, attending Northwestern Missouri State University, Maryville;

**Emma Wharton**, 22 Emerald Shore, daughter of Mark and Stacy Wharton, major General Studies, attending Northwestern Missouri State University, Maryville;

**Evan Boydston**, 84 Beach, son of Jeff and Lorri Boydston, majoring in Civil Engineering, attending Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla.

### **Juniors**

**John Bellinghausen**, 26 Anchor, son of Mike and Tomi Bellinghausen, majoring in Psychology and Marketing, attending Rockhurst University, Kansas City.

### **Sophomores**

**Molly McDonald**, 159 Dockside, daughter of Tom and Amy McDonald, majoring in Education, attending Metropolitan Community College, Kansas City.

### **Freshmen**

**Sophia McCluer**, 14 Beach, daughter of Matt and Lacy McCluer, majoring in Nursing, attending Missouri State University, Springfield;

**Avery Hoffman**, 81 Beach, daughter of Pam Hoffman and Brian Smith, Health Sciences, attending University of Missouri, Columbia.

Congratulations to Aurora Jordan, 70 Anchor, daughter of Viktor and Sarah Jordan, and Abbigale Barge, 41 Dockside, daughter of Jared and Janelle Barge, for having received the Lake Tapawingo Women's Club scholarships.





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\*\* Be mindful of your fellow pet walkers and restrain your animal upon meeting others!

⚠️ Always watch your pet and look for stress signals like tucked tails, stiff posture, or yawning—these could mean it's time for a break.



**Remember:** Ordinances prevent off-leash fun for your pet!

Help us keep Lake Tapawingo safe, fun, and full of happy pets 🐾 but if you need us, the Police Department is a 911 call away!

*See Police Reports, Page 25.*

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# LAKE SIDE NEWSLETTER

## HELLO APRIL

From Lisa Hodges, Realtor KS & MO



## MARKET NEWS

The Fed is indicating what the market has been indicating as well, that there is a good deal of uncertainty in the economy especially when it comes to inflation. The Fed will be happy to keep pushing rate cuts further out if the economic data holds up. The market, and the Fed, will be waiting to see what tariffs will be coming from the White House in April, and to see how that impacts the incoming economic data. As for rates, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has stayed under 7% for 9 consecutive weeks.

-Emily Conaty, Prime Lending

## MONTHLY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Supply cleanout: check sheds and garage & get rid of broken tools
- ☐ Maintain trees/shrubs with some pruning & fertilizing
- ☐ Pull weeds and mulch flower beds
- ☐ Refresh soil with soil builder and grass seed
- ☐ Check condition of decks and make repairs



## SAVE THE DATE

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|--|--------|
| Kim Osborne LIVE @ Sinclairs Restaurant            | APR 9  |
| Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast @ Outlaw HD            | APR 12 |
| Second Saturday Plant Pop-Up @ Queen Bee Boutiques | APR 12 |
| Save the Bees/Bee Green Market 2025 @ East 40      | APR 19 |
| Music in the Garden @ Colonial Gardens             | APR 23 |
| Mark Joseph LIVE @ The Keg                         | APR 27 |

## MARKET UPDATE



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Lisa Hodges

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# APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> <b>April Fool's Day</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>3</b> City Council work session, 5 p.m.; meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>5</b>  Boat launching, 9 a.m.-noon (preregister Lake Office or lake tapawingo.com)
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	<b>8</b>  <b>City election</b> 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>9</b> Sportsmen's Club Spaghetti Dinner 7 p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office closed</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>16</b> Women's Club Pilates, yoga class 6 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>17</b>  Municipal Court 10:30 a.m., Circuit Court, Independence Women's Club Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m. Station 7 Tavern Mo-7 & Colbern Road <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>19</b>  Boat launching, 9 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office) Invasive Species Training, 8 a.m. <b>and</b> 10 a.m., Clubhouse (preregister) 
<b>20</b>  <b>Easter</b> Egg Hunt, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse (be early)	<b>21</b> Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>23</b> Women's Club Pilates, yoga class 6 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>26</b>  Boat launching, 9 a.m.-noon (preregister Lake Office or lake tapawingo.com)
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<b>30</b> Women's Club Pilates, yoga class 6 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>			

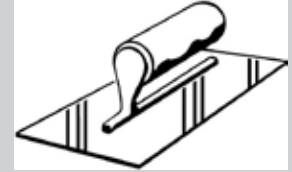
## Police Reports

	Feb. 1-28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31	July 1-31
Traffic - Anchor	0	2	5	4	1	3	1	1
offenses - Beach	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
- Clipper	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
- Dockside	0	1	7	4	5	1	0	0
- Emerald Shore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	1
- U.S. 40	1	2	2	4	4	7	14	5
- Total	1	8	14	15	14	11	20	6
Warrant arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Arrests	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2
Calls for service	5	11	3	7	5	19	28	31
Warnings	1	1	10	6	1	1	6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>



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