LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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By John Braden Future generation of crappie reaches new home

About 2,000 6- to 7-inch crappie were delivered to their new home in Lake Tapawingo April 21, courtesy of the Sportsmen's Club and Harrison Fishery Inc. of Hurdland, Mo.

Club members met the fish at the boat ramp and helped net them out of the tanker truck and release them into Railroad Cove.

The club's Barnard Wilson, 44 Clipper, said the Sportsmen spent \$4,000 on the fish and plans to spend another \$2,000 to stock minnows in the fall.

The club asked the Lake Board to tighten fishing rules to prevent harvesting of crappie of less than 9 inches and to impose a daily maximum limit for fish caught. The club also asked the board to require all residents to sign an agreement to abide by such rules or lose their Lake privileges. Current Lake Rules limit taking of crappie of less than 9 inches and carry a three-point penalty for violation but there is no daily harvest limit. Board Member Wes Knox said he expects the board will accept his recommendation to prohibit taking crappie of less than 10 inches in length and that no more than 15 crappie may be taken per day per fisherman.

Board urges compliance with 9-inch, 15-crappie/day guide

Lake Board President Jayme Dean asked the Rules subcommittee to work with the Sportsmen to draft rules. In the meantime, the board urged fishermen to comply with the existing minimum 9-inch limit on crappie and to voluntarily take no more than 15 crappie per day per fisherman to protect the young crappie.



Lake voters return unopposed incumbents to City Council seats

Lake residents cast a total of 86 votes April 5 to return three unopposed incumbent aldermen to the Lake Tapawingo City Council.

Three of the six City Council seats were up for election on April 5. Only the three incumbent aldermen filed for election. Re-elected to new two-year terms were: -- In Ward 1 (A Block), Alderman Steve Magel, 14 Anchor, with 24 votes; -- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Tom Rodenberg, 35 Beach, with 33 votes; -- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Alderman Bob Seago, 12 Emerald Shore, with 29 votes.

Lake residents also helped pick the winning two from four candidates for Blue Springs School Board, incumbents Rhonda Gilstrap with 4,068 votes including 64 from the Lake precincts, and Bobby Hawk with 3,218 votes including 39 from the Lake. Other candidates were Nick Bleess, who received 2,133 votes including 32 from the Lake, and William Hecht, who received 1,715 votes including 18 from the Lake.

City expects to cut property tax 10 cents per \$100 valuation

The Lake Tapawingo City Council estimated April 7 that the city's 2022 property tax levy will be reduced about 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation compared to the 2021 tax rate.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud said the proposed estimated tax for 2022 is nonbinding and actual rates will be determined in late summer when approved by the State Auditor. He said he used 2021 assessed valuation along with 2021 approved rates to make the estimate.

Blixrud said the rates he estimated are nearly the same for the general See Declining, Page 3.

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Around the Lake

Garland Brooks, 22 Anchor, on the death April 19 of his wife, Shirley, 83, at her home.

Elson Seitz, 76 Beach, on the death April 12 of his wife, Gloria, 89, at the Villages of Jackson Creek, Independence.

GET WELL

Margie Guffey, 45 Beach Ron McIntire, 44 Anchor Bette Sellars, 11 Dockside

BIRTHDAYS

- May 3 Pamela Burlingame, 29 Emerald Shore
- May 4 Barbara Landingham, 62 Dockside
- May 10 Morgan Combs, 46 Emerald Shore Roxy Herman, 49 Emerald Shore
- May 12 Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor
- 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

Dane and Jamie Presler, 41 Beach Grace Stuckmeyer, 22 Beach

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Sympathy, Birthday greetings, Congratulations or Welcome to New Resident, call or text Lisa Davis of the Women's Club at (530) 386-1629.

Get invasive species training for boating season

The Lake Board plans invasive species training at 9 a.m. **May 21** in the Clubhouse. Training normally is set on the third Saturday of each month. Training is required before residents may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."



Those seeking training should contact the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or (816) 228-3721 to make arrangements.



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Smoke detector 'blitz' installs 111 alarms in Lake homes

Teams from Central Jackson County Fire Protection District and the American Red Cross visited 56 homes installing 111 smoke detectors free of charge during the April 16 "Sound the Alarm" smoke detector "blitz" of homes in Lake Tapawingo.



Volunteers from CJC, the Northwest Missouri Chapter of the Red Cross and other community partners divided into teams to canvass each Lake residential block, going door-to-door, asking residents to allow them to check their smoke alarms. They replaced any nonworking or aging detectors for free. The teams

also visited the Still Meadows Subdivision, bounded by Quarry Road, 19th Street, U.S. 40 and Mic-O-Say Drive in Blue Springs

Red Cross and CJC volunteers also shared information on causes of home fires, how to prevent them, what to do if

a fire starts and how to create an escape plan. Smoke alarms are recommended to be replaced every 10 years.

Lake residents who still need





By John Braden

CAUSE FOR ALARM -- The D Block team of smoke detector installers was led by Chip Portz, chief of community risk reduction for the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District.

assistance with their smoke alarms or want them checked can visit www.redcross.org/smokealarmMO to schedule an appointment or call (816) 385-5955 to reserve a visit.

Declining water bond debt service brings down property tax rate

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operating fund but 10 cents lower from the previous year for the general obligation debt service to repay bonds to finance replacement of the city water mains.

The rates he estimated per \$100 of assessed valuation are \$0.76 for the general fund and \$1.35 for the debt service; for a total of \$2.11. Last year's rate was \$2.2093.

The debt service on the general obligation bond will mature in 2024. Alderman Steve Magel asked if the city could pay ahead and reduce the bond term. Blixrud said he would have to check.

After discussion, the council passed, by unanimous voice vote, a motion by Alderman Brad Cloverdyke to approve Bill 1225, Resolution 90354: *A Resolution Estimating 2022 Property Tax Levy Rates.* The estimate will be sent to Jackson County for next year.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met April 7 at City Hall. Mayor John Sellars presided.

Visitors: Jason Eaves, 24 Beach; Jim Megerson, 110 Beach; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Beehives: City Attorney Paul Campo said inquiries had been made whether residents could maintain beehives in the city. City Clerk

Paul Blixrud said inquiries apparently began on the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page and included one resident's call to City Hall. Campo said there are no city ordinances on the subject and, if the matter were to proceed, it probably should be referred to the city Zoning Commission for study and recommendation.

Police Chief Tammy Taylor said she investigated the same question from a resident two years ago. She said she contacted the Missouri State Beekeepers Association and learned the state would not allow beehives in areas with population and lot sizes as small as Lake Tapawingo's. Concern was also expressed about the proximity of bee populations to children and people who are allergic to bee stings.

After discussion Mayor Sellars closed the discussion with no further action to take at this time.

Parking: Mayor Sellars said concern had been expressed about some overnight parking at the Lake as well as parking on corners and other areas. Alderman Steve Magel said he and Chief Tammy Taylor are working to get the new approved no parking and stop signage up, but have been delayed due to weather and scheduling conflicts. He said most residents adhere to rules, but, in some cases, it is the residents' responsibility to inform their guests. Taylor said she believes when in place, the new signs should help with some **See City, Page 5.**

Let's Celebrate!!! Graduate Boat Parade

Sunday, May 29 beginning at 2 p.m. (Rain Date Monday, May 30, at 2 p.m.)

Boats line up near Liberty Landing at 1:45 p.m. and tour the lake (heading toward Railroad Cove and circling the entire lake/all coves) showing off the graduates.

Decorate your boat, wear your cap and gown, and have fun!

For any graduate interested, immediately following the parade, meet at the Wharton's dock (22 Emerald Shore) and we will take each graduate for a lap around the lake in their cap and gown while tubing, wakeboarding, skiing, etc. We might even take a picture or two for you!!

Stacy Wharton

Lakefront boats must be stickered May 1

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



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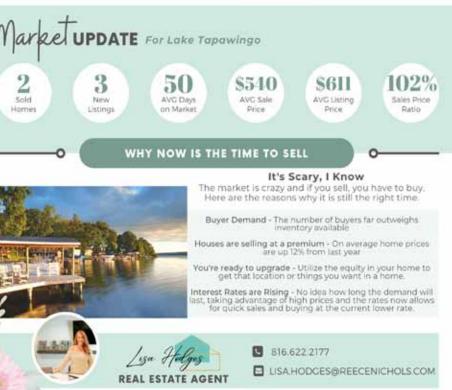
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City to investigate Blue Springs boundary issue

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of the current parking problems. She added that some residents are bringing large commercial vehicles to the Lake and parking them on the streets.

Community Development: Alderman Steve Magel reported planning consultant Institute of Puilding Technology and Sofet

Institute of Building Technology and Safety bid \$35,000 to rewrite the city building codes. He said he wanted the City Council to understand that it would take many hours to work on writing codes and ordinances.

Magel said a lot of such work could still be done in-house by aldermen, plus using IBTS from time to time as needed along with the city's Zoning Commission to research and work on projects. Mayor Sellars suggested to prioritize the projects. Magel said the council might hold work sessions on ideas, rather than being reactive.

Magel noted current ordinances do not require newly built houses to provide off-street parking.

Municipal Committee: Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the joint city-Lake Board Municipal Committee met one time since the last City Council meeting and discussed the request by James and Lisa Autry, 90 Beach, to annex two acres behind their house that currently are within Blue Springs. He noted the city of Blue Springs linked a request to deannex the property to a request for Lake Tapawingo to complete an agreement realigning the boundary between the two cities along Woods Chapel Road.

Cloverdyke said city limits previously followed the center line of the road, which was moved by the Woods Chapel Road improvement project. He said the boundary could be moved to the new centerline but Blue Springs would prefer the entire road be within its jurisdiction to the west curb. If not, Cloverdyke said, it might charge Lake Tapawingo maintenance and repaving costs for its half of the road. He said, to his knowledge, the Lake has never paid to maintain the road, but does police traffic in the southbound lanes.

Cloverdyke said there had been a question whether the Country Club was still pursuing a claim against Blue Springs for extension of the box bridge spillway under the road, which had been blamed for increasing C Cove shoreline erosion. Although the Lake Board paid to riprap the affected shoreline, Cloverdyke said Lake Board President Jayme Dean said she was not prepared to say that issue was dead.

Aldermen Steve Magel said he knew two Blue Springs City Council members who know nothing about the city's boundary request. He said the matter should be further discussed.

Police Chief Tammy Taylor expressed concern about losing jurisdiction to protect residents from traffic safety and criminal issues on the city's border. It was reported about 15 percent of Lake Tapawingo's court receipts are from tickets issued on Woods Chapel Road.

Mayor Sellars said he feared Lake Tapawingo might have to raise taxes to pay for maintenance of the road. He said he and City Clerk Paul Blixrud would work with Blue Springs on the matter.

Cloverdyke said the Municipal Committee also discussed whether the



city still owed the Country Club for land that was added to the City Hall for construction of a police garage. He said it was determined it did not.

The alderman said he was trying to help the Lake Board understand the value of the Miller farm property, which includes Miller's pond, whose deteriorating dam is under Anchor Drive above AB Cove. He said a Burns and McDonnell engineer walked the property finding a potential real estate developer would have to mitigate for the six ponds. Otherwise, he said the portion of the 46 acres that could be developed would be relatively small and would require construction of a sewer system, further depressing the value to a developer.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said the Water and Sewer Department performed two grinder pump replacements since the last council meeting and had 11 calls for service. He said the water service for two new houses being constructed should be complete. Seago said there are 14 fire hydrants that need to be exercised. He said the contractor is still working to move water meters from inside some residents' homes to outside in the yard.

Financial: Mayor Sellars said city financials looked fine. Alderman Rhonda Dolan said she and City Clerk Paul Blixrud were working on security for the city's website and e-mails. Sellars said he would be authorizing the one-time cost to move the city's e-mails to Office 365.

Guests: Jason Eaves, 24 Beach, handed out information to the council and City Attorney Paul Campo regarding a fence between 25 and 26 Beach that he said is taller than the 4-foot maximum allowed by city codes. Eaves, who previously was denied a variance for a fence that was taller than code allows, said this fence should be removed. Alderman Steve Magel said it is possible the fence in question predates the current fence ordinance. The council asked City Clerk Paul Blixrud to provide fence permit dates and information to the council.

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MAYOR'S MINUTES Spring brings fresh start with issues ahead

By Mayor John Sellars

Lately, on my dog walks, I have noticed the flowers blooming and trees getting new fresh leaves. After the rains of this week and the warm air returns, our community will be beautified with flowering plants and trees.

This is always my favorite time of year! A promise of a clean start. A time of hope and anticipation. Even with all the craziness of the world around us, the spring season reminds that there are new days and fresh starts.

The Municipal Committee (Alderman Brad Cloverdyke and Alderwoman Rhonda Dolan) has been working on joint issues that affect both the City and the Lake Board. The issues below are ongoing and require additional investigation, research, and discussion between these two groups. The issues are:

• Miller pond and erosion from the Miller family farm that comes into our lake.

• Annexation of two acres at 90 Beach. This action would require the city of Blue Springs to de-annex this property before the city of Lake Tapawingo can annex it.

• The city of Blue Springs has requested that the city of Lake Tapawingo either agree to relinquishing the west lane of Woods Chapel Road to them or begin paying for the maintenance costs on that segment of road.

The city of Blue Springs indicated that the next upgrades on that segment of the road would cost us between \$200,000 and \$250,000. This is a hefty sum of money and would be ongoing.



It would probably require an increase in property

taxes. Our Police

Department is currently patrolling this area of Woods Chapel. If this change in ownership is made the Blue Springs Police Department would take over this responsibility. The Lake Tapawingo Police Department would continue to patrol all the streets in our city and a portion of U.S. 40.

Aldermen Steve Magel and Tom Rodenberg work on Community Development issues and are working on:

• Updating signage around the Lake including stop and yield signs

• Recommending on zoning for truck size and weights

• Reviewing current zoning ordinances and making recommendations.

Alderman Bob Seago continues to provide effective leadership and advice on our sewer and water systems. Alderwoman Morgan Combs is working with groups and individuals around the Lake to get input into an updated strategic plan. Alderwoman Dolan continues to provide leadership on protecting our computer system by providing a computer security system.

As always, I am mindful of the splendid work provided by volunteers in the Sportsmen's Club, Women's Club, Lake Board and Board of Aldermen. None of this would be possible without city employees who do so much to make Lake Tapawingo a beautiful place to live!

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at johndsellars1@gmail.com. Blessings.



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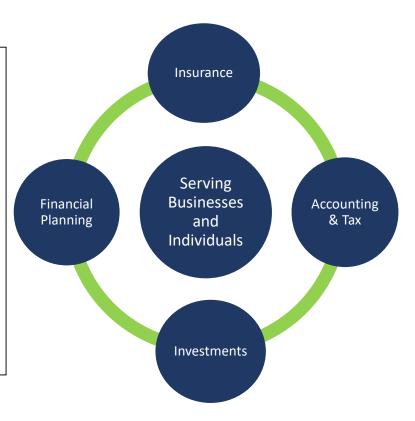


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Rain delays Egg Hunt 'til Eastern Orthodox Easter

Rain washed out the April 17 egg hunt on Easter. The Sportsmen's Club delayed the event a week, falling on April 24, which, coincidentally, was Easter on the Eastern Orthodox Church calendar. Eggmeister Jared Barge explained the age-divided egg-hunting areas on the Clubhouse grounds to a crowd that seemed smaller than usual, possibly due to the rescheduling.



COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT Clubhouse cleaning fee reduced; storage building bought

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met April 18 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach; Ty Francis, 3 Emerald Shore; Barnard Wilson, 44 Clipper; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Clubhouse: President Dean said since there was no meeting on April 4, a vote on two Clubhouse items were conducted via e-mail. One item was to approve a Clubhouse cleaning bid from De Etta McDaniels for \$120 per cleaning. That action reduced the cleaning cost to renters to \$120 from the original estimated cost of \$150, which had been approved in March.

Dean said the second vote was for a larger 10-foot by 16-foot wooden storage building to house tables and chairs for the Clubhouse. She said both issues passed by majority vote.

Board Member Wes Knox said there was an approved vote on March 21 for a 10-foot by 12-foot building not to exceed \$5,000. He said it was agreed via e-mail that the larger structure for a couple of hundred dollars more would be best suited for storage needs. He said the price of \$5,180 included paint, trim and shingles to match the Clubhouse as closely as possible, delivery and leveling. He said the building should be delivered in two to three weeks.

Board Member Cyndi Peterson said she was waiting for a Clubhouse occupancy count by the fire department before ordering additional chairs to replace the padded chairs recently disposed of. Peterson said there should be further discussion concerning whether to charge the Sportsmen's Club and Women's Club cleaning fees after events, with no charge after regular meetings. She said the Country Club paid to clean the Clubhouse after the Sportsmen's Club's Low Country Shrimp Boil.

Dam and Spillway: President Dean said priorities of the board "to-do" list should be adjusted. She said the proposed dam and spillway repairs should be moved to first priority. She said Board Member Brian Smith has the dam and spillway information from previous years.

Smith said he had been in touch with a project manager at David Ross See Lake, Page 10.



Lake Board asked to tighten regulation of crappie fishing

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Construction Co. and scheduled a meeting to proceed with repairs as required by Missouri Department of Natural Resources during a dam inspection in 2021. Smith said the lake would have to be lowered for the work, which is expected to include a drain valve replacement, and likely would occur in the fall.

President Dean asked that Dam and Spillway Subcommittee members Mike Stiles and Randy Thatcher be included in the discussion to form a plan and apply for the necessary permits. Board Member Joe Rush said he could also provide assistance, if needed.

Dean asked that all members of the board review the to-do list so it can be discussed in detail at the May 2 meeting.

Bylaws, Rules & Regulations: Fishing

rules. Barnard Wilson, 44 Clipper, presented a request from the Sportsmen's Club asking the board to help protect their investment of restocking the lake with fish. Wilson said the Sportsmen's Club planned to spend \$4,000 to stock the lake with crappie in the next few days and another \$2,000 to stock the lake with minnows in the fall.

He said the club requested rules to prevent harvesting of crappie of less than 9 inches, plus a daily maximum limit for fish caught. The club also requested the board require all residents to sign an agreement to abide by such rules or lose their Lake privileges.

The Sportsmen's Club request said the club invests considerable funds in conserving and stocking the lake and pointed out that fish are being harvested less than 9 inches in length. Board Member Wes Knox said some residents are harvesting a large number of fish daily since there currently is no limit listed in the Lake Rules. He said he is more inclined to propose a minimum length of 10 inches rather than 9 inches along with a daily limit written in the rules.

President Dean asked members of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Subcommittee, Board Members Allison Holmes, Susan Stiles, Kim McReynolds and Cyndi Peterson, to work with Wilson and Board Members Knox and Clayton Holland to update fishing regulations that protect and manage fish populations.

Wilson said the lake would be restocked in the next few days and requested publishing the rules and restrictions in the *Lake Tapawingo News*. Holland suggested the bulletin boards also be used in getting the word out to those fishing the lake. Dean said the rulemaking process takes time but in the meantime the board could call on residents to comply with guidelines to protect the young crappie.

Holland said crappie do need to be fished otherwise overpopulation creates a situation in which there are too many small fish. Peterson suggested putting a quantity limit in the rules and regulations and, as needed, allowing increased limits for a set period of time if overpopulation appears to be a problem.

Parks and Beautification: Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, offered the board what he called a solution to costly and timeconsuming maintenance of the landscaped beds in Liberty Gardens. He said planting See Native, Page 11.



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Native grasses, wildflowers proposed for Liberty Gardens

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native Missouri grasses and wildflowers would offer habitat for pollinators, such as bees, and various birds.

Cloverdyke said while the current beds are beautiful, it doesn't take long for them to look overgrown and unkempt. He said the cost of remulching the areas can be eliminated with the plan he proposed. He suggested existing berms be eliminated except for some paralleling the cove because some of those contain memorials.

He said the initial planting would require tilling and compacting the soil, broadcasting the seed and compacting the soil a second time. He said since the vegetation would be native to Missouri, the plants are considered drought resistant. He said the resulting growth would not require mowing and would include flowers blooming at various times of year.

He volunteered to do the work with the main expense being the seed. He said he was willing to investigate further to provide a more complete plan if the board was interested. President Dean said that had the potential of being a favorable solution and asked the Parks and Beautification Subcommittee to follow up with Cloverdyke.

Lake Management: Boat launching.

President Dean said the spring boat launch schedule times and dates should be all Saturdays in May: May 7, 14, 21 and 28 and two Sundays, May 15 and 22. The time for all dates is 10 a.m. to noon. She said a schedule and check list for boat inspections will be circulated to the members of the board and encouraged everyone to assist in this year's launch.

Docks and Waterfront: 115-D. Board Member Jennifer Moran said Becky Jameson, 115 Dockside, had not finalized her decision on a new dock placement.

70-A. Board Member Susan Stiles said she was looking for other dock locations and came upon an unfinished dock at 70-A. She said Vik and Sarah Jordan received a permit extension for the new dock in April 2021, which was an extension of the original dock permit application. She said the dock is not anchored to the shore and is tied to the deck. She said the line holding the partially built dock creates a shoreline trip hazard. President Dean asked if this was the dock that was being built on the shoreline last summer. Ms. Stiles confirmed it. She added there were several trash bags on the Country Club shoreline in the area. Dean said a visit from Docks and Waterfront was warranted in both instances and a letter should be sent to the Jordans at 70 Anchor as well.

3-E. Board Member Mike Stiles presented a permit application from Ty Francis, 3 Emerald Shore, to widen the boathouse stairs and landing platform on the shore side of the structure at 3-E. He said the stairs are only about 18 inches wide after the handrail space is taken into consideration. Francis said the existing steps and platform are dangerous. The boathouse is 16 feet, 2 inches wide and 21 feet from the shore to the end of the structure. Because the boathouse is stationary, it was noted extending the platform toward the shoreline would not make the dock extend further from the shoreline. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Mr. Stiles to approve widening the stairs and wooden landing platform but restricting the boathouse from exceeding an overall length of 25 feet and requiring the handrail on the stairs to be replaced with a railing between 36 and 42 inches tall. The existing boathouse has a walkway down one side and Francis requested a similar walkway on the other side. President Dean said the board would not allow the already non-conforming dock to be enlarged in that fashion.

27-D. Mr. Stiles presented an application from Donna Kappler seeking to replace her existing dock at 27-D, which was damaged by a tree, with a new dock of the same dimensions, 12 by 24 feet. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Mr. Stiles to approve the application.

74-B. Ms. Stiles presented and moved to approve an application from Jason Heslop for a new 10-foot by 20-foot boat lift at 74-B. She said the space between docks meets requirements per rules and regulations. The board approved, 13-0.

126-B. Board Member Jennifer Moran said a permit application was received from Brad and Teryn Rynearson to install a boatlift at 126-B that was obtained from 48-B. She said there was insufficient space to install the lift under Lake rules and the application was denied. See Dock, Page 13.

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Dock updates, replacements crowd board agenda

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100-A. Ms. Stiles presented an application for a 12- by 25-foot dock to be built at 100-A by John Wymore, the property owner, assisted by Charles Hailey, 126 Anchor. Ms. Stiles said space at 68-A was considered as a location for the dock but an underwater boatlift can be seen at that location on Google Maps. She said there are no above-water indicators of this lift. She said she found where the lift was approved in 2001 with above-water indicators or flags required. President Dean recommended a discussion with the property owner and letter from the Country Club as follow-up. Ms. Stiles said adequate space for the new dock was found at 67-A. The board approved, 13-0, a motion by Ms. Stiles to approve that dock location and permit application. Board Member Brian Smith said a postconstruction inspection should be required. Dean said spacing of the dock between neighboring docks should be specified.

53-A. Mr. Stiles said an application was received from Dan and Lori Suderman for repair to a boathouse at 53-A after a tree fell causing extensive damage. He said to carry out the repairs would require replacement of more than 50 percent of the non-conforming 38-foot-wide stationary boathouse on pillars consisting of steel posts and seven concrete-filled 55-gallon drums. He said the boathouse does not conform to rules and regulations and, if more than 50 percent is replaced, would need to be replaced with a conforming dock meeting current rules and regulations. Mr. Stiles moved to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Stiles. The motion failed, 0-11 with 2 abstentions.

58-A. Ms. Stiles said the stone veneer on the seawall at 58-A has come off and fallen into the lake. She said the fallen stone needs to be removed from the lake. President Dean recommended a letter be sent to the resident stating such.

29-B. Ms. Stiles said Rob and Kelli Jordan inquired about replacing the top deck of their dock at 29-B and extending it back toward the shoreline to make it possible to walk around their dock ladder. She said no permit application had been completed due to the unusual layout proposed. President Dean asked that the resident complete a permit application with photos, plan, materials list and permit fee for presentation at a future board meeting. She said board members also should visit the site. **135-B.** President Dean said the Docks and Waterfront Subcommittee learned that Jessica Simpson, who recently received approval for placement of a 9-foot by 12foot swim platform at 135-B, purchased a 24-foot pontoon boat that extends beyond the dock into the narrow portion of B Cove. Dean said the boat's length would interfere with access by neighboring dock owners. She recommended Docks and Waterfront members discuss the situation with Ms. Simpson and consider relocating the dock.

Newsletter: President Dean said a requested correction to the *Lake Tapawingo News* pertaining to the Feb. 22 treasurer's report had not been published. After some discussion, it was decided a correction was not necessary.

Dean said the Clubhouse is a positive community asset and she said she feared the Clubhouse remodeling budget had not been reported in full context. Board Member Susan Stiles said the Budget Committee had been adamant about not budgeting 2022 funds for Clubhouse renovation other than upgrading restrooms to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act. She said it should be made known the project had come in under budget and that the money spent on the project did not come from the 2022 budget but from 2021 budgeted funds and an overage of 2021 revenue collections.

Some board members expressed concern about newsletter reporting of board actions. While the Lake Board pays the costs of producing the newsletter, editor John Braden said the newsletter's job is to represent the readers rather than the Lake Board. He said the board has the opportunity to use the President's Message column in the *Lake Tapawingo News* every month to tell residents about board accomplishments, plans or information. He said the column has not been used lately and that the president could delegate column writing to other board members who could speak to particular issues.

Lake Environment: Board Member Brian Smith said propeller stickers need to be placed on boats in boat lots as soon as possible indicating they do not need to be quarantined for invasive species.

Roads, Easements and Pathways: Board Member Brian Smith said he received a bid from Underground Plumbing Pros to replace the box drain at 137-D in the amount of \$4,439.76 and moved to approve the bid. The board approved 13-0.

Board Member Clayton Holland said an asphalt water diversion curb in the road at 1-D was paid for previously by the board due to pavement milling that created a water issue for the resident several years ago. He said the board would replace the deteriorating curb.

Maintenance: Tree trimming and removal. Board Member Brian Smith presented three tree bids from Monster Tree Service: 3-E cottonwood tree pruning to maintain the health of the tree - \$900; Dockside Drive/Woods Chapel Road elm tree removal - \$600; and 80-D maple tree removal - \$700. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to approve the bids.

Silt basin. Smith said Underground Plumbing Pros owner Glen Tombleson See FDIC, Page 14.





FDIC coverage eyed

Continued from Page 13. said the former silt basin property would be regraded and seeded April 19.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Randy Thatcher said funds from the various Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. insured Central Bank accounts were combined into the operating account after Central Bank merged charters of its affiliate banks, thus reducing the board's FDIC coverage. He said he has been communicating with a Central Bank investment adviser on getting all funds FDIC insured. He said he will report further.

Thatcher said the 2022 remaining unpaid assessments totaled \$28,140, while three long-time delinquent accounts in collections (2021 and prior) totaled \$50,396.

Boat Lots and Lease Lot: Board Member Bill Ellwood provided a map and list of boats and trailers on the A Block Boat Lot as a first step to cleaning up unmarked boats and trailers, boats with expired registration stickers and abandoned property. He said he has been working to identify boats in the B Block Boat Lot.

Official Country Club minutes may be read at the Lake Office.

Schedule Saturday/Sunday boat launch in May

The Lake Board has scheduled boat launch events on all Saturday mornings and two Sunday mornings in May. Board members are to work 10 a.m.-noon shifts at the boat ramp.

The schedule: Saturdays May 7, 14, 21, 28; Sundays May 15 and 22.

Residents are asked to contact the Lake Office in advance by e-mail at office@laketapawingomo.com or by phone at (816) 228-3721.

Residents still may contact the Lake Office or board members to help launch their boats during other times and days. However, it is hoped the regular launching periods will get most boats on the water.

Residents are advised to contact the office or a board member rather than making requests on Facebook. Board member names and phone numbers were published on Page 9 of the April *Lake Tapawingo News*.



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MIXIN' IT UP -- Women's Club members play an icebreaker to get better acquainted at the April 21 social mixer. WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Women's Club raises funds and fun through the year

By Shannon Follis

Have you ever wondered, what is the Women's Club? What does the Women's Club do? If you have, this article will answer those questions. Since I don't think I have ever written up a summary of the Women's Club, I'd like to do so now.

The Women's Club is a local social club. We do our best to provide various social and fundraising events throughout the year for our Lake Tapawingo residents. Our goal for this is to host an event about once a month.

The social events are just for something fun and for community involvement. These include our events such as social mixers and the barn dance. The fundraisers enable us to raise money to support our yearly scholarship winners as well as host events like our Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Women's Club dues, sales of Lake logo items, and our fundraisers all go to support scholarships, the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, and the materials or supplies for various events. The Women's Club Board meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse. Board meetings are open to any members who would like to attend. These meetings are when we plan and discuss our events.

In April, we held a social mixer at the newly renovated Clubhouse. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was fun playing the ice breaker and learning some more about each other. After our ice breaker and before moving into open social time, Tomi Bellinghausen, the Women's Club president, took some time to discuss next month's event, the Cinco de Mayo Dinner.

Thank you ahead of time to everyone who volunteered to donate items or their

time for the upcoming Cinco de Mayo meal on Saturday, May 7. Please see the upcoming events portion of this article and/or the event ad for more information.

We are still looking for more volunteers. Please keep an eye on the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook group for opportunities on how you can help support the Women's Club.

Upcoming Events

Women's Club Board -- Meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse. Any Women's Club member is welcome to attend if you would like to join in the discussion and planning of upcoming events. Regular club meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday at the Clubhouse unless replaced by an event, such as Cinco de Mayo.

May 7 - Cinco de Mayo Dinner -- 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Shelterhouse. \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (10 and under). Includes 1 taco salad and 1 drink (21 and older can choose a margarita or water). Additional margaritas for a \$5 donation. Food and beverages are available while supplies last.

June 17 - Movie Night - more details to come.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cinco de Mayo Dinner -- May 7. If interested in volunteering time or donating food please respond on the Women's Club Facebook page or text or call Tomi Bellinghausen at (816) 582-5293.

Planning -- Have an interest in helping plan a progressive dinner, float, barn dance, block wars, or other events? Reach out to a Women's Club member or come to the next board meeting to share ideas and help plan.

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, Monday, May 30

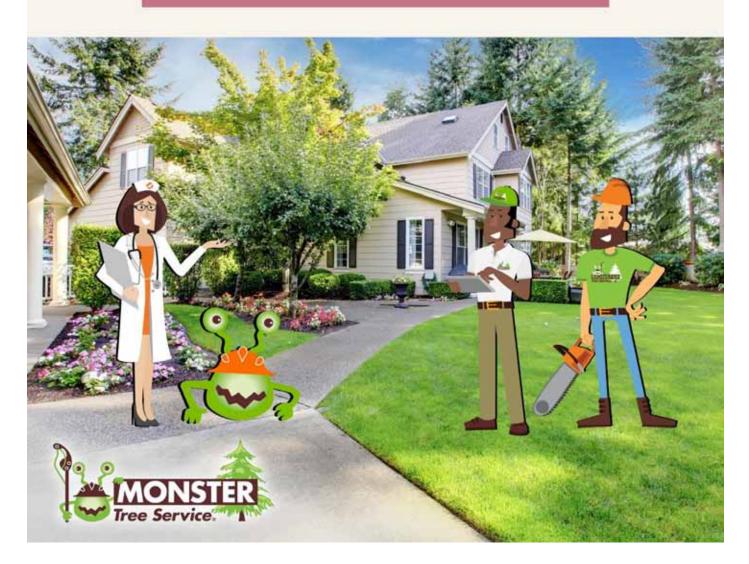
Serving from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Come early before all the food is gone.) *Bring family and guests to the Clubhouse.*

> Adults: \$5, Kids \$2 Credit cards welcome

Prospective servers must contact Chuck Welch, 45 Beach, (816) 500-4383, be at least 12 years old, and apply immediately! Consideration: 1) First caller, first selected; 2) Sportsmen's Club member family



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HOT STUFF -- Club members cooked shrimp, crayfish (or crawdads if you prefer), sausage, corn and potatoes in the Shelterhouse while diners avoided the cold by chowing down in the Clubhouse. SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Eaters brave cold weather for spicy hot Shrimp Boil

By John Nicol

Cold breezes required dual use of the Clubhouse for seating and the Shelterhouse for shrimp boil preparation and serving. That did not deter 93 adults and 8 children from enjoying the April 16 Low Country Shrimp



Boil of shrimp, andouille smoked sausage, corn and potatoes with selected spices, and desserts provided by the Women's Club.

The activity leaders were Jeremy Cumberford and Scott Patton with many helping hands: Dale Blanchard, Barnard Wilson, Scott Rhodes, Darren Davis, Mike Cloyde, Mike Bellinghausen, Chuck Welch, Bobby Sloan and John Nicol.

Rain-delays Easter Egg Hunt

More cold and rain delayed the annual Easter Egg Hunt April 17, but the youngsters' annual stampede was held a week later, April 24, at the Clubhouse.

Kids Fishing Derby set May 14

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 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 fishing rod gift will be given to all participants who need one. A lunch of hot dogs, chips, treats and soda at the weighin 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 Pancakes May 30

The Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, a Lake tradition for over 60 years, will begin at 7 a.m. Monday, May 30, 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. Just \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. Credit cards welcome.

Prospective servers must contact Chuck Welch, 45 Beach, at (816) 500-4383, be at least 12 years old, and apply immediately. Consideration is first contacts and a family club membership.

Name Boat Parade, win fireworks

The entry chosen as the Fourth of July Boat Parade theme will win \$50 of Sportsmen's Club fireworks. Enter by the May 10 Sportsmen's Club meeting by contacting a member or President Jim Clarke at (816) 807-9137. Submit your theme, name and phone number.

Fish stocking plan approved

First Vice President John Harrison reported to the April 12 regular meeting that membership increased to 167. Crappie were biting in March and early April, but Third Vice President Jeremy Cumberford had not gotten any bites his last time out.

New business included scholarship thank you notes from Evan Boydston, 84 Beach, and twin sisters Allison and Emma Wharton, 22 Emerald Shore.

Scott Patton proposed additional stocking of fish due to the number of fish being caught at the Lake. Types of fish and timing was discussed with cost. Scott made a motion that was passed for fast delivery. Barnard Wilson followed up and placed the order for 2,000 crappie for delivery April 21.

Another item to be checked at the next regular meeting May 10 would be the cost of installing a new hot water heater in the storage building for cleaning and for bathrooms.



Fish weigh-in at 1 p.m. Trophies, hot dog lunch and participant gifts -- All free!







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Pawingo Police Gazette

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY Neighbors should cooperate to ease parking stress

By Chief Tammy Taylor

This month I would like to discuss the topic of parking in our city. As we know, every community has its parking issues and it can sometimes be challenging to address these issues.

We, the Police Department, are aware that the lack of parking can become a real problem and/or nuisance for homeowners. We as a community must all work together to find ways to address and alleviate the stress that parking issues can cause us.



Parking in your garages and driveways is always suggested to help cut down on the issues. In most of the cases that we encounter regarding parking you will be given a warning the first time. However,

if it becomes a persistent problem then a citation could be issued to you.

We want the opportunity to inform citizens of the bylaws and regulations regarding parking, giving them a chance to remedy the situation before issuing citations.

Please keep in mind if your vehicle is parked in a way that is causing safety issues to other motorists you could have your vehicle towed and receive a citation.



Also, areas of the roads that are NOT marked "No Parking" are public parking spaces open to all residents and their guests. You do not own parking spaces along the road even if they are directly in front of your home.

Of course, no person may stop, stand or park on the lake side of the main roadway, regardless of signage.

We must also be mindful of our neighbors and their driveways; we cannot block others' driveways.

There are many different ordinances relating to parking here at Lake Tapawingo from streets to yards to driveways, etc. Please take the time to research the topic so we are all doing our part in keeping our streets safe and congestion free.

See Police Reports, Page 21.



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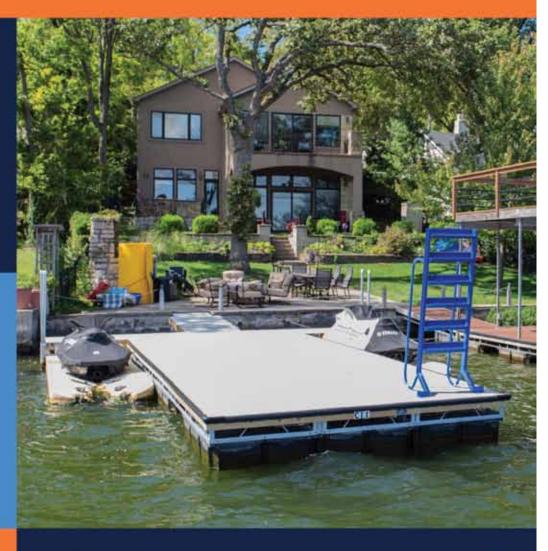
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 May Day	2 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	3	4	5 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall	6	7 Boat launching, 10 a.mnoon (preregis- ter with Lake Office) Women's Club Cinco de Mayo 6:30 p.m. Shelterhouse
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m. Clubhouse	11	12 Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	13	14 Kids Fishing Derby 8 a.m., Shelterhouse Boat launching 10 a.mnoon (preregister with Lake Office)
15 Boat launching 10 a.mnoon (preregister with Lake Office)	16 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	17	18	19	20	21 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Club- house (preregister) Boat launching 10 a.mnoon (preregister with Lake Office)
22 Boat launching 10 a.mnoon (preregister with Lake Office)	23	24	25 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence	26	27	28 Boat launching 10 a.mnoon (preregister with Lake Office)
29 Graduate Boat Parade, 2 p.m. Liberty Landing	30 Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast 7-11 a.m., Clubhouse Graduate Boat Parade rain date	31				

Police Reports

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	March 1-31	Feb. 1-28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31
Traffic - Anchor	3	1	2	2	6	3	10	5
offenses - Beach	2	2	0	1	0	2	4	2
- Clipper	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	0
- Dockside	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
- Emerald Shore	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel - U.S. 40	2	4	4	3	9	4	1	4
- U.S. 40	27	20	20	38	24	25	25	36
- Total	35	29	28	45	42	35	42	48
Warrant arrests	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2
Arrests	2	0	0	1	2	2	1	2
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Calls for service	11	11	9	16	13	19	15	30
Warnings	17	12	17	36	34	31	32	57
Total	68	53	54	99	92	90	91	139

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