

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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By Elizabeth Braden

BACK IN BUSINESS AT THE OLD LOCATION -- City elections returned to the Clubhouse for the first time since 2019 when the pandemic and Jackson County moved the Lake polling place into Blue Springs. Just like old times, short drive, friendly familiar faces, no waiting.

Sellars wins mayor unopposed; Dolan wins contested seat

Lake Tapawingo citizens were allowed to return to the Clubhouse for “post-pandemic” voting April 6, ratifying the unopposed candidacy of John Sellars, 11 Dockside, for mayor with 136 votes to 1 write-in.

In the only contested election, Rhonda Dolan, 54 Anchor, was elected Ward 1 (A Block) city alderman, defeating Kerri Waller, 25 Anchor, 46-20. Otherwise, unopposed candidates were chosen for the other two City Council seats.

Newly elected aldermen are:

- In Ward 1 (A Block), Dolan, succeeding Alderman Charles Cruit, 51 Anchor, who did not seek re-election;
- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, who was unopposed for re-election, receiving 38 votes to 1 write-in;
- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Morgan Combs, 70 Dockside, was unopposed to succeed Sellars as alderman, also receiving 38 votes to 1 write-in.

Mayor-elect Sellars is president emeritus of Graceland University and served one term as alderman, leading city annexation and strategic planning studies in the past two years. He is to be inaugurated at the May 6 City Council meeting, succeeding Mayor Tom Goddard who did not seek re-election after two terms.

The two-year City Council terms are staggered so that one alderman is elected from each of the three city wards each year. Aldermen Steve Magel in Ward 1, Tom Rodenberg in Ward 2 and Bob Seago in Ward 3 have terms that expire in April 2022.

School district election, fire district bonds, tax results

Lake residents helped choose two members of the Blue Springs School Board from a list of five candidates. The top three candidates elected were April Agate, 2,817 votes; incumbent Kurt Swanson, 1,826, and Carl Tharp, 1,640. Other candidates received: Valerie Eva Piercey, 1,194; Bryan Dennie, 921, and write-in, 64.

Also on the Lake ballot were two questions from Central Jackson County Fire Protection District. Question 1, which passed 4,130-971, authorizes issuance of \$10 million in general obligation bonds to build and equip a new fire station at the corner of Duncan and Dillingham roads in Grain Valley. Question 2, which passed 3,470-1,625, authorizes an additional operating tax levy of not more than 30 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to pay for 24 firefighters to operate the new station.



Around the Lake

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to:

The family of Carl Cordes III, 72, 143 Beach, who died at his home March 13. Tom Goddard, 5 Beach, on the death April 12 of his wife, Jody, 81, in an assisted living center in Colorado.

BIRTHDAYS

May 3 Pamela Burlingame, 29 Emerald Shore
 May 4 Barbara Landingham, 62 Dockside
 May 10 Morgan Combs, 70 Dockside
 Roxy Herman, 49 Emerald Shore
 May 12 Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor
 May 13 Gloria Seitz, 76 Beach
 May 21 Julie Davis, 18 Emerald Shore
 May 22 Joe Rush, 80 Beach
 May 25 Steve Fink, 13 Dockside
 May 27 Missy Rios, 50 Beach
 May 29 Dee Singleton, 41 Clipper

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Sherry Bedsworth, 44 Beach
 Gretchen Bretz, 150 Dockside (moving from 148 Dockside)
 Steve and Brenda Robinson, 48 Dockside (moving from 150 Dockside)

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Birthday greetings, Congratulations, Sympathy or Welcome to New Resident, call Margie Guffey of the Women's Club at 589-4166.

Jody Goddard memorial May 17

A memorial service for Lake Tapawingo First Lady Jody Goddard is scheduled at 11 a.m. May 17 at Woods Chapel United Methodist Church, 4725 N.E. Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. A reception will follow until 4 p.m. at the Lake Tapawingo Shelterhouse.

Jody, 81, wife of Mayor Tom Goddard, died April 12 at Casey's Pond, an assisted living facility in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

All watercraft on lakefront must be stickered 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.

Another rule covers boats that are not "operating" but are just sitting on a boatlift or laying on the lakefront. It 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.

Lake Board continues meetings via Zoom

Country Club Board -- The Lake Board again scheduled its two May meetings, **Monday, May 3**, and **Monday, May 17**, for Internet-based conferencing. The meetings start at 7 p.m. Obtain the Zoom link from the Country Club website, www.laketapawingomo.com; from the Lake Office at 228-3721 or office@laketapawingomo.com; or from the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page.

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City-Lake Board panel confirms cooperation, communication

By John Braden

The Municipal Committee, a joint city and Lake Board panel, agreed April 29 on their continued mission to foster communication and cooperation between the Lake Tapawingo City Council and the Country Club Board.

Lake Board Member Steve Meek said, with the election of new Mayor John Sellars and other officers, this was a good time for the joint panel to consider how they have been functioning. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the group has helped keep each body abreast of relevant issues being considered by the other body.

Committee members invited Sellars and Lake Board President Jayme Dean to attend the meetings.

Sellars asked whether the committee's duties included infrastructure planning, including developing parks. It was noted all potential park lands belong to the Country Club, which has a Parks and Beautification Subcommittee to deal with such issues, outside of city jurisdiction. Meek noted it was more likely the panel would consult in specific instances such as coordinating city sewer main replacement with Country Club road resurfacing.

Meek said issues of annexation and access to Country Club roads have arisen recently. In one case, First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs asked how to obtain access to Country Club-owned Beach Drive for two acres within Blue Springs that it is considering selling. The City Council also was advised that Rocky Queen planned to seek voluntary annexation of the former pasture near 1 Anchor where 12 houses would be built.

Meek said the Lake Board had "general reservations" about the proposals and asked how to determine who deals with such matters when they affect the Country Club. Dean said the biggest concern was who would handle the infrastructure. She said the city's unified building code requires a traffic study before approving an annexation. She said the Country Club has no mechanism to be compensated for additional wear and tear on its roads by an estimated 3.5 cars per house, plus delivery vehicles and others.

Dean said the Lake Board needs to be brought early into such discussions

and might have to develop safeguards such as a fee structure for non-Country Club usage of Lake roads.

Cloverdyke said no formal annexation application has been filed. He said a process should be established so when the city learns of such proposals the Lake Board is made aware of them. Sellars suggested aldermen looking at codes revisions should consider a consistent process for potential annexations.

Meek said a contractor for the Country Club completed dock electrical inspections. He said if any residents fail to make required electrical system corrections, he hoped the city could help enforce compliance. Cloverdyke said City Attorney Paul Campo was very supportive of the city using nuisance ordinances to act in cases of danger to life.

Dean noted residents had been advised to remove from Country Club property temporary signs urging drivers to slow down. She noted the signs violate the city sign ordinance and interfere with mowing. She said signs could be placed on residential property but the city ordinance requires they be attached to houses. She said she told residents they could ask the city to consider approving

permanent road signage. Cloverdyke said aldermen dealing with codes could be asked to look at the ordinance.

Dean also brought to the committee's attention a letter Alderman Tom Rodenberg sent to the Lake Board members saying the board should allow residents to erect lakefront fences on Country Club property.

Rodenberg, a lawyer who said he was writing as a resident and not an alderman, said the Country Club should follow a city ordinance that says fences may be no closer than 10 feet from the water's edge to allow unobstructed access to the lake.

Dean noted Rodenberg was misinterpreting the ordinance, which was written to deal with a very few properties in Railroad Cove in which the residential property extends into the lake and there is no Country Club-owned property on the lakefront. In no instances, Dean noted, does the Lake Board allow someone else to build fences on Country Club property.

Dean sought assurance that the city agreed that it is illegal to allow someone to erect a fence on property they do not own. Cloverdyke said the city has no purview to say someone can put a fence on other people's property.



By John Braden

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING -- One last snow (we hope) decorated the landscape April 20, melting away by dark.



Schedule a Saturday/ Sunday boat launch

The Lake Board has scheduled boat launch events on Saturday mornings and the last three Sunday mornings in May.

To save residents from having to hunt volunteer board members for all-hours boat launchings, two-hour blocks, 10 a.m.-noon, will be reserved on selected Saturdays and Sundays at the boat ramp.

Residents are asked to contact the Lake Office in advance of their chosen date, by e-mail at office@laketapawingomo.com or at 228-3721.

The schedule: Saturdays May 1, 8, 15; Sunday May 16; Saturday May 22; Sunday May 23; and Memorial Day Weekend Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30.

Residents still may contact the Lake Office or individual board members to help launch at other times. However, it is hoped the regular schedule will get most boats on the water.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring always comes to Lake Tapawingo, bringing its chores

By President Jayme Dean

A few things here in Lake Tapawingo are not going to change despite all of the changes in the world around us.

1. All watercraft operating on Lake Tapawingo must have a current 2021 registration sticker.
2. Invasive species quarantine of watercraft and lake toys - check with the Lake Office, 228-3721, or a Lake Board member, if you need to officially start your quarantine time.
3. All residents, non-resident owners, and non-owner renters must be invasive species trained prior to using the lake for any activity.
4. The block and lot number of the dock owner must be displayed on your dock.
5. When towing a skier, or towed device, a red or orange flag must be displayed.
6. No more than two people should be towed behind a watercraft.
7. All stand-up paddleboards must remain within the coves or between the shore and the main body buoys of the lake at all times.
8. All boat trailers in the storage lots must display owner's lot and block number. Boats in the storage lots must display current registration stickers.

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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Lake's lawyer questions allowing outsider road access

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met April 5 and 19 via Zoom video conference. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Diane Ayers, 162 Anchor; Janelle Barge, 126 Dockside; Brad Barlow, 134 Beach; Sarah Buchanan and Scott Johnson, 16 Anchor; Renny Buckaloo, 69 Beach; Steve Magel, 14 Anchor; David Peterson, 5 Dockside; Matt and Jane Quinn, 19 Anchor; Mike and Susan Stiles, 26 Beach; Nancy Swaney, 25 Beach; Sarah Wilke, 55 Dockside; Crissy Wilson, 152 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Municipal Business: President Dean said the board's lawyer concluded there were no benefits to the Country Club from allowing access to privately owned and maintained Lake roads by properties that are not within Country Club boundaries.

While the First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs inquired about a process to obtain access to Beach Drive from the back of the church property, she said there is no indication what might be built on the property in question. At one time, the church sought deannexation of two acres from Blue Springs so Lake Tapawingo could annex the property, which might then be sold to two Lake residents, but deannexation has not progressed.

Dean said added traffic would create further wear and tear on the streets without compensation unless some type of fee were to be imposed. She said that would not be in the best interest of the Country Club at this time.

Regarding a separate proposal for city annexation of the Queen pasture near 1 Anchor for construction of 12 houses, Dean said the board had not been invited to that conversation. John Braden noted the city had not yet received a formal voluntary annexation request from owner Rocky Queen, but Mayor Tom Goddard had advised the City Council of Queen's stated intent to ensure the city had as early notice as possible.

Dean asked to meet with the board's members on the joint city-Lake Board Municipal Committee, Board Members Steve Meek and Randy Thatcher, to initiate communication with the city. Meek subsequently requested a meeting of the joint committee to be held April 29.

Brad Barlow said he could see no advantage in adding traffic to Lake roads by granting access to outside properties.

Trespassing concerns: President Dean said vigilant Lake residents had been concerned by five fishermen arriving by truck to fish around the lake at night. She said it turned out to be a Lake resident and friends or relatives. She said Lake residents had been justifiably concerned by appearances. Board Member Wes Knox said the police were called seven times in response to the fishermen.

Dean said the fishing resident had been contacted about assessments, quarantine requirements and fishing limits. She said property owners who have paid their assessments can use the pathways and lakefront to fish, but not other residents' docks without permission.

She added that outside fishing gear cannot be brought into the Lake in violation of invasive species rules.

She said if board members see such activity, they should not approach the fishermen alone, but should notify board officers or the police if necessary.

Temporary signs: President Dean said temporary signs warning drivers to slow down, which have been placed by residents on Country Club property, will be removed because they violate signage ordinances and interfere with mowing of Country Club property. She said temporary signs may be placed on Lake bulletin boards and on residents' own property, although the latter are required by city ordinance (Section 400-1.40) to be attached to the house.

COVID-19: President Dean said although Jackson County Health Department has lifted some gathering restrictions, she is not yet comfortable with the board meeting in person since the mask mandates are still in place. She said board meetings would continue via Zoom and the board may revisit meeting in person in July. She said that the Clubhouse should still be disinfected after each use.

Noting the difficulty maintaining the Zoom connection at some board meetings, Board Member Bill Ellwood suggested the board could resume meeting in person in the Clubhouse while any members who were reluctant to attend could continue to participate via a Zoom connection. Dean said the pandemic requirements for masks and 6-foot spacing plus poor acoustics in the Clubhouse make it difficult to hold an in-person meeting by the 15-member Board.

Lake Management: Miller's pond dam. Board Member Gary Mallen outlined the difficulty of dealing with the
See Miller's, Page 6.

<h2>No Lake privileges</h2>	
April 2021	
The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of April 29. Lake privileges include use of the lake for any purpose as well as all common space such as Liberty Gardens, boat lots, soccer fields, tennis courts, the Clubhouse and shelterhouses.	
15-A	Alberg
27-A	Long
56-A	Beatty
120-A	Rogers
123-A	O'Grady
124-A	Schwenk
129-A	Goodwin
174-A	Trotter
59-B	Day
135-B	Stickney
143-B	Cordes
170-B	Applequist
17-C	Clements
22-C	Theis
98-D	Sykes
3-E	Mattoon
13-E	Semstead



Miller's pond dam rehab options to be investigated

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Miller family siblings, who inherited the Miller farm property, including the pond above AB Cove, but do not necessarily agree with each other on management or sale of the property.

While the deteriorating pond dam and road are on Country Club property, any work on the pond itself, including dredging as recommended by an Affinis engineering report, requires permission of the Miller family. Affinis recommended dredging, replacement of dam drainage pipes and a failing retaining wall and installation of a skimmer structure to limit debris and vegetation flowing into the lake, at a cost of \$362,000.

Mallen said there had been talk about the Country Club buying two or three acres including the pond, but the Millers would prefer to sell the entire 46 acres at a price considered too high for the Country Club to purchase. Mallen said he planned to meet with Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, a longtime acquaintance of the Millers, to discuss options. President Dean said she would give Mallen a copy of the Affinis engineering report and contact information for Affinis to discuss the recommendations.

Silt pond. President Dean said to allow the drained silt pond to dry out further, a July start date was set to begin restoration of the basin land.

Goose control. Board Member Joe Rush said he showed the lake to

wildlife officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture who are to work with the board to control Canada geese. He said he received a document from the officials proposing action but the board needed firm cost figures before it could approve a plan. President Dean asked Office Manager Diana Reyes to seek a firm cost.

Boat launching. Dean asked each board member to take at least one Saturday or Sunday to help launch boats by appointment. She said a launch schedule was e-mailed to board members who were asked to respond with dates on which they can inspect boats at the ramp. Board members are to be at the ramp from 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday and the last three Sundays in May.

Dean said residents need to understand that requests for board services, such as boat launching, are to be made to board members or the Lake Office by telephone or e-mail rather than by asking for help on Facebook. Because the board does not monitor or operate via Facebook, residents can be upset if they receive no response to their Facebook requests.

The Lake Office telephone number is 228-3721; e-mail is office@laketapawingomo.com. Board members' phone numbers were listed on Page 11 of the April *Lake Tapawingo News*.

Boat Lots and Lease Lot: Office Manager Diana Reyes said the Lease

Lot is being cleaned up and leases are being updated and paid for. She said there is one item on the lot whose owner is unidentified and that one person is abusing Lease Lot privileges by bringing in items with no lease agreement.

One item parked on the Lease Lot is larger than acceptable parameters. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Board Member Gary Mallen that a letter to remove the oversized item be sent to the owner warning he has 20 days to remove the equipment or the board will take action. Board Member Hap Graff recommended that Lake attorney Zach Goff be consulted. President Dean said Goff would send the letter.

President Dean said those who have not paid their assessments are not eligible to use the Lease Lot. Additionally, she said some residents are occupying Lease Lot spaces for which they have not paid.

Lease holders in good standing are to be given new lock combination information and the lock combination changed thus leaving unpaid space holders no access to the property until they become current.

Real estate: President Dean said she had been talking to the board's lawyer about establishing market value for small parcels of property that might be sold. Board Member Bill Ellwood said he was trying to create a document

See Lawsuits, Page 7.

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Lawsuits filed seeking delinquent Lake assessments

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listing all the pieces of property to help develop a strategy. He said presentation would be easier in an in-person meeting than via Zoom conference.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Randy Thatcher presented bills for approval pointing out an annual payment of \$3,550 to Missouri Employers Mutual for workers compensation would be a savings to the Country Club. A \$900 bill from Monster Tree service for pruning and maintenance of a tree on Country Club property was not previously voted on. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Board Member Hap Graff to approve the \$900 Monster Tree Service bill.

This brought up the question as to what dollar amount of maintenance and repairs can a subcommittee member approve without a board vote. Board Member Joe Rush said the maximum expenditure for maintenance without a vote is \$1,000.

Thatcher noted an additional COVID-19 sanitizing cost has been added to Clubhouse rentals for payment by renters but the board also was being billed \$12.50 per use for sanitizing when groups were using the Clubhouse free of charge. He asked whether those groups, the Boy Scouts and the Sportsmen’s Club, should be billed. Board Member Bill Ellwood said the board should pay the bill, then discuss reimbursement with the groups. President Dean said she would talk to Renny Buckaloo, who sponsored Clubhouse use by the scouts. The board approved, 10-1, a motion by Thatcher that the bill be paid.

Delinquent assessments. Office Manager Diana Reyes said all the multi-year delinquent property owners had been served legal notice of lawsuits against them, except one whose location was being traced.

President Dean asked the board to consider adding past due assessments for the current year to the “No Lake Privileges” list in the *Lake Tapawingo News*. The board approved, 11-0, a motion by Board Member Clayton Holland to submit the listing in the May 1 newsletter.



COTTONWOOD DOWN -- A crew from Monster Tree Service cut down a dying cottonwood tree March 8 on the Country Club lakefront at 23-A.

Newsletter editor John Braden said the *Lake Tapawingo News* originally identified property owners with delinquent assessments and published the amounts of past due accounts. However, at a time when the board was utilizing a collection agency, it was recommended the delinquent amounts not be published and that the delinquent property owners merely be listed as having “No Lake privileges.” He noted those property owners who lose Lake privileges for violating Lake rules seldom are included in that published list because their

suspension of Lake privileges often expires before they can be published.

Board Member Kim McReynolds recommended that a weekly printing of past due property assessments be printed for board members and Water Patrol so that watercraft are not launched and Lake privileges are restricted for those that are past due on assessments.

Audit. Reyes said financial information had been provided to the auditor, who is to meet with President Dean and Treasurer Randy Thatcher.

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Dock electrical inspections performed, rulemaking seen

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Electricity billing. Reyes said she had been working with the Evergy billing department to clear up ongoing electricity billing errors. She said the last payment made toward the Shelterhouse electricity was \$146.79 on Sept. 19, 2018. Evergy sent an amount of \$1,091.65 to a collection agency in January 2020 for usage between 2019 and 2020. The power to the Shelterhouse was never interrupted.

The billing representative said she could see that there had been unanswered e-mail correspondence from Country Club office personnel for several years regarding a few unresolved accounts. Reyes said she was told that Evergy would only bill for service for one year plus the amount sent to collections for a total of \$2,251.06 to bring the Shelterhouse account current.

The last payment made to Evergy for Clubhouse service was \$574.10 in August of 2019. Again, the billing representative agreed to only bill back one year instead of billing all charges from 2019. The service at that location was never interrupted. The total amount due to bring the account current was: \$1,079.05.

Reyes said one final amount for the aerators in C Cove remained unresolved. She said she believes that amount to be less than \$200 as there were no kilowatts used after July 24, 2018, when the Country Club requested to have service discontinued. The board approved, 10-0, a motion by Thatcher to pay the amounts due for both the Clubhouse and Shelterhouse.



By Matt Kempf

Docks & Waterfront: GFCI testing. Board Member Steve Meek said he and Board Member Randy Thatcher met with the city aldermen on the Municipal Committee to determine whether the city has authority to enforce a property owner's compliance if an electrified dock does not pass a safety inspection. He said the aldermen reported the city attorney said the city could issue a nuisance code violation if there is a danger to life.

Meek said the board now should draft rules regarding dock inspections for 2022.

KC Pros Electric was to inspect electrified docks on the south side of the lake on April 20 and on the north side April

21, with inspections to be completed on April 22. Due to forecast cold and snow for April 20, inspections subsequently were postponed one day, to be performed April 21 and 22.

To inform residents to be ready for the inspections, the board decided to use the *Lake Tapawingo News*, red

See Board, Page 9.

Get ready for Lake Garage Sale, May 14-15

Get your treasures priced and ready for the Lake Tapawingo Garage Sale, Friday-Saturday, May 14-15.

Sellers, get your own garage sale signs for your yard, so buyers will know you are participating. Signs will be prepared for the Lake bulletin boards or Lake entrances.

For information, contact Angie McKay, 32 Emerald Shore, 590-5098, or Connie Fay, 35 Emerald Shore, 694-4900.



Lynda Clarke, 3 Clipper, has offered to take leftover items that she can sell in her shop, Necessities Thrift Shop, 704 S.W. Walnut, Blue Springs, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Drop off items at Necessities or call Lynda at 224-3213 regarding pickup.



Board considers dock, lakefront improvements

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flags and a posting at each bulletin board, posting on social media and an automated phone message.

35-E. Board Member Brian Smith presented a permit application from Curt Fay at 35-E to construct a lakefront patio. The materials are flagstone pavers. Smith said the requested dimensions, 8 by 12 feet, on the application are not larger than surrounding neighbors' patios. Because the ground must be leveled, Smith said the last row of pavers will be installed at a 40- to 45-degree angle to eliminate the need for a step and reduce trip hazard. Since the patio is being constructed with pavers, they can be removed if need be. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Smith to approve the patio permit.

26-B. Board Member David Hillerman presented an application by Mike and Susan Stiles to remove deteriorating landscaping materials on the lakefront at 26-B, including replacement of short walls of railroad ties with walls of stacked stone. The application includes a plan to remove/deliver materials via neighboring property with permission of the neighbor and to protect grinder pumps. Smith said the work on Country Club property must remain within the footprint of the previous structure. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Hillerman to approve the application, not to extend past the existing wall.

152-A. Smith said a previously approved 12- by 25-foot dock for 152-A was constructed and delivered by a contractor before it was determined the water was not deep enough at the shoreline. He said the lack of water depth resulted in the dock sitting on the bottom of the lake. Smith asked the board to approve a variance from the maximum 25-foot dock length to 30 feet. He said the approval would be a variance in length only, to allow a new contractor, Williams Lakefront Construction, to design a new ramp to properly install the dock. There is no seawall at that location. Smith said once the variance was approved, Williams could provide a drawing and materials list with an application to the board to approve the new dock design. The board voted, 9-2 with 1 abstention, to approve Smith's motion to grant the variance.

At the subsequent meeting, Smith presented an application from Mike and Crissy Wilson for redesign of the new ramp for the new dock at 152-A. Smith noted the previous variance approval made it possible for the new contractor to design a ramp attached to poles to be anchored in the lakebed rather than to a seawall. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Smith to approve the new design.

13-A. Board Member Wes Knox presented his own permit application to repair a surface water drainage pipe at 13-A to divert water into a stone-lined trench and into the lake. The board passed, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Board Member Clayton Holland to approve the application.

162-A. Board Member Jennifer Moran presented an application by Lynn and Diane Ayers to replace their non-conforming dock at 162-A without changing the configuration or placement. She said the existing dock is

spaced 11 feet from the neighboring dock on one side and 13 feet, 4 inches from the dock on the other side, which is less than the 15 feet normally required.

Additionally, the dock is 20 feet long and 10 feet wide with a ramp that is 18 feet long and 3 feet wide for a total length of 38 feet. Lake rules allow the board to authorize extending dock length from the normal 25 feet to no more than 30 feet where there is 3 feet or less water depth below the bow of a boat docked alongside. Moran said an underwater rock shelf extends 14 feet from the seawall with a depth of no more than 16 inches.

Moran moved, seconded by Board Member Joe Rush, to approve a replacement dock of the same footprint and requiring encapsulated foam. President Dean said the action would require the board to issue a variance from rules and tabled action until the file for 162-A is reviewed to see if the dock previously had a variance. She said there were a couple of other docks about which there were similar concerns. She said once the file is checked, the board could vote by e-mail on the matter.

25-B. Moran presented an application by Mark and Nancy Swaney for a new dock to replace an existing swim platform dock at 25-B. She said the new slip dock would have an upper deck and conform to rules. She said the ramp would bridge a rock ledge and would require a concrete pad. Smith said the ramp would be on wheels, rolling on the concrete pad so it would be able to move in response to wave action. She said in future the applicants planned to seek permission for a boatlift with electricity. The board passed, 10-0, a motion by Moran to approve the new dock. President Dean told Nancy Swaney they would need city permits for the concrete pad and electricity.

91-D. Moran said Jim Conway, 91 Dockside, submitted an application for a dock for his new house on second tier. She said the application had to be delayed until she received a materials list. She said the proposed dock space would be between 39-D and 40-D where there was sufficient space.

See Playground, Page 10.

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Playground set replacement eyed; new tree offered

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Moran said she asked the owner of an unsafe dock at 133-D to surrender that space, as suggested by board members, but the owner declined. President Dean said that owner would have to be contacted to comply with safety requirements.

Water Patrol: Board Member Wes Knox said he told Water Patrol members that patrolling might start in early or mid-May and he wanted to assess weather forecasts and boater activity before deciding. He said officers were receiving invasive species training. Board Member Brian Smith said he would ask Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf to de-winterize the patrol boats.

Parks and Beautification: Renny Buckaloo said Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop 763 were grateful for being allowed to use the Shelterhouse and Clubhouse while their host church was closed to them during the pandemic. He said they asked what service project they might perform for the Lake and that President Dean had suggested cleaning up playgrounds.

Buckaloo said there was concern the wooden playground set behind the Clubhouse was unstable and unsafe. He said the current set had been purchased by the Sportsmen's Club and was not substantial enough. He asked that the

scouts be allowed to demolish the playground set and put the debris in a Lake dumpster. However, he said the troop could not afford to purchase and install a replacement set and asked the board to consider buying a replacement.

President Dean said the matter could be assigned to the Parks and Beautification subcommittee to consider budget numbers and talks with the Sportsmen's Club and Women's Club. Board Member Joe Rush said the Sportsmen's Club would consider the matter in May. The board passed, 10-1, a motion by Rush to approve demolition of the playground set.

Board Member Brian Smith noted Rick LaCombe, 117 Beach, of Rick LaCombe's Tree Service, completed removal of a dying tree and beehive on Lake property next to 117 Beach. Smith said LaCombe asked if the LaCombes could plant a replacement tree on the property that LaCombe was willing to donate.

Board members expressed concern that long-lived hardwoods be planted on Country Club property in conformance to previous board policy. John Braden noted the board's Memorial Tree Program contains the list of previously approved tree species for planting and that the Parks and Beautification subcommittee normally would be designated to handle such a request.

Maintenance: Board Member Joe Rush said part time help for Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf might be available from one of the Water Patrol employees. Kempf was to be contacted regarding an estimate of hours for help needed. Rush said contract mowing began April 1.

Board Member Brian Smith said Kempf would ask Dan Rowe of the city Water and Sewer Department to help relocate and stabilize drifted buoys.

Rush reported Kempf cut a dead tree on Country Club property behind 95 Anchor. He said Kempf has on the list to repair or get a fence company out for repair of the damaged fence along the railway.

Smith said HB Construction would repair rock culverts to divert water from puddling near the Clubhouse.

Lake Environment: Board Member Brian Smith said the invasive species quarantine time had been reduced to 21 days.

Dam and Spillway: President Dean said quotes are needed to repair damage and erosion on concrete areas as recommended in the state dam inspection earlier this year. Board Member Brian Smith said he contacted Ross Construction to obtain a second quote on concrete repair/replacement.

See Clubhouse, Page 11.

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Photos by John Nicol
NEW EGG MAN -- In his first year as organizer, the Sportsmen's Club's Jared Barge, top right, lays out the ground rules for the 5-minutes-or-less Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at the Clubhouse. The youngsters, divided into three age groups, swarmed over the grounds sweeping up plastic eggs filled with goodies.



Clubhouse rentals increase; drainage grate repairs proceed

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Clubhouse: President Dean said Clubhouse rentals were increasing, including some weddings. She asked if the Sportsmen's Club would be removing Christmas lights. Board Member Joe Rush said they had been removed.

Roads, Easements and Pathways: Board Member Joe Rush said two of the six below-grade road drainage grate repairs were finished but he was disappointed in the rate of progress.

He said another hazardous grate had been located and added to the list for repair by Underground Plumbing Pros.

Board Member Clayton Holland said he was seeking bids for road pothole repairs.

Lake Office: John Braden asked that the board refund Trevor Combs \$160 for prepaid *Lake Tapawingo News* advertising for Combs Tax from May to December. Mr. Combs has moved from the area and is no longer doing business in Missouri. The board

passed, 10-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Board Member Joe Rush to approve the refund.

Executive sessions: President Dean convened a closed executive session on April 5 to deal with personnel matters. She convened a second closed executive session April 19 to discuss information regarding property owners who have not paid their assessments.

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MAYOR'S MINUTES

'Mayor in Training' invites your acquaintance

By Mayor-elect John Sellars

As I prepare to move into the Mayor's Office, my thoughts are of appreciation for the work of Mayor Tom Goddard. It was a privilege to be on the Board of Aldermen under Tom's leadership. His love for the City and the people that live here was often on display in our meetings and discussions. Our thoughts and prayers go with him especially with the passing of his lovely wife Jody.



As an introduction, my wife Bette and I have been married for 53 years. We have three children and nine grandchildren. We have owned our house on Lake Tapawingo for 14 years but have lived here for four years. This gave us 10 years of living

here on the weekends to prepare our house for retirement life.

My wife Bette is a retired art professor and has a painting studio in our home. She started an Amish Country Store when we lived in Iowa. Two of our children now own and operate that store. Bette still spends some time in Iowa every month helping our children with buying and merchandising.

My background is that right out of high school I served in the U.S. Navy which included time in Vietnam. My battle station was the front guns on the ship. After being discharged I went to college and became a CPA. I spent several years as an accountant and finance officer.

Eventually, I became a professor and spent the rest of my career in higher education at different levels.

In retirement my primary focus has been serving on boards, reading, wood carvings and baking. Often, I sit on the back porch (water side) and draw geese and ducks. These drawings eventually become wood sculptures. I am also trying to learn how to bake artisan breads.

As an Alderman, I developed an appreciation for the many people who volunteer their time to ensure a quality of life at Lake Tapawingo. The Lake Board, Women's Club, Sportsmen's Club, Mayor, and Aldermen all are volunteers. To each of these people I want to say "Thank You" for all you do to make Lake Tapawingo a vibrant lake community.

Now as the "Mayor in Training," I am learning about the excellent employees we have working at the Lake. Again, I want to say "Thank You" to the Police Department, City Clerk, Sewer and Water staff, and the Lake Board staff. We are blessed to have such high-quality employees.

I hope that over the next few months we can get to know each other. I plan on hosting "Coffee with the Mayor" sessions. Please let me know what times would work the best for you. Would it be Monday mornings, Friday afternoons, or Saturday mornings? I can also be available for one-on-one meetings if that works better for you.

While I will not be at the office full-time, my plan is to spend one or two days a week at City Hall. Please let me know your thoughts. My e-mail address is johndsellars1@gmail.com. Blessings.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City estimates modest property tax levy reduction

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met April 1 via Zoom video conference. Mayor Tom Goddard presided.

Visitors: Jody Goddard, 5 Beach; Kevin Hornick, 7 Anchor; Charlie Plank, 38 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Property tax levy: The council passed, by unanimous voice vote, a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to approve Bill 1213, Resolution 90352: *A Resolution Estimating 2021 Property Tax Levy Rates*. The estimate will be sent to Jackson County for the coming year.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud said the proposed estimated property tax for 2021 is non-binding and the actual

rates will be determined in August or September when approved by the state auditor's office. He said he used the 2020 assessed valuation along with the 2020 approved rates to determine the estimate.

Blixrud said the rates he estimated are slightly lower than the 2020 rates. The assessed valuation of all property in the city increased from \$21,343,638 for 2020 to \$22,737,125 for 2021. The estimated levy rate would be \$0.76 per \$100 of assessed valuation, slightly less than last year's \$0.7999, for general operating (originally approved by voters in 2014 at \$1), and \$1.45, less than last year's \$1.50, for the general obligation debt service to repay bonds to finance replacement of the city water mains, for a total levy rate for 2021 of \$2.21 per \$100

of assessed valuation, less than last year's \$2.2999.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke asked about possible revenue increases when valuations are higher due to new construction, yet rates are lowered. Blixrud said the rates do allow some increase in expected revenue with some due to new construction. However, with little growth, he said new construction probably accounts for only \$2,000 to \$3,000 more in increased total valuation.

Building Codes: Aldermen Steve Magel and Tom Rodenberg presented proposed building code changes for discussion and consideration. Magel said it was time for the city to adopt updated national building codes standards. He proposed adopting 2018 standards. **See Council, Page 15.**



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Council advances plan to update building, electric codes

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International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Codes to replace the 2000 version the city currently uses. He proposed the council also adopt a 2017 National Electric Code to replace the 1999 version currently in use.

Magel proposed the council ask City Attorney Paul Campo to draft an ordinance to adopt the codes. Campo said the city is required to give first round approval of an ordinance and then have the proposed code books on file for 90 days so the public may review them and comment before a final vote to adopt them.

The council unanimously approved a motion by Magel to direct City Clerk Paul Blixrud to purchase the 2018 International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Code books plus 2017 National Electric Code book, which Campo estimated would cost from \$500 to \$1,000.

Magel also proposed that building permit fees be increased. He said the current fee of \$25 does not cover the cost of the building inspector, who charges \$35 per hour, or the city clerk in reviewing plans. Further discussion was expected on criteria for determining fees.

The alderman also proposed that Campo draft an ordinance revising requirements for occupational permits, or business licenses, including contractor's license for certain trades.

Rodenberg proposed the council proceed with drafting a new fence ordinance, which had been postponed due to concern a public hearing could not be held during pandemic restrictions. He proposed the ordinance follow interim guidelines adopted by the council in September 2020.

Annexation: Mayor Goddard said an annexation petition for the former pasture next to 1 Anchor had not been received yet and he had not heard from owner Rocky Queen since the March council meeting.

Office: City Clerk Paul Blixrud asked the council to review the proposed budget for the fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2021. He said it would need to be approved by June 2021. He noted corrections and changes to the current budget report entries that he is still working on.

Building: City Clerk Paul Blixrud said a Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting was scheduled for April 6 to review a deck request and a fence request. He said a variance request yet to be scheduled seeks to enclose a carport into a garage that would encroach on a side setback. He said a builder submitted plans to build a house at 108 Beach but had yet to furnish a survey plot plan.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said orders for new grinder pumps now require about 30 to 45 days, but the city currently has adequate inventory. He said one of the three suppliers has increased price significantly. Seago said in the previous 30 days the department had installed five new grinder pumps, mostly due to bad weather. He said Dan Rowe is working out well with the department.

Municipal Committee: Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the joint city-Lake Board Municipal Committee met once since the previous council

meeting and discussed electrical codes as related to docks and waterfront. Cloverdyke said the Lake Board hired a firm to inspect all electrical connections on docks.

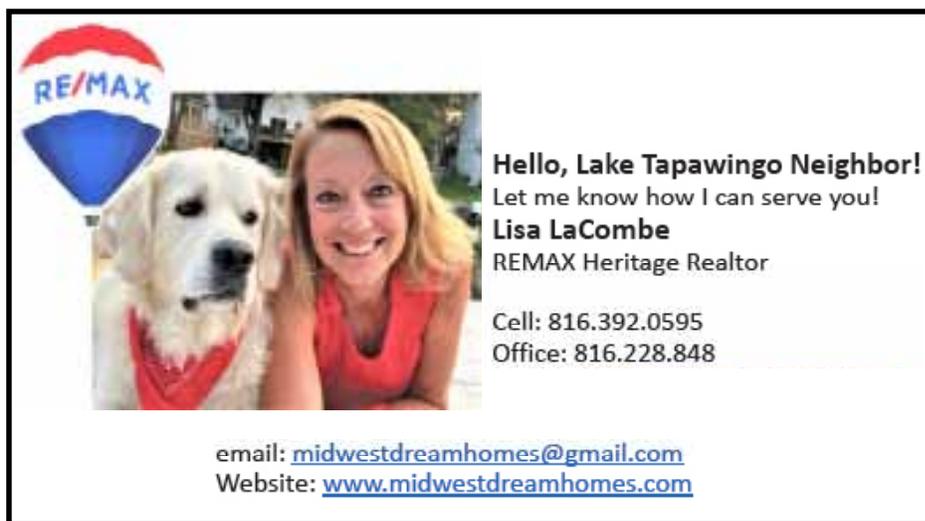
He said Lake Board members asked what the city could do to help enforce safe electrical connections on docks. He said City Attorney Paul Campo said the city can use the nuisance ordinance to require life-threatening conditions to be corrected.

Signs and Lights: Alderman Steve Magel said he would address ordinance revisions in the next few months to change or add new road signs as discussed in previous council meetings.

Mayor: Mayor Goddard presented Alderman Charles Cruik a plaque recognizing him for his service as aldermen for the past two years.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke presented Goddard a plaque recognizing him for his service as mayor for the past four years. Cloverdyke noted Goddard's work to complete details of the new City Hall, reorganize the police department and oversee the city's improved financial position.

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Variance OK'd for deck encroachment; privacy fence denied

By John Braden

The Lake Tapawingo Board of Zoning Adjustment met April 6, voting to approve a variance from building ordinances to allow a deck extension at 159 Anchor to encroach into the setback from the side property line while rejecting another variance to allow a 6-foot-tall privacy fence between houses at 24 Beach.

Doug and Dawn Miller, 159 Anchor, submitted an application for a variance to expand their current side deck 17 feet toward the front of the lot ending at the front edge of their house and 3 feet toward the side of the lot, encroaching one corner 3 feet into the 6-foot side setback required by city ordinance.

The house faces on Anchor Drive at its intersection with an unnamed Country Club road that runs past the side of the house uphill to the Lake Maintenance Building. The deck work is proposed for the side facing the unnamed road, which is aligned at an angle so it is closer to the front corner of the house than the rear. Extending the deck to the side would put the front corner of the new deck only 3 feet from the side property line and the road. Because the road sits at an angle, the encroachment decreases toward the rear of the lot.

Dawn Miller said the extended deck would make the house look nicer and would improve the value of the house. Under questioning from Chairman Dan Brown, Miller said denial of a variance would require the extended deck width to be tapered or staggered along the side of the house. BZA Member Joe Rush said the intervening road meant the deck would not interfere with neighboring residential property.

The BZA voted, 4-0, to approve the variance.

BZA denies privacy fence variance in dog dispute

Jason and Janet Eaves, 24 Beach, submitted an application for a variance to erect a 6-foot-tall, 48-foot-long solid privacy fence between 24 Beach and 25 Beach. City ordinance restricts fences to 4 feet tall with minimum 3-inch spaces between slats or pickets.

The application stated Mark and Nancy Swaney, 25 Beach, have a 4-foot-tall fence on the joint property line containing an unfriendly German Shepherd that the Eaveses contended the owners cannot control. They said the dog is large enough to stick its head over the fence and causes concern it could jump the fence, endangering the Eaves family when members walk beside their house.

The Eaveses proposed installing the 6-foot fence to protect against the dog. Drawings indicated the fence does not extend beyond the houses at either end and that it is below a retaining wall and the elevation of Beach Drive, apparently reducing its visibility from the road.

BZA Member Elizabeth Braden questioned whether the request was an animal control issue, rather than a structural variance issue. Brown said it was framed as a request to build a fence that does not comply with city ordinances, making it appropriate for BZA action.

Before the meeting, the Swaney family and Mark and Susan Stiles, 26 Beach, had each submitted letters opposing the fence,

defending the behavior of the Swaney family's dog and portraying the Eaveses' dogs as the uncontrolled barking aggressors. Mark Swaney said he does not have a dangerous dog and that one of the Eaveses' dogs had bitten people three times. Swaney said he put up his 4-foot-tall fence last year, with city approval, because of the Eaveses' dogs. He added that the Eaveses should obtain a stake survey of the property line before being allowed to build. Nancy Swaney testified that the Eaveses have cameras pointed at their house and agitate their German shepherd in an attempt to catch him on camera being aggressive.

Lake Board President Jayme Dean asked to speak and asked Brown to reread the criteria the BZA uses to make decisions. After Brown read them, Dean said she wanted to speak to the criterion of whether granting a variance would produce a "substantial change ... in the character of the neighborhood." Dean said first-tier residents are subject to a different set of standards than residents of other tiers. Her concern was that approval of the variance would encourage other first-tier homeowners to request similar fences, changing the character of the neighborhood.

Janet Eaves reiterated that the fence would not be able to be seen from the street. Both Braden and BZA Member Meg Seifert said they have viewed the property and the fence would be visible from the street.

Robert Lee, 27 Beach, spoke to the "substantial change" criteria that Dean did, saying approval of the variance would change the neighborhood aesthetic, and would change the character and feel of the Lake.

The BZA voted, 4-0, against the variance request.

Encroachments sought May 11 for garage, new house

The BZA is to reconvene May 11 to consider two requests for variances from building ordinances, one to allow enclosure of a carport at 97 Anchor that would result in a garage encroaching 5 feet into a 6-foot side setback and the other to allow a proposed house at 108 Beach to encroach on front and side setbacks.

The board is to meet at 6 p.m. May 11 at City Hall with masks required.

Michelle Provin, 97 Anchor, is resubmitting a request for a variance to enclose her carport, which is 1 foot from the side property line, creating a garage encroaching 5 feet into the 6-foot setback from a Lake pathway. Provin submitted a similar request in July 2016 that the BZA rejected, 4-0. Provin cited arguments of safety, privacy and protection for her renewed request.

A contractor for Enrique and Barbara Chavez submitted a request for variance involving a proposed new house at 108 Beach, a lot created in December 2019 when the Lake Tapawingo Zoning Commission approved a request by Jim and Betty Megerson to split their lot at 110 Beach into 110-B and 108-B. The new lot is 71 feet wide at the street, 51 feet wide at the back and about 99 feet deep. The request for variance asks that the proposed second-tier house be able to encroach 10 feet into the 15-foot setback from the front (street) property line and about 1.5 feet into both 6-foot side setbacks at the back corners.

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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Cinco de Mayo falls on Siete (7) de Mayo this year!

By Shannon Follis

Spring has sprung! Thank you to everyone who donated desserts and/or volunteered at the Women's Club table at the Sportsmen's Club BBQ.

It was great to see everyone, the food was delicious, and it was great to see people grab some great Lake logo gear at discounted prices. The Women's Club is working with our vendor to try to get another order of new logo items in and available for Lake residents.

On May 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with tacos at the Clubhouse. See the flier, this issue. The Women's Club has invited a taco food truck out and will be set up to sell new Lake tumblers and margaritas. The tumblers are fantastic, soft non-breakable multicolored pint glass sized cups. Great for enjoying our time out and about the lake.



We are excited to announce the goal this summer is to have ice cream boats out two times a month on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, starting on the fourth Saturday in June. We hope you are looking forward to some cold sweet treats while out swimming and living the lake life.

Block Wars is on for this summer! Keep an eye out for information on block parties leading up to the event. If you are interested in being on the planning committee for Block Wars or volunteering at it, please reach out to Lisa Hodges on Facebook or 728-3230.



By John Nicol

BBQ FINISHING TOUCH -- The Women's Club provided desserts and sold Lake logo gear at the April 17 Sportsmen's Club Barbecue at the Shelterhouse

If you aren't yet a member, sign up to be a member of the Women's Club. Dues are \$15 per year. The Women's Club is a great way to meet neighbors, help plan and hold community events, raise money for the scholarship fund, and enjoy lake life to the fullest. Julie Davis is the membership director and can help with signing up and paying.

The next Women's Club Board meeting is at 7 p.m. May 13 at the Clubhouse. The next regular meeting is at 7 p.m. May 20 at the Clubhouse. Come hang out, sign up, and participate.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast,

Monday, May 31

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Prospective servers must contact Chuck Welch, 45 Beach, 500-4383, be at least 12 years old, and apply immediately!

Consideration: 1) First caller, first selected and 2) Sportsmen's Club member family



By John Nicol

A CANOPY KEPT SHOWERS AWAY -- as the Sportsmen's Club sold barbecue fixin's for carryout, left, or sit-down eating in the Shelterhouse April 17.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Kids Fishing Derby May 15; Memorial Day Pancakes May 31

By John Nicol

The Sportsmen's Club BBQ Feast reached another level of service April 17, with 180-plus patrons served delicious barbecue.

A lot of "takeout" barbecue was served at the beginning, under overcast skies and a quick rain shower. Then the sun shined on the diners who made it to the Shelterhouse.

Served in takeout containers under tent canopies, the run on delicious barbecue dinners reached 180 adult dinners before selling out in two hours. The meats and sides were enjoyed by all.

Thanks for coming and thanks to Jim Clarke and John Harrison smoking the meats to perfection, the Women's Club for providing excellent desserts; and the Sportsmen's Club cast of Jeremy Cumberland, Mike Bellinghausen,

Chuck Welch, Matt Quinn, Tyler Follis, John Nicol, Scott Rhodes, Mike Cloyde and additional willing hands bringing and setting up the shelters.

Annual (minus 1) Easter Egg Hunt enjoys beautiful day

Making up for last year's pandemic-canceled Easter Egg Hunt, the kids, parents and grandparents enjoyed beautiful sunny weather for the resumed annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4.

Under the new command of Jared Barge, the multi-colored plastic eggs with a treat inside were quickly gathered by the three age groups of youngsters as they were photographed and cheered on by parents and

See Kids, Page 21.

The Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Club

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Lake Kids Fishing Derby!

Saturday, May 15



Registration begins at the Shelterhouse at 8 a.m.

Fish weigh-in at 1 p.m. Trophies, hot dog lunch

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Kids Fishing Derby offers trophies, lunch, gifts

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grandparents. The turnout was a delight to many new residents and their little ones as they filled their baskets.

See Easter Egg Hunt, Page 11.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Shelterhouse for the annual Lane Lasher Kids Fishing Tournament, also known as the Kids Fishing Derby.



Everyone earns a trophy at weigh-in at 1 p.m. with recognition for the biggest single fish caught, the most caught, and the highest total weight of fish.

A gift will be given to all participants. A lunch of hot dogs, chips, treats and soda at the weigh-in is also to be enjoyed after fishing with parents and grandparents.

This annual event is a way for the Sportsmen's Club to create interest in a fine Lake activity among our younger citizens, all for free.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast returns to Clubhouse

The Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, a Lake tradition for more than 60 years, will begin at 7 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Clubhouse and continue until 11 a.m., or until the food runs out. Come and enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice being served by our Lake kids. Breakfast is just \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Credit cards welcome.

Masks are required to enter. Distancing will be by family groups.

Prospective servers must contact Chuck Welch, 45 Beach, at (816) 500-4383, be 12 years old, and apply immediately as it is first caller, first selected, with further consideration for being from a Sportsmen's Club member family.

Name July 4 Boat Parade theme, win \$50 of fireworks

Residents again have a chance to win \$50 in Sportsmen's Club fireworks by proposing a theme for the

Fourth of July Boat Parade. Submit your idea, name and phone number to a club member in time for presentation at the Sportsmen's Club meeting May 11. You may also contact Jim Clarke at (816) 807-9137 with your theme idea.

New members greeted at year's first regular meeting

After months of pandemic restrictions, President Jim Clarke finally opened a regular meeting April 13 at the Clubhouse. Treasurer Chuck Welch researched and proposed to buy a computer table for no more than \$600, which was seconded by John Harrison and passed.

John, as First Vice President, then announced membership to be 173 having been given a boost by new attendees who were introduced: Rob Jordan, 29 Beach; Dustin Allen, 70 Beach; Randy Gregory, 38 Emerald Shore; Mark Jensen, 200 Anchor, and Colton Stuckmeyer, 65 Dockside.

Second Vice President Joe Rush had a lot to cover with all the upcoming activities. Times were set to prepare for the BBQ Feast and tent canopies were requested; Kid's Fishing Derby; Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast and Boat Parade Theme. Discussion of fireworks supply availability and sources led to Chuck Welch making a motion to increase the security overnight pay which was seconded by Rob Jordan and passed.

Third Vice Presidents Jeremy Cumberford and Barnard Wilson shared tales of good fishing and the catching of a wiper, a hybrid striped bass stocked some years ago.

We had a visit by our new Mayor-elect John Sellers who was providing his vision of greater participation and communication between officials and groups to build an even more vibrant community.

That was difficult to top, but Barnard Wilson surprised Greg Fedo with a small cake with candles for his upcoming 70th birthday, which he did blow out.

With the new members as an excellent example, Jeremy Cumberford began discussing having a welcome basket with information on clubs and Lake activities that are available to join at the Lake.

***Enter your theme idea for the
2021 Fourth of July Boat Parade
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Submit your theme, name and phone number to a Sportsmen's Club member in time for entry at the Sportsmen's Club meeting **May 11**. You may also contact Jim Clarke at 807-9137 with your idea.



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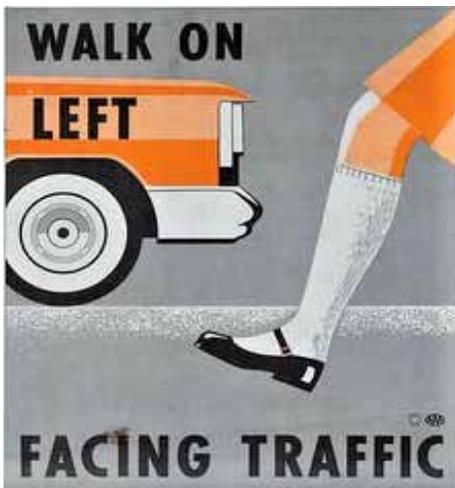
By Chief Tammy Taylor

As summer is approaching more time will be spent outside, so please remember while out walking (especially at night) to wear light-colored clothing and some type of reflective gear



Be bright at night. Wear reflectors.

or carry flashlights.



Walk against the traffic so that motorists can see you easier upon their approach.

If walking with your dogs, make sure they are on leashes and protected as well.

Memorial Day: Celebrate, remember, stay safe

Did you know? Memorial Day became an official holiday in 1971. It was observed traditionally on May 30 from 1868-1970 until the Uniform Monday Holiday Act took effect in 1971 at which time it was moved to the last Monday of the month.

While remembering, celebrating, mourning and giving thanks to the men and women of the armed forces let's all be responsible and safe during this three-day weekend and the unofficial kickoff of summer.

Missouri fatality totals

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has issued year end 2020 statewide fatality totals:

Year	Vehicle	Boating	Drowning
2018	921	16	34
2019	881	18	66
2020	986	14	51

Keep these numbers in mind when out and about daily and when planning road trips or vacations. Stay safe and have a great summer!



Police Reports

	March 1-31	Feb. 1-Feb. 28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30
Traffic offenses					
- Anchor	4	4	4	3	0
- Beach	4	0	8	1	0
- Clipper	2	0	4	0	0
- Dockside	1	0	5	3	1
- Emerald Shore	0	0	1	0	0
- Tapawingo Lane	0	0	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel	2	6	2	3	9
- U.S. 40	45	22	45	39	42
- Total	58	32	69	49	52
Warrant arrests	0	1	2	1	0
Arrests	1	3	4	3	1
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	0	0	5	1	0
Calls for service	19	9	18	17	15
Warnings	38	30	31	27	38
Total	116	75	129	98	106



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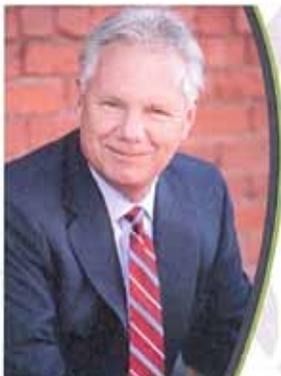
A: Let us shop for you. We have access to many different companies, not just one.

Q: Insurance is confusing. A real hassle.

A: With 36 years experience we can help coach you, making it understandable and easy.

Q: I hate calling "an 800" number or talking with someone different every time.

A: Not with us! Local, available and committed to you and the Lake community.



PREMIER NETWORK

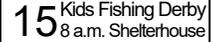
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Lake Resident



MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Plan ahead. Invasive species quarantine period is now 21 days.						1  Boat launching 10 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office)
2	3 Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	4	5	6 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall	7  Women's Club Cinco de Mayo taco truck, margaritas 6:30 p.m. Shelterhouse	8 Boat launching 10 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office)
9  Mother's Day	10	11 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m. City Hall Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse	12	13 Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	14 Lake Garage Sale May 14-15 →	15  Kids Fishing Derby 8 a.m. Shelterhouse Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Clubhouse (preregister) Boat launching 10 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office)
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23 Boat launching 10 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office)	24	25	26 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence	27	28	29 Boat launching 10 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office) Class of '21 Boat Parade, 3 p.m. Liberty Landing
30 Boat launching 10 a.m.-noon (preregister with Lake Office)	31 Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast 7-11 a.m. Clubhouse					

Invasive species training for new residents offered at Clubhouse

The Lake Board offers in-person invasive species training at the Clubhouse on the third Saturday of every month with COVID-19 mask and social distancing precautions. Training is required before residents may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."

Training sessions are held at 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse on the third Saturday of the month.

Upcoming sessions include:

- May 15
- June 19
- July 17



Those seeking training should contact the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or 228-3721 to make arrangements.

New training only pertains to residents who have not been trained before. Residents who underwent training

in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are required only to sign certificates in 2021. Copies are available from the Lake Office.

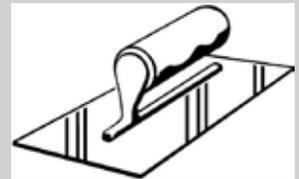
Rules require invasive species training before property owners or renters may obtain boat stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."

Violation of invasive species rules -- including using the lake without invasive species training -- can result in revocation of Lake privileges for up to a year plus other penalties.



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