

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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Welcome to the dawn of the Lake's second century

By John Braden

It's the beginning of a new century for Lake Tapawingo. You could say "Party Like It's 1926," but that was in the middle of Prohibition, which might clash with the Lake's long-standing affection for beer.

This issue of the *Lake Tapawingo News* includes Fourth of July preparations, for America's 250th anniversary -- fireworks and fun, swimming and boating, and the Fourth of July Boat Parade marking both the nation's and the Lake's special anniversaries.

Hot on the heels of the Fourth's festivities comes a solid week of fun and frolic celebrating the Lake's 100th birthday. A half-dozen of the events are happening in the evening so those of you who are working stiffs will have a chance to participate. You will find listed within events beginning with a July 5 Kickoff Brunch and ending with a July 11 Centennial Dinner Party and July 12 "Tapawingo Tales." (More about that in a minute.)

The Centennial is to wrap up on Sunday, July 12, which we now are recognizing as the Lake's birthday. Some of you will remember that for years we handed down July 26, 1926, as the birth date of Lake Tapawingo. Looong-time resident and Lake

booster John Nicol changed that for us. In researching the founding of the Lake, he found no connection to July 26. Instead, he found July 12, 1926, as the most logical date -- that day when articles of incorporation were filed in Jackson County creating the Lake Tapawingo Development Co. And John is a persuasive fellow.

Also within these pages you will find some looks back at our history -- an outline of the times when the Lake was born, witness to its construction in a wooded farmland, and designation of the Lake's then-250-year-old Bicentennial Tree back in 1976.

In line with that history is the "Tapawingo Tales" event at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at the Clubhouse. Barbara Landes, 173 Anchor, who has lived at the Lake for 70 years, leads a panel of "vintage all-stars" who have lived at the Lake for more than 50 years each: Bob Comfort, 120 Beach; Gina Graham Chavez, 34 Anchor; Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach; Mary Ellen Miller, 37 Anchor, and Kevin Hornick, 7 Anchor. They will share memories, then throw open the floor to audience members to share (in Gong Show fashion) their memories for three minutes each. Keep it brief, friends!

Thanks go to the vintage all-stars and the Lake Centennial Committee: John Nicol, 59 Dockside; Renny Buckaloo, 69 Beach; Tyler Follis, 132 Beach; Lisa Hodges, 17 Beach; Erin Long, 27 Anchor; Traci Via, 68 Anchor; Chuck Welch, 45 Beach, and Crissy Wilson, 152 Anchor.

See inserts this issue.

COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Road use fees imposed on equipment, dumpsters

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met June 1 and 15 at the Clubhouse. President Clayton Holland presided.

Visitors: James and Michelle Allen, 10 Clipper; Ron and Catherine Eib, 66 Dockside; Kris Hall, 8 Clipper; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Marc Plowman and Helen Perry, 40 Beach; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Officers Scott Riggs and Ken Brooks, Lake Tapawingo Police.

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations: Road Use Fees. Board Member Sarah Jordan presented updates made by committee to the proposed road use fee rule. She performed a second reading of the proposed rules and moved to approve changes and to advance the proposal to third reading at the subsequent meeting.

Board Member Brad Cloverdyke questioned charging residents for performing work related to seawall and retaining wall repairs for lake protection

purposes. Board Member Brian Smith said construction equipment used to make those repairs frequently damages roads during such projects.

Board Member Zack Barber asked how the fees would be implemented, collected and communicated to residents. Jordan said the Lake Office and City Hall would coordinate communication and permit administration. She said unpaid fees or fines could be added as line items during annual

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Around the Lake

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to:

Sharon Arbaugh, 74 Anchor; Jeanne Turner, 6 Anchor, and families on the death June 14 of Joe Rush, 79, 80 Beach, at Kindred Hospital Northland in Kansas City, Mo.

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Carla Seippel, 75 Dockside
Tomi Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor
July 3 Jill Davis, 19 Dockside
July 4 Peggy Holmes, 34 Emerald Shore
July 5 Helen Cloyde, 16 Emerald Shore
July 8 Brett Schreiber, 51 Anchor
July 15 Bernadette Lawson, 207 Anchor
July 21 Susan Stiles, 26 Beach
July 24 Lisa Davis, 133 Dockside
July 25 Linda Powis, 35 Anchor
July 27 LaRue McAlpin, 60 Anchor
July 29 Paula Hight, 3 Anchor
July 30 Judi Kruse, 79 Beach
Niki Pitts, 4 Clipper

CONGRATULATIONS

Harvey and Ruth Moats, 95 Anchor, 61st anniversary, July 17

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Sympathy, Birthday greetings, Congratulations or Welcome to New Resident, call or text Julie Davis of the Women's Club at (816) 223-5786.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're buzzing with preparations!

By President Clayton Holland

Hello Lake residents! Summer is in full swing and our Lake is buzzing with preparations for the Fourth of July, America's 250 celebration and, of course, our big Centennial celebrating 100 amazing years of Lake Tapawingo.

Keep a lookout for information about our annual fireworks display (night of July 4) and Sportsmen's Club fireworks stand.

After celebrating America's 250th birthday we move right on to celebrating 100 years of Lake Tapawingo! We will be marking the occasion with an entire week of activities starting July 5, please come out and celebrate with us.

As we continue into summer and there are more boats, tubing, skiing,

paddle boarding and kayaking please continue to follow the Lake rules, they're for everyone's safety and everyone has done great so far. And remember, our Water Patrol isn't trying to ruin the fun, they are just out there to keep everyone safe and enjoying the water.

One last ask from your President -- if you want to know how your Country Club does business and works for the residents of Lake Tapawingo please come to a board meeting. We meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month at the Clubhouse and there is always a time in each meeting for residents to address the board.

Wishing everyone a great summer, hope to see many of you at our celebrations!



Wedding ring found

Ruth Moats, 95 Anchor, reports she found her lost wedding ring, in her home. Thanks to residents for their concern.

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Fourth of July: Prepare, have fun, be safe

-- **The dam** will be closed to everybody(!) but the fireworks crew on the Fourth of July, beginning at 8 a.m. It will reopen July 5 at 8 a.m. Please plan your routes to accommodate the closure.

-- Keep **roads** clear for firetrucks and other emergency equipment. Have guests park as far off roads as possible. Shuttle visitors from remote parking where possible.

-- The **invasive species** quarantine requires **residents must provide guests with all lake use items** while they visit Lake Tapawingo. This includes water toys, flotation devices, and of course, any fishing gear.

-- The Sportsmen's Club-sponsored **Boat Parade** will line up at Liberty Landing shortly before the 2 p.m. start time. Water patrol will lead the parade around the lake. We ask that all tubing and skiing pause during the parade and resume after the parade is over.

-- The Lake Tapawingo **fireworks display** has an estimated start time of between 9 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. July 4. Our shooters plan a show lasting about 20 minutes. In case of rain, our show will be moved to Sunday, July 5, with the same estimated start time.

-- See the dam aerial photo. **Spectator boats** on the lake during the fireworks show should come no closer than a line from the west point of Railroad Cove to the west point of A Cove. If boats drift closer than that to the dam, the fireworks contractor could halt the display. No pedalboats or unpowered small craft are allowed on the main body during the display. No paddle boards on the main body outside the buoys at any time.



-- **Stay in your boat.** No one should exit their boat, be swimming or floating on the main body of the lake at any time before, during or after the fireworks display. All spectator boats and other watercraft on the water should display the bow lights of red on the port side and green on the starboard side. A white light at the stern should be visible for 360 degrees after sundown.

-- When planning your own **personal fireworks displays**, keep in mind that fireworks are not to be detonated from boats, on streets, parks, the lake or property that is owned by the Lake Tapawingo Country Club. Bottle rockets are prohibited. The police dispatch number is (816) 795-1960. See the Police Department memo, Page 25.

Heavy equipment users to help pay road maintenance

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assessment billing. She said failure to pay would result in loss of Lake privileges.

Board Member Scott Patton opposed the proposal, stating he did not believe the fees would effectively protect roads and noting residents already pay assessments. Board Member John Nicol questioned enforceability of the rules. President Holland said board members share responsibility for reporting rules violations.

Jordan said roads are Country Club property and it is the board's job to protect that property. She argued fees should offset damage caused by large construction projects. The board voted, 9-2, to advance the proposal on second reading.

At the subsequent meeting, Jordan performed the third reading of the proposed Road Use Fee rules. She noted that no textual changes or updates had been made to the policy since the prior second reading. She performed the third reading and moved to give final approval. The board approved, 11-3.

The final rules are shown on Page 4.

Covenant restrictions renewal.

Board Member Sarah Jordan encouraged property owners who had not done so to come to the Lake Office to sign their approval of 20-year renewal of the Agreement for Extension of Restrictions in the Lake Tapawingo Original Corporation Warranty Deed Covenant. She said beginning in July volunteers would begin going door to door to collect signatures.

She emphasized that because everyone listed on the property deed must sign, spouses also must sign the document. She stated that to successfully ratify and amend the covenant restrictions, the signature drive must secure a majority of about 380 total property owners before the Aug. 15 deadline for submission to Lake attorneys for filing.

Bylaws consolidation. Jordan reported work is under way to create a consolidated bylaws document that combines the original Lake Tapawingo Country Club Bylaws and the Lake Tapawingo Development Company Bylaws. She said once the document is created it will be referred to committee for review.

Director appointment: President Holland introduced Jeff Straka, 24 Anchor, for appointment to the board to fill, until February 2027, the position of Darren Davis, who resigned. The board passed, 10-0, a motion by Board Member Brad Cloverdyke to approve the appointment.

Office administrator hired: President Holland introduced the newly hired office administrator, Regina Kempf, succeeding Cassandra Marcotte, who resigned.

Cloverdyke raised a conflict-of-interest question, since Regina Kempf and Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf are married and work for the Country Club. Board Member Sarah Jordan noted they report to separate board panels.

The board thanked departing Administrator Cassandra Marcotte.

Death of Joe Rush observed: A moment of silence was observed for Joe Rush, 80 Beach, who died June 14. Holland noted Rush served on the Lake Board for

See Penalty, Page 4.



Penalty letters issued for unstickered lakefront boats

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nearly 30 years and he considered Rush to be the board historian. Details for the services on June 19 were shared, with a celebration of life to follow at the Lake Tapawingo Clubhouse.

Lake Office: Watercraft registration violations. Board Member Sarah Jordan reported the Water Patrol recently conducted a comprehensive inspection of watercraft visible on the lakefront to ensure they all have current registration stickers. Per Boating, Skiing and Swimming, D. Operation, Rule 11, all watercraft positioned on the water, shorelines, docks, or lifts must display a current Lake Tapawingo registration sticker by May 1. Failure to display is a 3-point violation.

Jordan said the audit identified 39 unstickered boats, excluding covered or reversed watercraft, where the sticker location was not accessible. She said the Lake Office is preparing a two-tier mailing list, consisting of an inquiry letter to owners with covered or unverified boats, and a formal 3-point penalty warning letter to clearly non-compliant owners.

She said residents would be given seven to 10 days to respond to the office, clarify status, or clear compliance if stickers are bought but not affixed to the boats. Board Member Mike Stiles noted some residents completed their mandatory Invasive Species Training but have not picked up their stickers from the office.

Board Members Shawn Weigel and Brad Cloverdyke raised concerns regarding the quick timeline and point system enforcement. Jordan noted the enforcement is necessary to maintain rule integrity. Cloverdyke noted actually using a boat without the sticker is subject to further penalties.

Miller's pond dam rehabilitation:

Board Member Andy Gibler reported the Miller's pond dam special committee met with Allstate Consultants regarding the AB Cove/Miller's pond dam rehabilitation feasibility study. He said the consultants' findings were consistent with expectations and utility location work would be required before determining whether the roadway might need to be raised.

Gibler said the goal is to design improvements capable of preventing

overflow during a 50-year flood. He said the dam now is overtopped about every seven years. He said the consultant said it would be helpful if the Miller family would allow the pond, which is on their property, to be drained for the work. Board Member Brad Cloverdyke said he would talk to the Millers about it and noted lowering drainage pipes might allow the pond to drain naturally.

Gibler updated the board on utility location efforts. He presented two engineering/repair bids, including potholing (digging small holes to find pipes), restoration of site and reporting depth, size and horizontal location of lines to the engineer. Bids were \$21,974.67 and

\$7,620. The board passed, 14-0, Gibler's motion to approve the low bid of \$7,620 from Icon Grading and Construction.

Dam and Spillway: Board Member Mike Stiles said Eickleberry Concrete completed repairs to the spillway bridge on the dam, which has experienced cracking and shifting, likely due to overweight vehicle traffic. In April, the board had approved a bid of \$17,000 for repairs, including installation of expansion joints. Stiles said the payment check would be ready by June 17. President Holland complimented a finished side piece.

See Boat ramp, Page 5.

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD USE FEES

Final approval

TO BE ADDED UNDER SECTION "LAKE TAPAWINGO COUNTRY CLUB FEES," RULE BOOK, PAGE 10

ROAD USE FEES:

1. The following fee schedule will apply to all property owners.
2. Funds collected from the Road Use Fee Schedule will be placed in a designated road repair fund.
3. Permit must be posted onsite for duration of project/rental.
4. Failure to obtain permit will result in a fine of three times the original fee.

LAKE TAPAWINGO COUNTRY CLUB

ROAD USE FEE SCHEDULE

AS OF TBD 2026

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

****MUST BE COORDINATED WITH CITY OF LAKE TAPAWINGO PERMITS****

Road Cut and/or Boring.....	\$50 plus \$2,000 Deposit
New house, additions, garage	\$0.50 per Sq. ft.
Driveways, parking pads, patios, sidewalks, concrete steps.....	\$0.25 per Sq. ft.
Roofs and carports	\$0.10 per Sq. ft.
Seawall/Retaining Wall.....	\$0.25 per Linear ft.

DUMPSTER PERMIT FEES

60 DAY STORAGE – PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIRED

10 Cubic Yard	\$25.00
20 Cubic Yard	\$50.00
30 Cubic Yard	\$75.00
40 Cubic Yard	\$100.00

STORAGE/CONTAINER POD PERMIT FEES

60 DAY STORAGE – PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIRED

8 Foot Pod	\$25.00
12 Foot Pod	\$50.00
16 Foot Pod	\$75.00

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30 Cu. Yd	\$75.00	16 Foot	\$75.00
40 Cu. Yd	\$100.00		

Permit Number: _____
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 Name: _____
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 Dumpster Location: Block _____ Lot: _____
 Signature: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

These charges are billed every 60 days the dumpster or pod is sitting at the above noted location
PERMIT MUST BE POSTED ON
DUMPSTER/CONTAINER/STORAGE POD



Boat ramp to be closed for replacement after Labor Day

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Boat ramp replacement: Board Member Mike Stiles presented updated information regarding replacement of the deteriorating boat ramp. He said the existing ramp extends only about 18 feet and creates difficulties for launching longer boats. He said wheels of a 24-foot pontoon boat's trailer can drop off the lower end.

Stiles said he received two bids from Chad Eickleberry Concrete to replace the ramp up to 22 feet or 24 feet long if possible. He said the bids included temporary cofferdam construction, dewatering pumps operating continuously during construction, and about three weeks of work beginning shortly after Labor Day. He said generators with sound reducers must be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week to pump water out during the three-week repair.

Stiles moved to approve up to \$32,325 for entire boat ramp replacement up to 24 feet. He said the amount would be reduced if 24 feet in length is not possible. Stiles said the old ramp would be removed in its entirety before a new ramp is poured.

Stiles said the work would not be started until the week after Labor Day due to the 8- to 12-week lead time to obtain chemicals added to the concrete for hard and rapid curing.

Board Member Brad Cloverdyke asked how the concrete would be quarantined. After further discussion, Board Member Sarah Jordan found research stating zebra mussels cannot survive heat within a concrete mixer.

Stiles' motion was approved, 10-0 with 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Board Member Sarah Jordan reported assessments were 97.3 percent collected and total income was at 92.9 percent of budget.

Docks and Waterfront: Consent agenda. Board Member Shawn Weigel presented a dock replacement application for 36-A, noting the dock specifications conform to current regulatory guidelines: -- **36-A.** Total dock replacement measuring 12 feet wide by 25 feet long, adding encapsulated foam, with 15 feet, 2 inches to the right neighboring dock and 39 feet to the left as viewed from the shore.

The board passed, 14-0, Weigel's motion to approve the 36-A dock application.

Board Member Brad Cloverdyke presented two consent agenda applications for replacement docks at 17-C and 40-B. Both include encapsulated foam flotation and conform to regulations.

The consent agenda applications were:

-- **17-C.** Replacing a 16-foot-wide by 8-foot-long dock with a new dock, 12 feet wide, 25 feet long, adding encapsulated foam. The long side of the existing dock is parallel to the shore and the dock extends 8 feet from the seawall. The new dock will extend 25 feet from the seawall, with 55 feet to the right neighboring dock and 41 feet to the left as viewed from the shore.

-- **40-B.** Replacing a 14-foot-wide by 27.5-foot-long dock with a new dock, 12 feet wide, 25 feet long, adding encapsulated foam, with 17 feet to the right neighboring dock and 29 feet to the left as viewed from the shore. Cloverdyke said existing electrical service would be removed.

The board passed, 10-0, with 1 abstention, Cloverdyke's motion to approve the two consent agenda docks.

10-C. James Allen, 10 Clipper, clarified an ongoing issue regarding installation of the 10-C dock, which reports claimed sat 12 inches too close to a neighboring dock. Allen confirmed he submitted his official receipts from Randy's Dock to Water Patrol Chairman Mike Stiles, and the dispute has been resolved.

Fourth of July fireworks: Board Member Sarah Jordan reported a fireworks contract had been signed with a \$10,000 limit. She asked for board feedback regarding whether unused Centennial funds should be used to expand the fireworks display.

Board Member John Nicol said about \$1,100 remained in Centennial funds but additional expenses still are expected. Jordan said she remembered it being the wish of the Budget Committee to expand the firework funds. No action was taken.

Municipal Business: Surveillance system upgrade. Board Member Sarah Jordan reported the city obtained an additional \$1,300 savings on the surveillance camera project previously approved for shared funding between the city and Country Club. Due to recent disturbances at City Hall, the city decided to increase video security at City Hall and Lake Office entrances and around the Country Club and City Maintenance buildings. The board voted in May to pay half the original bid cost of \$5,985.

Maintenance: Tree trimming, removal. Board Member Brian Smith presented five tree removal and trimming proposals as follows:
-- **81-D.** Tree trimming on pathway for \$378
-- **30-D.** Tree pruning for \$882
-- **32-A.** Total tree removal for \$1,260
-- **13-A.** Total tree removal for \$630
-- **Liberty Gardens willow tree.** Total tree removal for \$1,638 with additional stump grinding and removal of \$441.

Smith said he hoped the willow tree could be replaced, possibly for less than \$500, adding Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf volunteered to dig a hole for the tree.

The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Smith to approve a total of \$5,229 to complete the proposed bids as stated.

See Residents, Page 7.

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Residents responsible for their own brush removal

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73-B. Smith presented an emergency tree maintenance proposal to trim a dangerous hanging branch on a lakefront tree at 73-B for \$768. He said Kempf flagged a large walnut with a dangerous hanging branch as an immediate safety and property damage risk. Smith said the removal would require an aerial lift to safely access the branch while minimizing yard damage. The board passed, 14-0, Smith's motion to approve the \$768 bid.

Storm damage. Smith reported Kempf was cleaning up fallen Country Club trees. He noted residents have been placing brush piles adjacent to the road and clarified that Maintenance staff should not pick up roadside brush unless it stems from a Country Club tree. He said he would meet individually with a few residents regarding trees positioned on Country Club property and easements.

He said bids would be obtained from Monster Tree Service to deal with a storm-damaged tree by the Clubhouse.

Board Member Jeff Straka asked whether Maintenance should pick up storm-damage residential brush prior to the Fourth of July. President Holland said the municipal trash service accepts bundled limbs up to 4 feet in length in bundles up to 18 inches in diameter. Board Member Sarah Jordan recommended advertising that information to clear residential yards before the Fourth of July holiday.

Board Member Brad Cloverdyke noted a dumpster dedicated strictly to brush, limbs and yard waste was to be available to residents at City Hall during bulky trash pickup June 22-25.

Smith said due to state restrictions on debris on the back of the dam, the Country Club years ago stopped accepting residents' brush in addition to its own. Straka suggested contacting Monster Tree Service to rent a commercial wood chipper. Smith said renting a chipper of that scale is cost prohibitive and suggested residents utilize the Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park brush drop-off site. He noted annual maintenance of Country Club trees alone already averages \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Tree replacement. Smith said a property owner requested replacement of a dead lakefront tree at 68-B that was cut down and hauled away. He noted years prior, the Country Club had split half-and-half with the resident the original \$525

cost to plant the tree. He said the resident is willing to put a new tree in if the board splits the cost again. Following a board discussion regarding budgets and maintaining aesthetic standards, Smith moved to pay for half of the replacement tree at 68-B from the Parks and Beautification budget, not to exceed \$350, with future requests evaluated on a strict case-by-case basis. The board approved, 14-0.

Liberty Tree. Board Member John Nicol initiated a discussion regarding the historic Liberty Tree, which is a designated U.S. Bicentennial tree roughly 300 years old. He asked the board to consider hiring a professional arborist's determination regarding whether trimming of the tree's dead branches is necessary for public safety and tree health.

Smith said the board stopped its annual remedial fertilization program (\$2,500/year, totaling roughly \$10,000 over five years) for the first time in five years. He referenced expert arborist advice from Monster Tree Service, warning that trimming dead limbs requires severe trimming on the opposite side to even out the canopy, which risks shocking and killing the ancient tree early. Smith said if any dead branches fall in the open area, it is unlikely people or property would be harmed.

Smith said the tree's root system was severely compromised by retaining wall construction during Blue Springs' Woods Chapel Road improvement project. Straka asked if resuming fertilization would help save it. Smith said he would consult further with Monster Tree. President Holland said the board would take the safety concerns under advisement and address the issue.

Water Patrol: Board Member Mike Stiles reported 60 percent of Water Patrol shifts had been filled. He said discussions were under way with Robert Sloan, 36 Emerald Shore, about the possibility of hiring himself and his son to help out. Board members discussed age requirements for insurance purposes, with President Holland stating patrol personnel must be at least 18 years old. Board Member Sarah Jordan said she would double-check the insurance requirement. Board Member John Nicol said young Mr. Sloan has worked the Sportsmen's Club Pancake Breakfast multiple times and is a good worker.

At the subsequent meeting, Stiles said he continued to have questions

about training a 16-year-old candidate for water patrol duties. Jordan said it was determined there was not a conflict with the Country Club's insurance. Board Member Andy Gibler noted his daughter is also interested in a position.

Board Member Brad Cloverdyke questioned who determines the age and maturity requirements for the position. Jordan suggested establishing a joint interview process. President Holland reminded the committee that the Water Patrol chairman is responsible for direct oversight and monitoring of patrol personnel. The candidate's hiring remains subject to final board approval pending the completion of the application review.

Centennial Committee: Board Member John Nicol reported planning continued for Centennial activities, including movie night, a community brunch and a poker run. He said the main Centennial celebration would include a dinner and dancing on Saturday, July 11, and, on Sunday, July 12, "Tapawingo Tales," featuring six long-time residents to lead a storytelling session, which would then open up to audience participation. Historic displays, scrapbooks and archival information are to be displayed across the venue. Nicol said he found scrapbooks of historic information in the attic of the Clubhouse. He said time capsule plans would continue after other events.

Boat Lots and Lease Lots: President Holland announced he appointed Board Member Scott Patton chairman of the Boat Lots and Lease Lot Committee, succeeding resigning Member Darren Davis.

Holland confirmed that a non-compliant 21-foot inboard boat was towed from a boat lot following the expiration of a seven-day removal notice.

Clubhouse: President Holland urged Clubhouse renters to contact the office or board members immediately if problems arise during Clubhouse rentals. He said that would allow the board to make corrections as soon as possible, before the next rental occurs.

Board Member Sarah Jordan requested that a Lake Board emergency contact phone number be posted inside the Clubhouse.

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Happy Birthday, Lake Tapawingo

By Ruth Baldwin

The years roll on ...

In July of 1926, the group of Kansas City businessmen who formed the Lake Tapawingo Development Company signed and registered the papers that officially created the community of Lake Tapawingo.

TAPAWINGO is an Indian word meaning either "beautiful water" or "beautiful place," depending upon the interpretation of the particular tribe.

The developers built the dam and the dirt roads, dug out the coves, established water works behind the dam and extended electrical connections. They advertised Lake Tapawingo as an "exclusive sports retreat and rest haven built on 315 beautiful rolling wooded acres."

The lake was to be one and one-half miles long and one-fourth to one-half mile wide with a water depth of 2 to 60 feet and a shoreline of four and one-half miles. The people of Kansas City responded, lots were sold and cottages built as summer vacation homes. Later, the coves were extended to enable more lots to be sold. At one time, there was a diving board in C Cove.

When the Development Company found itself in financial trouble, the community created the Country Club, which assessed fees for the upkeep of the lake.

During the Depression in the '30s, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) put in the blacktopped roads. At some time, the water works were dismantled and the Lake was hooked up to Water District No. 8. In the '60s, gas lines were laid making possible removal of unsightly fuel tanks.

In 1962, the City of Lake Tapawingo was formed in order to prevent annexation by either Blue Springs or Independence. Thus, at the present time, the Development Company, the Country Club, and the City share the responsibilities of "running" the Lake community.



LAKE TAPAWINGO



In 1926, the first house was built. At this time, there are more than 360 houses at the Lake. For many years, all the houses were summer vacation homes. Now a summer home is a rarity. What remains the same are the swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing and ice skating.

Note: The above article was repeated for the benefit of new residents every year in the Lake Tapawingo News when the newsletter was operated by the Lake Tapawingo Women's Club. That tradition is hereby revived. We add that the Development Company was merged into the Country Club in 2002, leaving only the Country Club and the City "running" the Lake. We are indebted to Ruth Baldwin, formerly of 156 Anchor Drive, who did the research and wrote the article. Ruth died in 1997 and is missed by all who knew her.

Kansas City Times, Nov. 11, 1926:

'Kansas City's new and exclusive sports retreat and rest haven'

Researched by John Nicol

What brought about the creation of Lake Tapawingo?

When World War I left the United States intact, it also forged innovation and disposable income for the middle class in what became the "Roaring 20s" with a speculative stock market. Americans could buy automobiles, take vacations, enjoy talking sound movies and visit places of amusement.

Kansas City had a brightly lit Electric Park just a few blocks from Walt Disney's home that was an inspiration for Disneyland. But Electric Park burned down in 1925. Home air conditioning had not been developed. In summer, to escape the heat, some families slept out in Swope Park.

So, some investors seized the idea of having a location just 14 miles east away from the city, where people could play, swim, take boat outings, fish and cool off.

They located a site and began purchasing land, and July 12, 1926, filed articles of incorporation with Jackson County, Mo., for the **Lake Tapawingo Development Company, Incorporated**. Interestingly, the development was "for the following purposes: to own, conduct and operate a lake and lakes and to own, operate and conduct boats, vessels

and other modes of conveyance on said lakes; to build and own club houses and other buildings such as used and conducted in connection with amusement parks and places of amusement."¹

An early promotional drawing identifies: a clubhouse (about 60-61 Anchor); a private bathing beach (about 68-72 Anchor); a tennis court (about 52-53 Anchor); a public bathing house and public bathing beach (about 60-62 Dockside); picnic grounds and baseball field behind what is now the Clubhouse and identifies a mineral spring (about 75-76 Dockside).

An early ad in the *Kansas City Times* dated Nov. 11, 1926, urged readers to "Select your lodge site Armistice Day - prices will increase Monday, November 15." It suggests the original amusement park idea, to be operated by them, had already evolved into selling lots for lodges, cabins or cottages. Evidently, the cost to build a dam and develop the Lake redirected the original plan.

A plat filed Jan. 27, 1927, described the subdivision lots (without roads).² It was quickly followed by recording of 29 deeds granting B Block lots to the first set of owners. The first was for Lot 20-B to Earl and Anna Stump, Feb. 1, 1927.

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Lake Tapawingo

★ LAKESIDE NEWSLETTER ★

GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Hello neighbors, and welcome to this Lakeside Update! As another season unfolds here by the water, I'm excited to share what's happening in our local real estate market and around the lake community we all love. Whether you're simply staying informed or starting to think about a move someday, I hope this newsletter feels like a helpful check-in from a neighbor who's always happy to talk lake life and home values.

LAKE TAP MARKET STATS

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FOR SALE	SOLD
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NEWS IN LENDING

Mortgage rates have been moving up and down due to ongoing global tensions and uncertainty surrounding the war in the Middle East. This market volatility can impact borrowing costs from week to week. Even with some fluctuations, many buyers are still actively looking for homes and buyers should explore their financing options early to find the best loan program for their needs.

Emily Conaty - Prime Lending

HOMEOWNER ESSENTIALS

JULY 4TH PARTY PREP EDITION

- **Prep the grill** - Clean grates, check propane levels, and have all your grilling essentials on hand
- **Create extra seating** - pull out folding chairs and outdoor games to encourage guests to mingle
- **Plan for bugs** - Have citronella candles, bug spray, or other pest-control solutions available for guests
- **Stock a beverage station** - have coolers with drinks & ice to keep guests hydrated
- **Safety first** - Keep a first-aid kit handy, secure trip hazards, and review local fireworks regulations



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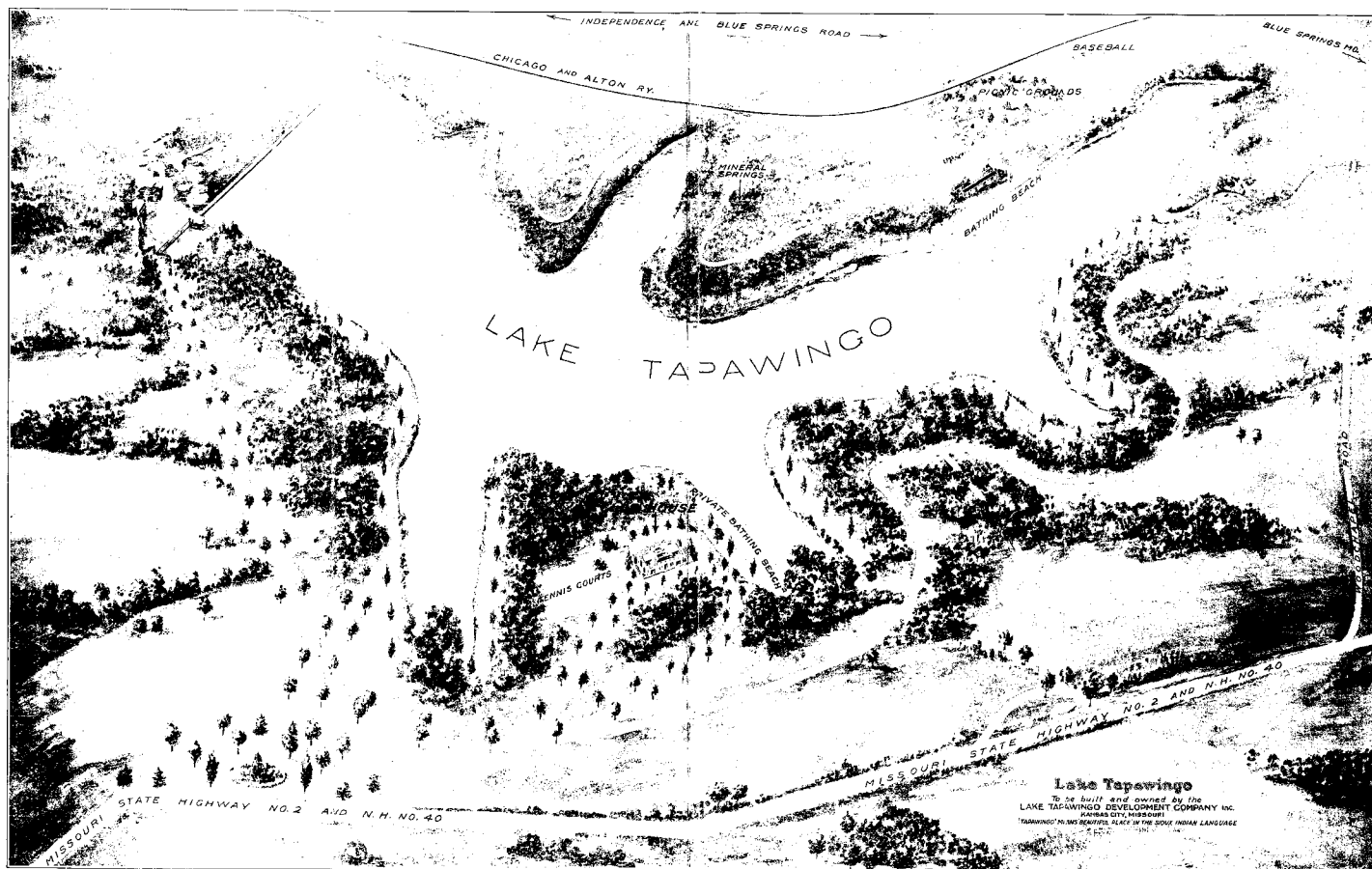


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DESIGN TIP

Summer is the perfect time to extend your living space outside-add outdoor throw pillows, lanterns, potted plants, and an outdoor rug. Layering textures and incorporating pops of color can make even a small patio or deck feel like an outdoor retreat.

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Architect's Drawing of LAKE TAPAWINGO, (Beautiful Place) and Surroundings
To be built and owned by Lake Tapawingo Development Company, Inc., 513-515 Pioneer Trust Building, Kansas City, Missouri

Planned lake resort transforms to suburban community

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According to the Lake Lotawana history, after developing Lake Tapawingo, Milton Thompson (millionaire owner of Highland Farms, world's largest Hereford cattle breeding farm at that time, near Lotawana) conceived, purchased, built and developed Lotawana. He received permission for that new lake Nov. 7, 1927, [wording suggests it was under the Tapawingo incorporation] that was surveyed by O.C. Sheley June 13, 1928. That dam was completed in the fall of 1929. An extended drought that began the "dust bowl" years meant the lake did not fill completely until the spring of 1935. Nationally, the speculative stock market bubble popped on "Black Thursday," Oct. 24, 1929. It created a 1930 panic that led to a bank run closing 9,000 banks. The same conditions would have affected Lake Tapawingo.

Weekend houses had begun being built at Lake Tapawingo in 1927. With lots being sold, the **Lake Tapawingo Country Club, Inc.** was initiated Aug. 1, 1928.³ That led to an annual assessment on property owners of \$25 to create a fund to enable the new Country Club to provide and maintain improvements, repairs, maintenance and services by its Board of Directors. The assessments were to be due and payable on or before April 1 each year at the Lake office; dated April 19, 1929.⁴

Development continued: Mortgage or Deed of Trust for "A certain waterworks purifying plant, pumping equipment, distributing system mains, pipes and all appurtenances," was filed Jan. 11, 1935, by Rufus Burrus, Trustee Holder of Bonds.⁵



THE BATH HOUSE THAT NEVER WAS -- proposed for a bathing beach to be at about 60-62 Dockside.

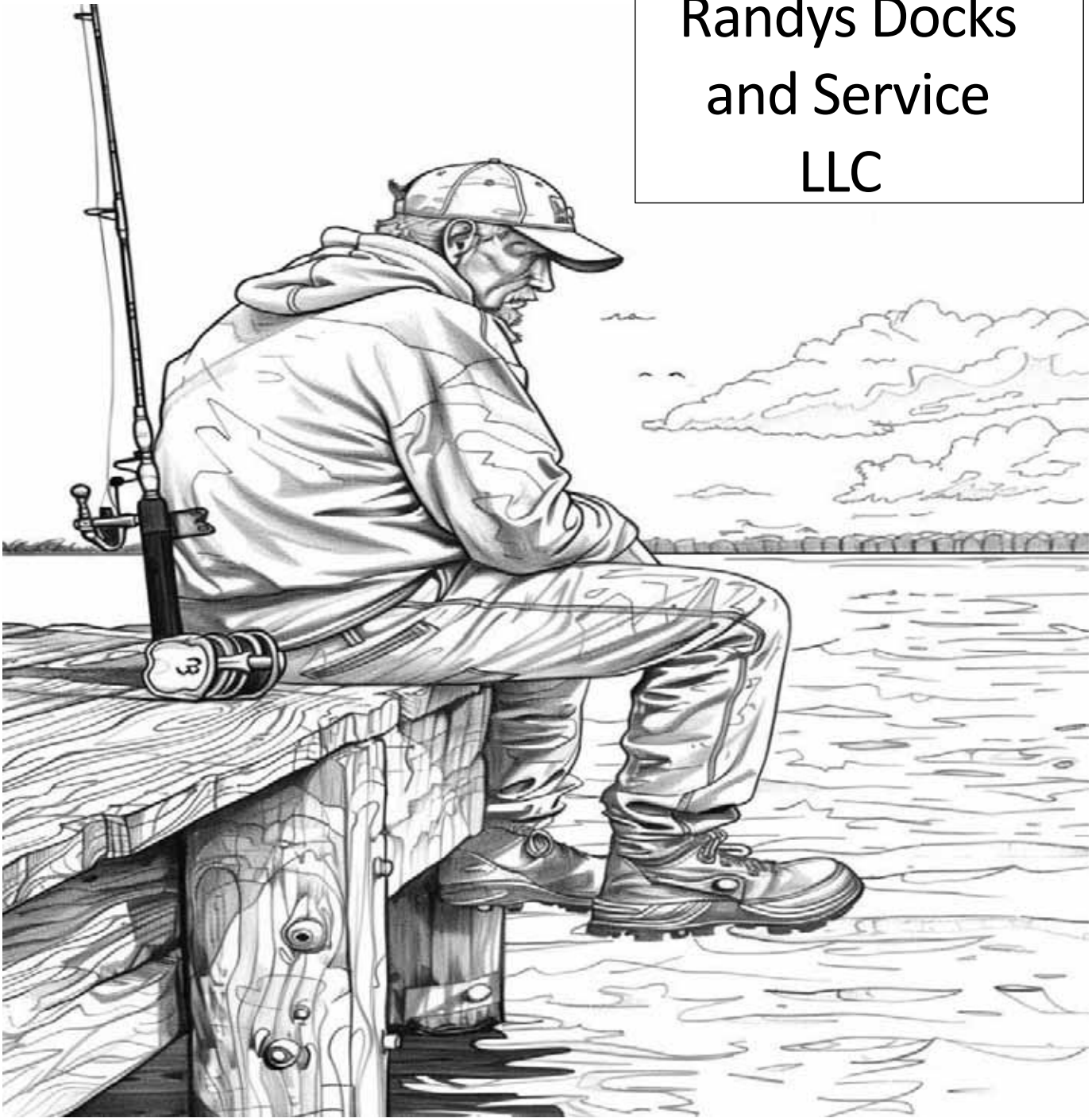
The gravel for Lake roads would likely have been from the quarry area below the Clubhouse, which is why the limestone cliff bank is in a straight line. In the 1950s, there were still two remaining concrete risers there that had held quarry machinery.

Ruth Baldwin's history credits the Works Progress Administration (WPA) for putting in blacktop roads. The WPA was formed May 6, 1935, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's

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Sense of community grows on shores of the little lake

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Executive Order. Roads had not been surveyed, but a road easement was filed May 22, 1936, that measured "from said centerline of existing roads, 12 ½ feet to each side making 25 foot width roads." ⁶

A sense of community was coalescing early on, evidenced by the Lake Tapawingo Women's Club becoming active March 4, 1931, "to promote sociability among the women and to cooperate in the improvement of Lake Tapawingo." In 1938, "a group of red blooded residents of Lake Tapawingo formed a Sportsmen's Club, dedicated to support good fellowship among men of the Lake and to conserve the fishing resources thereof." ⁷

1. Signers: George H. Charno, Henry C. Smith, and Horace Guffin
Filings: Jackson County, Missouri, Book B 2634, Page 540 #A-320743
July 12, 1926;
State of Missouri Certification of Incorporation # 45988, July 13, 1926
2. Plat and legal description: Plat Book 4, Page 97, Jan. 27, 1927, O.C. Sheley, Surveyor, filed by President Val B. Mintun, Jeanette House and Everett B. House
3. Filed: State of Missouri Certification of Incorporation #B00006771, Aug. 1, 1928
4. Filed: Book 545, Page 67 #266245, July 14, 1929, by A.L. and Marion Thompson
5. Filed: Book 604, Page 27 #342050, Jan. 11, 1935, by John J. Manning and G.W. Allen
6. Filed: Book 616, Page 53 #365690, May 22, 1936, by John J. Manning, President
7. *The Lake Tapawingo News*, Vol. 1, No. 1, January 1943

'It was woods, pastures, cornfields, beautiful old trees'

{This article was contributed to the May 2001 Lake Tapawingo News by Velma Vogel, then of 35 Dockside. It is a simple, charming personal account of the creation of the Lake from perspective of a family whose generations lived just south of the Lake, across the fence from Anchor Circle. George and Georgia Hall McGuire, parents of long-time Lake residents Vernon McGuire and Gayle Stowell, sold property to the Lake, provided quarry rock for houses and plowed snow from the early roads.}

By Georgia McGuire

I went to school across from where the Lake is now. It was woods, pastures, cornfields, beautiful old trees, bluffs you could walk under and many natural springs.

I watched our turkeys to their nests, often times when they would hide their nest. We had small bells around their necks so we could locate them. I have gathered wild flowers and caught crawfish with a bacon rind and string.

Our house was on the hill south of where the Lake is now, and a little brook ran on either side. My two older children can remember playing there also.

You can well understand we did a lot of debating about selling this land...it ruined our playground, we thought. It is hard to visualize a lake covering acres of land. Think how Jacomo looked before the water was in it. So you see, it wasn't easy to talk these farmers out of their land.

Lake Tapawingo... Indian name given by Mrs. Matches. Promoters who helped with the purchase of land...Mr. Robert Matches and Mr. W.T. Thomason.

Some of the land owners who sold land to the Lake Tapawingo Development Company:

Mrs. Dennie Hall
Bert, Frances & Cary Myers, heirs of Ella Hall Myers
Mr. Jim Quinn
Mr. David Hall (my uncle)
Mr. E.B. House



The McGuire home.



Mr. Thompson (the Kern farm at the Y {Woods Chapel Road and Walnut}, Cemetery hill)

Some of the people who sold land to the Lake reserved the right for lake privileges and even reserved lots. We were not very smart...we bought ours back.

The contractor's name was Spitscosky. Mae Hall Lawson (my cousin) who lived in Grandpa Hall's house at that time boarded several of the workmen. Her husband, Johnny Lawson, ran one of the bulldozing machines. Mae said Mr. Spitscosky would not pay his men until he knew they had paid her their board.



Under construction, 1927. Dam and railroad in background.

We heard the sound of the tractors from early morning until late in the evening for many months. The beautiful trees were cut down and chained to their stumps.

Mr. Matches questioned folks in the neighborhood about the flow of water down the little creek that ran through the area. My husband (George) told him we had seen that little branch run so swiftly after a big rain we could hear it up on the hill at our house. Mr. Matches laughed about this. One rainy night after that (before the dam was completed) Mr. Matches drove down from Kansas City. He said he was scared stiff, he thought the dam was going out. After that, he told my husband he remembered what was said about how fast the water came down.

Soon the sale of lots began and building started. There were quite a number of houses before the Lake had water in it. We had a rock quarry on our place and my husband sold and hauled many loads of rock to the Lake for building.

One house, I remember in particular, was the Costello house (50-A). Some of the other first houses were Diegal,

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A lake community grows among the farmsteads



The "Costello house," 50-A, as it looks today.

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Lentz, McFarland, Strong, Weber, Jasper Bell, Allen, Barton, Lipp, Stump, Preach, Jimmie Burk, Tom Ridge, Hasenbellar, Gist, Cresto, Walker, Guyer, List and Mason. There are others who have been here a long time...like Simons, Burkett, Duncan, Casper, Rodd, Merthew and Stephens.

About 1928 the log filling station was built at the Lake entrance. We thought it was something...and it was. Francis Kelly (Frits) operated it. Some of the others who operated the station after were Coffee, J.O. Jackson, Paul Putthoff and Howard Richards. We sold and delivered bottled milk. We supplied Putthoff's station with milk to be sold.

I believe Mrs. Allen was the first president of the Development Company Board of Directors. My husband served on the board. Mr. Barton and Mr. Jasper Bell served, but I don't remember their capacity.

One time, when the water was low in the Lake, the bluffs began to appear. I heard a lady say it was solid rock bottom in front of her house. I told her it is a long way down over the edge of that rock.

I hesitate to mention the number of people who have drowned



THE STATION -- Gas and groceries, in the middle of the "Y" at the Lake gate on U.S. 40, the new name, in 1924, of State Road 2 or Sni-A-Bar Road.



through the years. My children (Jerry Goin, Jean Franke, Vernon McGuire and Gayle Stowell) all learned to swim here and I worried something awful as I can't swim. Do be careful, won't you?

P.S. Aunt Maud Hall said for me not to forget to tell that the Lake covered all the wild gooseberry bushes. Uncle David Hall said he had to wade across the creek on his way home from school (Old Blue Springs School on Woods Chapel) one time. Uncle David and Aunt Maud Hall started housekeeping in an old house on 40 Hwy (east bound) across from the Tapawingo entrance. This land is now part of Blue Springs Lake. Birdie Crenshaw wanted me to mention all the snakes.

Note: Georgia passed away Dec. 25, 1993. Her daughter Jerry Goin, preceded her in death, Nov. 21, 1993. Two children, Vernon (80-A) and Gayle Stowell (9-B) still live at the Lake. {Vernon and Gayle have since passed, Vern in 2015 and Gayle in 2022.}

Lake Tapawingo Liberty Tree

By John Nicol

The Lake Tapawingo **Liberty Tree** naming had its "roots" in the American Revolution Bicentennial in 1976. Communities were encouraged to recognize local 200-year-old trees tied in with the theme.

The Blue Springs Historical Society Bicentennial Committee had two major competitors, one within Blue Springs, the other nominated by Paul Rand, 7-B, which was the largest and the oldest. The Missouri Department of Conservation Forest Department selected the magnificent Bur Oak standing adjacent to the "back gate" to Woods Chapel Road as the Bicentennial tree for Lake Tapawingo. Furthermore, it was 250 years old then."¹

Department of Conservation Urban Forester Jerry Monterastelli determined it to be 50 inches in diameter, a spread of 74 feet, and, utilizing an Abney Level, 62 feet tall.²

Calling it the Liberty Tree was reminiscent of the pre-revolution gathering tree near Boston Common. It became the site of the first act of resistance to the British in 1765, the hanging of British Stamp Act officials in effigy. As a continuing gathering



place, it caused the surrounding area to be called Liberty Hall and influenced other colonies to plant Liberty trees.

It was then natural for Lake Tapawingo to later designate the surrounding Lake area as Liberty Gardens and the dock as Liberty Landing. Its development was a combination of community ideas, effort, donation and volunteerism. The field had been for many years site of the Lake's Fourth of July fireworks display put on by the Sportsmen's Club and paid for by donations. It was opened to the greater community, being the only public fireworks display in the area at that time.

Adding the 50 years since 1976, our Liberty Tree is more than 300 years old. It has stood like a revolutionary era soldier, but has suffered from age and even significant limb amputations. It is appropriate we commemorate this site to remember our nation's 250 years of freedom and 100 years of Lake Tapawingo's community that has grown in strength, beauty and pride of our community.

1. As presented by Paul Rand, according to the April 19, 1976, minutes of the Board of Directors of the Lake Tapawingo Development Company Inc.
2. The Blue Springs *Examiner* circa June 1976.



MAYOR'S MINUTES

Happy Birthday Lake Tapawingo A Centennial Milestone

By Mayor Steve Magel

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Lake Tapawingo Country Club/Development Company. I hope everyone enjoys the festivities our community organizations have worked so hard to plan, and that we continue building on the vibrant community Lake Tapawingo has become.

City Incorporation

The City itself was incorporated later, in December 1962. (It's 63 1/2 years old.)

Outside Storage

This is a reminder from last month: Outside storage citations will be issued during the first of July. Please review your property now and address the items listed below before a citation is sent.

An important part of our nuisance ordinance addresses exterior storage. It states that open storage on residential property is considered a nuisance, except for yard furniture, neatly stacked firewood, garden or yard tools, toys, or usable building materials.

Usable building materials may be stored outside for fewer than thirty (30) days while they are actively being used. Residents will be asked to remove other items stored outdoors and place them in an appropriate location. A trailer is not considered a storage location.

Let's all do our part to clear away outdoor clutter and help keep our neighborhood pleasant for everyone.

New Ordinances

Following public hearings, the Planning Commission recommended approval of two ordinances and sent them to the City Council. The City Council will consider both ordinances at its July meeting.

- 1. Vacant lot parking.** The City is considering allowing parking on vacant lots, with restrictions, which is currently prohibited.
- 2. Vacant lot cultivation.** The City is considering allowing garden beds on vacant lots, with restrictions, which are currently prohibited.

Drafts of both ordinances are available on the city's website.

Thanks

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. Your kindness eased our burden when we needed it most and we are grateful for your friendship.

The family of Joe Rush

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City amends budget to include task force revenue

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met June 4 at City Hall. Mayor Steve Magel presided.

Visitors: Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Phil Zuspan, 53 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

City budget: 2025-2026 budget amendment. City Clerk Kate Alsup presented a proposed amended budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, ending June 30, 2026, describing it as primarily a clerical change to comply with audit requirements.

She said the amended budget included additions for the FBI and Jackson County Drug Task Forces, for which the city previously hired and assigned two officers, with reimbursements from the task forces to cover city expenses, usually a month behind. Mayor Magel said those ongoing expenses also would be included in the 2026-2027 budget.

Alderman John Nicol questioned a decrease in police salary spending of \$38,000. Despite the addition of full-time Officer Scott Riggs, Magel noted the department was technically under budget due to a period when full and parttime positions were not fully filled. He said the amount was expected to increase again next year.

Alderman Lisa Hodges noted legal expenses had increased from a budgeted \$5,000 to \$15,600. When everyone looked at City Attorney Paul Campo, he noted his fees had not increased for eight years. Alsup explained the increase was due to payments to law firm Fisher Patterson to deal with a previous employee issue.

After discussion, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Jennifer Weigel to approve the amended budget for July 2025-June 2026.

Proposed 2026-2027 budget. The clerk and the council also discussed the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Mayor Magel said Chief Paul Thurman, City Clerk Alsup and Police Administrator Sarah Chatham spent many hours revamping the police budget.

Thurman said there were more detailed categories for expenses such as vehicles, ammunition and fuel, for better tracking. He said there was clarification of previously vague categories and the addition of account numbers for state grant tracking. He said a \$50,000 state Blue Shield grant is budgeted for the year.

Magel said new line items were added for FBI and Jackson County Drug Task Forces and for overtime, with reimbursements to balance those expenditures. He said overall revenue increased almost \$200,000 due to grants and task force money.

The mayor said the city has limited options for revenue generation, since the city only relies on residential property taxes. He said there are no plans to increase taxes at this time. Instead, he said, the focus is on efficient spending with the ability to maintain cash flow without drawing on investment accounts, unlike previous years.

The council also received an hourly breakdown of employee salaries. Magel noted the national average salary increase is 3 percent. He noted Alsup and Chatham's salaries are split among Sewer, Water, City General and Police accounts based on their work scope. That keeps general government revenues from

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Disturbances prompt city to upgrade office surveillance

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subsidizing proprietary utility-department functions and vice versa.

Magel said he and Alsup would meet June 5 with the city's auditor and in the following week, he, Alsup, Alderman Traci Via and residents Brad Cloverdyke and Rob Markey would meet as a budget committee. He said at this time, there appears to be a \$9,000 deficit for the entire city budget.

The mayor said the city would try to resume the program of replacing old water meters, especially to move residents' remaining indoor meters to the outside where they can be read more easily.

Magel said he received a letter from former Mayor Tom Rodenberg proposing that the city resume paying the mayor, a practice that was ended more than a decade ago when the city was near bankruptcy. The previous salary had been \$50 per month. Magel said he currently works for the city about 10 to 15 hours a week, which can take time from his regular employment.

Alderman Traci Via said she supported the idea of paying the mayor, who spends more time at city work than aldermen do. She said she had no

expectation that aldermen should be paid. City Attorney Campo noted there is no prohibition on paying the mayor, adding the "raise," if approved, would not go into effect until the next mayor is elected.

Magel said the law requires the budget to be approved by July 1. If not, the prior year's budget carries over, only for operations and maintenance, and not for capital expenses. Campo said the council still could approve the budget at its next regular meeting July 2 with no adverse effects.

It was decided after the budget committee meets, revised budget information would be sent to aldermen, who could send questions to Clerk Alsup. A final vote would be scheduled at the July 2 meeting. Magel cautioned council members that e-mail exchanges on the budget cannot be sent to all council members or it could be a violation of the state open meetings law.

Surveillance system upgrade: Due to recent disturbances at City Hall, it was noted the city decided to increase video security at City Hall and Lake Office entrances and around the Country Club

and City Maintenance buildings.

Mayor Magel said he talked to Nick Hudson of Hudson Surveillance, which provides the current camera equipment. He said Hudson bid \$5,985 to upgrade the current system but it uses obsolete server equipment that can't be updated for new software and operates on an app-based system that is less secure. During these discussions, Magel noted the Country Club Board agreed to pay half the Hudson cost, \$2,992.50.

In the meantime, he said a \$3,745 bid was received from Wulf Computers to provide all-new equipment on a more secure web-based system, which would integrate with the city's existing data infrastructure, which was supplied by Wulf, at a potential saving. Magel said existing exterior cameras would be upgraded and more cameras added, including an interior camera in the City Council chamber.

Magel said the city has \$5,000 remaining in its software budget, saved as a result of grants covering software costs, that can cover the city's portion of the cost. The Country Club's half of the cost,

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Panel proposes to allow both gardening, parking on same lot

By John Braden

The City Planning and Zoning Commission amended a proposed vacant lot gardening ordinance June 10 to allow both gardening and vehicle parking on the same vacant residential lot. That was the panel's most significant action in a public hearing and votes to recommend the City Council adopt both the vacant lot gardening ordinance and a vacant lot parking ordinance.

The ordinances were referred back to the City Council for further consideration on separate 6-0 votes.

The proposed ordinances would amend the Single Family Residential District ordinance to allow and regulate garden cultivation and vehicle parking on vacant residential lots. Current ordinances prohibit any uses of vacant residential lots except for construction of single-family homes.

Gardening limited to 25 percent of vacant lot

The commission previously amended the draft gardening ordinance to limit gardening to 25 percent of a lot, down from a previous proposed limit of 50 percent. The draft required the remaining 75 percent of the lot to be in grass.

During discussion, new commission Member Kim Hall asked if parking would be allowed on the ungardened portion of a vacant lot. Other members answered yes, until it was pointed out the gardening draft states, "The remaining 75% of the area is to be covered by grass." Other city ordinances prohibit vehicle parking on grass.

Chairman Gary Mallen proposed adding language "unless affected by another approved city ordinance or approved conditional use." After discussion, commission members agreed to the change, which would allow both cultivation and parking on a vacant lot if a separate parking ordinance or conditional use permit is approved, avoiding unintended restrictions.

The proposed gardening ordinance would require a property owner to obtain written approval from the city zoning administrator, City Clerk Kate Alsup, who would determine compliance with standards established by the ordinance. The draft said no public hearing, Planning and Zoning Commission review, or issuance of a conditional use permit otherwise would be required for gardening.

Panel rejects more than two cars per parking lot

The latest draft of the proposed ordinance to govern parking on vacant lots prohibits more than two cars parked per lot. The maximum width at the road frontage would not exceed 28 feet, while the maximum depth from the road would not exceed 20 feet. Parking surfaces would be the same as for residential lots, comprising concrete, asphalt or pavers.

Commission Member Jim Conway suggested increasing the maximum number of cars to four, saying it would make it more practical and economical for property owners to invest in paving to get more cars off the street. Other commission members said proposed parking lot dimensions already implicitly limit car space and avoid transforming vacant lots into large parking lots, with inherent visual and drainage problems.

Vice chairman chosen

It was noted the ordinance authorizing the Planning and Zoning Commission requires appointment of a vice chairman to act in the absence of the chairman.

Commission Member Gary George nominated Member Jim Conway, while Member Andy Gibler nominated Member Sue Schreiber. A vote by the six members tied, 3-3, with Chairman Gary Mallen declining to break the tie. After discussion, Schreiber withdrew her nomination, confirming Conway as vice chairman.

Chief: Police activity up, traffic ticket revenue declines

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\$1872.50, would be less than the amount the Lake Board already approved.

At Magel's recommendation, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Traci Via to accept the Wulf bid.

Police: Chief Thurman said the month had been busy with "ongoing situations," plus an increase in medical calls and traffic accidents on U.S. 40. He said calls for service and traffic ticket revenues have increased.

Thurman noted traffic ticket revenue is lower than it had been five to 10 years ago, despite increased activity. He said that is due to state law changes limiting the percentage of a city's revenue that is derived from traffic fines and a tendency of judges to set lower fine amounts. Lake Tapawingo is particularly affected because

its main source of revenue is residential property taxes (no commercial real estate or sales taxes), making traffic ticket revenue a higher percentage of the total revenue than for cities with other revenue sources.

Water and Sewer: Phil Zuspan, 53 Dockside, complained about receiving a consistent 1,000-gallon monthly water charge despite only being weekend residents and using only 20-30 gallons per month. He alleged water meters are not read and called it "fictitious billing."

Zuspan said he complained to the Missouri Public Service Commission only to find the PSC only has jurisdiction over investor-owned utilities and not municipal utilities.

Mayor Magel disputed the claim that meters are not read, as Water and

Sewer employees read them monthly. Magel said it was possible the meter was inside the home, which presents access issues if the resident is not home. It was subsequently found the department had to estimate the service due to a shorter reading month due to the holidays.

Magel said the lowest basic charge typically includes either 0 or 1,000 gallons, with nothing in between. He said changing the bill to reduce usage from 1,000 to 500 gallons would only save Zuspan about \$3.50 as other fees remain constant.

Magel asked City Clerk Kate Alsup to take Zuspan's information and investigate with the Water and Sewer Department to determine meter location and reading status.

Official city minutes may be read at City Hall.



Joe Rush: 'I don't need to be President. I'm already the King'

By John Braden

Lake Tapawingo turns 100 this year. Joe Rush, who served on the Lake Tapawingo Development Co./Country Club Board for nearly one-third of that time, came within sight of that anniversary, passing on June 14, 2026, at Kindred Hospital Northland, an acute care facility in Kansas City North.

Over the years, Joe made himself sort of the Lake Ranger, always on patrol, driving the Lake roads, seeing who's who and what's what. If you were out in the yard when Joe drove by, you learned to expect a long conversation with lots of pauses in between. He usually had a deadpan expression (even when making a joke), with words muttered through the cigarette smoke out from under his pencil-thin mustache. (New acquaintances sometimes thought he was angry. No, that was just Joe.)



But he made himself available to help. When the Lake Board would try to set specific times for boat launching, long-time residents knew they could ignore that and just call Joe. The "community" pontoon boat trailer -- used to take pontoon boats in and out and store them on boat lot Styrofoam -- belongs to Joe.

When the Maintenance Department faced clearing roads in big snowstorms, Joe would put a blade on his pickup and hit those extra places the main plow did not have time to get to. When the Great Ice Storm of February 2002 blacked out the Lake and blocked most roads with fallen trees, Joe and his big trailer were in the thick of cleanup by neighbors with chainsaws, tractors, a bobcat and muscle to get trees cut and hauled to a mountain of brush below the dam.

During his time on the Lake Board, Joe was the goose wrangler. With permission granted to the Country Club by state and federal agencies, Joe, mainly, used pyrotechnics (fireworks) to chase off migrating Canada geese so they would not nest at the Lake. For those that did nest and lay eggs, he led the effort to addle and oil eggs so they would not hatch but the geese would not lay more. While it was suggested the eggs could be sprayed with PAM cooking spray, it was rumored Joe preferred WD-40. (He normally did more lubricating than cooking.)

When I returned to editing the *Lake Tapawingo News* in 2012, Joe was already there with the late Kenny Hornick, 7 Anchor, throwing newsletters to every house. It would take the paperboys about an hour to deliver to the entire Lake, either in Joe's Jeep or



PAPERBOYS -- Joe and Kenny, deliverin' the News.

in his golf cart. (Kenny, an old high school pitching star, loved the freedom of the open air golf cart.) Thanks to Joe's intimate daily knowledge of the neighborhood, he knew which houses

were vacant, and why, at any given time. (*An aside: Thanks to Jeff Elkins, 85 Anchor, and Chris Turner, 48 Anchor, for being the first to step up to that job after Kenny's passing and Joe's infirmity.*)

In 1992, Joe ran for the Lake Board. "I'm surprised I ever got elected," he said. He served on the board for 18 years, took a one-term break, and returned to the board in 2013, where he served until he declined to run again in February 2025 due to ill health. During all those years, he also was a regular visitor at Lake Tapawingo City Council meetings, explaining, "There wasn't anything good on television tonight."

In anticipation of Joe's retirement from the Lake Board, the board, the City Council and the Sportsmen's and Women's clubs held a Joe Rush Appreciation Day, Oct. 13, 2024, (No Chiefs game that day). Joe was honored for:

- serving the most years on the Lake Tapawingo Board of Directors;
- membership in the Sportsmen's Club since 1990, serving as president, second vice president and secretary; and
- many years assisting residents -- the "Go-to Guy."

More than 50 friends attended the open house. The City Council voted to add Joe's name to the "Lake Tapawingo Award of Excellence" plaque, which already listed Joe's father, Leo, and is displayed in City Hall. Joe received a city proclamation, a plaque from the Lake Board and another from the Sportsmen's Club declaring him "Lifetime Honorary President." With all that bling, Joe said "I'll have to get a bigger house."

In the midst of his years on the Lake Board and his work with the Sportsmen's Club, somebody suggested Joe should be Lake Board president.

"I don't need to be President. I'm already the King," he said.

Joe, 79, was born Leo Joseph Rush Jr. on May 22, 1947, to Leo Sr. and Clara Lee (Oxley) Rush, in Columbia, Mo., where Leo was studying mechanical engineering at the University of Missouri on the GI Bill. After three years, the family moved to 118-B, Lake Tapawingo, living there for six years until they bought the then-log cabin at 25-B in 1956.

Joe spent his young days boating, water skiing and carrying on with four buddies he called the B Block Bachelors. When Joe first got his driver's license, Leo became the first city marshal of Lake Tapawingo in 1963, apparently to keep an eye on Joe.

Joe graduated from Blue Springs High in 1965 and served two tours during the Vietnam war as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion. Returning home he earned a bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University in 1977. He was a machinist by trade and in retirement operated Wright Monument in Blue Springs for several years.

After being away from the Lake for a number of years, Joe had moved from the Plaza back to the Lake in 1989, buying 80-B. He continued his father's tradition of serving brews from his garage in the evening to the neighborhood guys. Joe said he used to help Leo serve high-octane home brew. "...Probably the sickest I've ever been was when I was carrying those pitchers," he recalled.

Joe put a commercial cooler filled with beer in his own garage, plus a supply of lawn chairs. "While we're there we can solve all the problems in the whole world," he said. That was supplemented by weekly poker games at the home of Joe's step-uncle, "Rock" Spencer, at 91-A. Those games continued at Rock's place for years, even after Rock had died.

Special thanks to Ruth Ann Hafner for her 2013 article on Joe.



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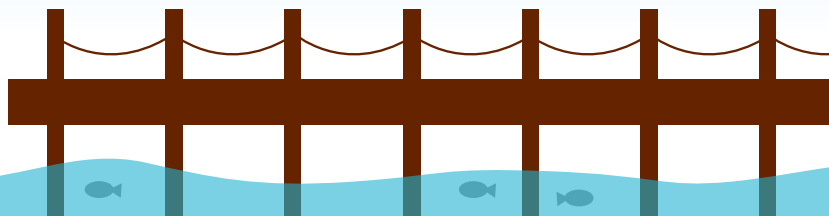
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Yacht Club sailors to scramble for Centennial

By John Braden

A mighty three boats cruised together as the Tapawingo Yacht Club, Saturday, June 27, on a day that started out overcast with light winds but brightened as noon approached.

Nick and Aimee Jacobson, 56 Anchor, hosted an awesome lunch for about 18 at noon, featuring good talk and specialty sausages from Fritz's Smoked Meats in Leawood.

Thanks to: skipper Nick Jacobson and crew Kyle Wheeler, 11 Beach, sailing Evan Bateman's (116 Anchor) Butterfly; Nick Cunha, 154 Anchor, sailing a Sunfish; and John Braden, 45 Anchor, and crew Steve Robinson, 48 Dockside, sailing a Sweet Sixteen.

Honorable mention again goes to Dan Long, 27 Anchor, who finally replaced the frayed forestay on his Sweet Sixteen but wrestled with another equipment problem until lunchtime.

Due to sailors' schedule problems and boat conditions, it was decided to forgo an organized Centennial sail and lunch as proposed for Saturday, July 11. Instead, it will be every

skipper for himself, hoping to set sail on that morning, "show the flag," as it were, and skip the lunch. (There will, of course, be a Centennial Dinner and Dance that night.)

If you have questions or want to try out sailing, contact John Braden, 45 Anchor, (816) 229-2794, jcbraden98@sbcglobal.net. Time and weather permitting, perhaps he can get you in the boat so you can see what you think of it. It's a great way to look brilliant while not working too hard.



Urgent!!!

If you have not already done so, you must call City Hall to report what type of metal (or plastic) comprises your water service line where it enters the inside of your home. This is a Requirement of the State to report possible lead in water lines inside your home. Please call City Hall at 816.229.3722 Immediately! Thank you for your prompt attention!

(For more information, see Page 19 of the May *Lake Tapawingo News*, which can be obtained under "News" at www.laketapawingomo.com.)

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SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

America's 250th year! Lake Tapawingo's 100th year!

Make double celebration with Fourth of July Boat Parade!

By John Nicol

Double up your America 250 and Lake Tapawingo 100 boat decorating ideas, or just join in the Fourth of July Boat Parade. Share this unique once-in-a-lifetime special event -- two anniversaries!



Gather by Liberty Landing in time to begin the parade at 2 p.m. on the Fourth of July. Make sure your lot number will show for the judges to identify your boat. Presentations need to be within family entertainment standards.

The annual Boat Parade is sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club. Impartial judges select the parade winners for First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention. Each is awarded a trophy. The parade will be led by the Lake Water Patrol boat. It is requested resident boating be limited while the parade rounds the lake. So, gather your crew. Decorate your boat and share your vision with everyone at the Lake.

Buy fireworks, help us sell them, at the Shelterhouse!

The Fourth of July Fireworks Sale is from now through the July 4 at the Shelterhouse. You can earn a discount if you work two shifts to help cover all the hours of operation.

Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. July 1 and 2, and 9 a.m. until the last buyers leave on July 3 and 4 at the Shelterhouse.

Funds raised by sales support the Sportsmen's Club to underwrite gatherings and pay for multiple scholarships.

The classes of fireworks sold are under a permit granted by the State of Missouri Department of Public Safety, are consumer grade, and do not exceed City of Lake Tapawingo size limits. Buy local, we support you, so please support us! Credit cards welcome. Reasonable prices!

The Women's Club will be selling Lake Tapawingo Centennial logo clothing items and gear the evenings of July 1-3 to fund scholarships. The Sportsmen's Club will be selling: Barbecued Brisket: 1 pound \$15. Corned Beef: 1 pound \$15, 2 pounds \$25.

BBQ Feast dodges forecasts of rain

While the June 13 BBQ Feast was well attended, the forecast did create many requests for take-home containers. Jim Clarke and John Harrison had prepared the excellent barbecued brisket, Polish sausage and chicken. Then, both did some extra duty filling in as treasurer.

The work crew included Kris Hall, Mike Cloyde, Scott Rhodes and John Nicol with later help from Jeremy Cumberford. We thank cleanup from the attendees including Mayor Steve Magel. The Lake Tapawingo Women's Club provided an array of sweet desserts.

Club focuses on holiday fireworks, Centennial prep

The June 9 Sportsmen's Club meeting was busy with June 13 BBQ Feast planning, including preparing the beans and moving Shelterhouse tables. The additional crew would come at 2 p.m. for the Feast at 4 p.m. Fireworks sales bins and table setup was planned for June 28, with fireworks delivery June 29.

Chuck Welch was to obtain the fireworks sale permit and insurance coverage. He also discussed Centennial funding for the large screen for July 7 Centennial Movie Night, a possible popcorn machine setup at the Liberty Gardens Gazebo during the movie, time capsule materials, and ordering the meal for the July 11 Centennial Party and Dinner.

Second Vice President Jeremy Cumberford reported he heard flathead catfish and bass were being caught. First Vice President John Harrison said the membership is 96 including a first-time attendee Joe Phillips, 110 Beach.

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One adult from every household must complete IST training every 2 years.

If no adults in your *current* household completed IST in 2024 or 2025, it's time to get re-certified. IST Certification is mandatory in order to receive your lake stickers or to use the lake in *any* capacity.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026	8 AM - 9 AM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026	8 AM - 9 AM
SATURDAY, SEPT 26, 2026	8 AM - 9 AM

Classes are at the Lake Office at 144 Anchor Drive.

Space may be limited. Only one adult per household *must* attend.



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Sue's News at the Lake



☀️ HELLO SUMMER!



There is something special about this time of year at the lake. The days get longer, neighbors spend more time outdoors, and the community comes alive with gatherings, boating, fishing, and sunsets.



MARKET SNAPSHOT

30-Year Fixed:
6.3%-6.6%
15-Year Fixed: 5.87%

Summer Tips

As we explore and enjoy the summer, let's remember to stay safe. Keep in mind some summer tips for sun protection, water safety, and staying healthy & active in the summer season.

Let's have a fun and safe summer!

Living near water has been shown to help reduce stress, improve mood, and encourage outdoor activity. It's one of the many reasons people love calling Lake Tapawingo home.

HAPPY
4TH
OF JULY

What Sellers Should Focus On

- Competitive pricing
- Home presentation
- Professional marketing
- Flexibility during negotiations

Buyers

Buyers are negotiating and shopping carefully, with plenty of housing inventory to choose from right now.

Buyers often form their first impression of a home within minutes of walking through the front door. So not only should Sellers grab Buyers attention by having good curb appeal, but they also need a wow factor when Buyers step in. Those first few minutes are what impresses Buyers to write offers

HOME STATS FOR LAKE TAPAWINGO

7 Active Listings
2 Pending Listings
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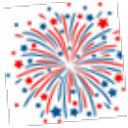


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LTPD's Fourth of July Memo



FIREWORKS MAY BE DISCHARGED WITHIN CITY LIMITS ONLY DURING THE HOURS OF:
JULY 1-3, 2026 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
JULY 4, 2026 8 a.m. to MIDNIGHT

The LTPD will be exercising increased street patrol and law enforcement measures to ensure residents are complying with the city's fireworks ordinance regulations

- DISCHARGING BOTTLE ROCKETS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- Always have an adult present when discharging fireworks.
- It is unlawful to throw, use, explode, discharge, detonate, aim, point or shoot any fireworks on all streets, parks, boats and the lake owned by the Lake Tapawingo Country Club.
- Never aim fireworks at people or animals.
- Avoid discharging fireworks in dry areas.
- Only consumer grade (Class C) fireworks are permitted within city limits.
- Property owners will be responsible for all violations that occur on their property

TO REPORT FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS, CALL DISPATCH AT (816) 795-1960

KEEP THE CITY AND STREETS CLEAN:
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HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE FOURTH OF JULY!



Lake Tapawingo Police Logs May 1-31, 2026

Ward 1: Anchor:

Report 26-000280 -- Trespassing: Reporting party stated neighbor was on their property. Due to property dispute, at this time it remains a civil issue.

Report 26-000283 -- Informational: Information regarding parking dispute.

Report 26-000297 -- Outside agency assist: Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded. See JCISO for details.

Report 26-000298 -- Outside agency assist: Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded. See JCISO for details.

Report 26-000325 -- Outside agency assist: Assisted Central Jackson County Fire Protection District on medical call.

Report 26-000348 -- Citizen contact: Information from citizen.

Directed Patrol -- Vacation Watch: Multiple directed patrols.

Anchor citations: 4

Ward 2: Beach, Clipper:

Report 26-000291 -- Motor vehicle accident: Private property accident.

Report 26-000296 -- Outside agency assist: Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded. See JCISO for details.

Report 26-000299 -- Outside agency assist-Central Jackson County: Central Jackson County Fire Protection District medical call. Subject transported to hospital.

Report 26-000300 -- Motor vehicle accident: Report of past accident.

Report 26-000307 -- Informational: Reporting party sharing information regarding previous reports.

Report 26-000308 -- Informational: Reporting party sharing information regarding previous reports.

Report 26-000309 -- Informational: Reporting party sharing information regarding previous reports.

Report 26-000310 -- Wellness check: Possible fall. Disregarded.

Report 26-000318 -- Citizen assist: Assisted resident.

Report 26-000320 -- Informational: Information on previous incident for recording.

See Lake, Page 27.



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Lake Tapawingo Police Logs

May 1-31, 2026

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Report 26-000338 -- Outside agency assist-Jackson County Sheriff's Office: Public service call. See JCSO for details.

Ward 3: Dockside, Emerald Shore:

Report 26-000276 -- Trespassing: Report of fishing on dam.

Report 26-000286 -- Outside agency assist-Central Jackson County: Central Jackson County Fire Protection District medical alarm call. Unfounded.

Report 26-000287 -- Outside agency assist-Central Jackson County: Central Jackson County Fire Protection District medical call. Subject transported to hospital.

Report 26-000306 -- Property damage: Paint washing into lake. Painters cleaned up.

Report 26-000317 -- Disturbance: Man threatened juveniles while brandishing weapon.

Report 26-000328 -- Motorist assist: Assisted owner in pushing disabled golf cart to address for repairs.

Report 26-000339/340 -- Outside agency assist-Jackson County Sheriff's Office: Civil process summons. See JCSO for details.

Directed Patrol -- Vacation Watch: Multiple directed patrols.

Woods Chapel Road:

Woods Chapel Citations: 2

U.S. 40:

Report 26-000327 -- Motor vehicle accident: Two-vehicle non-injury accident on eastbound U.S. 40. Vehicles towed by tow service.

Report 26-000329 -- Motorist assist: Provided traffic control for disabled vehicle while awaiting tow service.

Report 26-000331 -- Outside agency assist: Provided traffic control for Blue Springs Police Department on arrest.

U.S. 40 Citations: 19

Other:

Report 26-000273 -- Outside agency assist: Assisted Missouri State Highway Patrol and Blue Springs Police Department on road rage incident. Stayed on scene while MSHP conducted investigation.

Report 26-000279 -- Outside agency assist: Assisted Lake Lotawana Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office on threats made on Facebook Live. Unable to locate subject.

Report 26-000294 -- Outside agency assist: Assisted Independence Police Department on motor vehicle accident at Valley View Road. Provided traffic control.

Report 26-000295 -- Outside agency assist: Assisted Lee's Summit Police Department on stolen auto call. Vehicle located.

Report 26-000341 -- Outside agency assist: Assisted Missouri State Highway Patrol with traffic control while individuals constructed a memorial on highway.

See Police Reports, Page 29.



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JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Shelterhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	2 City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Shelterhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	3 Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale, 9 a.m.-? p.m., Shelterhouse <i>City Hall closed. Lake Office closed.</i>	4  Independence Day Boat Parade, 2 p.m. Fireworks display, 9:15 p.m. Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale, 9 a.m.-? p.m., Shelterhouse
5  <i>Centennial</i> Brunch, potluck, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clubhouse	6  <i>Centennial</i> Country Club Board , 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	7  <i>Centennial</i> Family Movie Night, 9 p.m., Liberty Gardens <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	8  <i>Centennial</i> Beautification Night gardening, 6:30 p.m. Triangle, Lake Office <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	9  <i>Centennial</i> Night Paddleboard Ride, 5:30 p.m. Liberty Landing <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	10  <i>Centennial</i> Poker Run, by boat 5:30 p.m., Liberty Landing <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	11  Boat launching 9 a.m.-noon, (preregister with Lake Office) <i>Centennial Dinner Party</i> , 5:30 p.m. Shelterhouse
12  <i>Centennial</i> Tapawingo Tales 2 p.m., Clubhouse	13 <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	14 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	15 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	16 Municipal Court 10 a.m., Circuit Court, Independence <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	17 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	18  Boat launching, 9 a.m.-noon (preregister Lake Office or lake tapawingomo.com)
19	20 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	21 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	22 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	23 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	24 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	25  Invasive Species Training, 8 a.m., Lake Office (preregister)  Boat launching, 9 a.m.-noon (preregister Lake Office or lake tapawingomo.com)
26	27 <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	28 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	29 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	30 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	31 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	

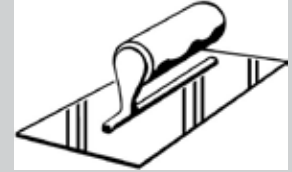
Police Reports

	May 1-31	April 1-30	March 1-31	Feb. 1-28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31
Traffic - Anchor	4	7	4	2	0	1	1	3
offenses - Beach	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
- Clipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
- Dockside	0	3	3	3	3	1	1	0
- Emerald Shore	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
- Woods Chapel	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- U.S. 40	19	13	20	15	20	11	7	17
- Total	26	23	27	20	25	14	9	22
Warrant arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arrests	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Calls for service	32	37	35	17	19	23	18	28
Warnings	23	0	15	18	0	0	13	16
Total	81	61	77	55	45	37	40	68



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SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

WOMEN'S CLUB CENTENNIAL KICKOFF BRUNCH

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Inside of the clubhouse

Please bring a breakfast dish to share!

We will have refreshments and Donuts

Let's kick this week of fun events off with a recovery Brunch after the 4th!



MONDAY, JULY 6TH

BOARD MEETING

7:00 PM
at the Clubhouse

Join us as we honor our past presidents and celebrate their leadership and dedication.



TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Movie starts at 9:00 PM
at Liberty Landing

Bring Chairs and Blankets



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION NIGHT

Starts at 6:30 PM

Meet at the Triangle near the Lake Office in a Block

Bring digging and planting garden tools

Help beautify our community while enjoying an evening with neighbors!



THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

NIGHT PADDLEBOARD RIDE

Meet at Liberty Landing at 8:30 PM

All boards must have lights

Led by Pat Robinson



FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

50/50 POKER RUN

5:30 - 6:00 PM
Check in and Captain Meeting at Liberty Landing

6:30 PM
First Boat Release

6:30 - 8:30 PM
Poker Run on the Lake

8:30 - 9:30 PM
Final Dock Party and Awards at Liberty Landing



SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

CENTENNIAL PARTY: DINNER & DANCING

Social Hour Starts at 5:30 PM

Dinner Starts at 6:00 PM

Live Band 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of great food, live music, dancing, and celebrating 100 years of Lake Tapawingo!



SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

TAPAWINGO TALES

STARTING AT 2:00 PM
at the Clubhouse

Cake and Coffee Provided
Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

6 Vintage Allstars from the lake who have lived here over 50 years sharing pieces of lake lore and history!

Liberty Tree red-dedication to follow.



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★ Celebrate the past. Enjoy the present. Be part of the next 100 years. ★

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TALES FROM LAKE TAPAWINGO VINTAGE ALL STARS

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

2:00 p.m. - CLUBHOUSE

SIX OF THE VINTAGE ALL STARS (defined as one living at the lake for more than 50 years) WILL SHARE THEIR TAPAWINGO TALES AS PART OF THE LAKE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. ATTENDEES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR OWN MEMORIES

☆ Barbara Landes ☆

She has lived in the gingerbread house at 173 Anchor for 70 years!

Barbara's tale: Boating Safety (or lack thereof)

☆ Bob Comfort ☆

He has lived at the lake for 66 years

Bob currently resides at 120 Beach. He previously lived at 22 Anchor and 56 Dockside

Bob's tale: The tale of Lance Vanderwood, Rock Roden, and a Midnight Ride

☆ Gina Graham Chavez ☆

She has lived at the lake for 70 years

Gina currently resides at 34 Anchor Drive. Her father and grandfather built their family home at 9 Dockside in 1955

Gina's tale: Ski Show Tales 1950's - 2000

☆ Brad Cloverdyke ☆

He has lived at the lake for 59 years

Brad currently resides at 3 Beach and owns 50 Anchor and 168 Beach

Brad's tale: Celebrating the 4th of July at the lake as a kid

☆ MaryEllen Miller ☆

She has lived at the lake for more than 50 years

MaryEllen currently resides at 37 Anchor. MaryEllen's childhood home was 97 Beach

MaryEllen's tale: Being a kid at Lake Tapawingo in the 50s and 60s

☆ Kevin Hornick ☆

Kevin has lived at the lake for over 63 years

He currently resides at 7 Anchor Drive

His great-grandparents moved to 69 Anchor Drive in 1938

Kevin's tale: Did you know?

Landmarks and points of interest in and around Lake Tapawingo