

# LAKE KIOWA COMMUNIQUE

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## Community Manager Report POA Board Meeting and Annual Member Meeting Reminder

As a reminder, the Board of Directors meets each month on the fourth Monday. The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Tuesday before the meeting on the LKPOA website and is included in the Weekly Update email sent the Friday before the meeting. There is an opportunity to speak to the Board twice during the meeting about any items of concern or interest: one at the beginning of the meeting and once again near the end of the meeting. Also, I wanted to remind everyone of the Annual Members Meeting, which is being held on the second Saturday of March. This year, it will be at 6:00 PM on March 8 in the Lodge Assembly Room. The results of the election will be announced and other information about the community will be communicated.

Community Manager



SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 1

5:00 Refreshments

5:30 Prayer begins

PAVILION



Elvis has left the building... but not before putting on an amazing Valentine's show at the Lodge. The event was sponsored by FOLK for current members.



Photo Credit: Norman Porter

There's never a shortage of photo-worthy sunsets in Kiowa!



The theme of this years KWC Fashion Show will be Kiowa in Wonderland!



KWC honored past presidents with a tea.

## Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes Monday, December 9, 2024

**Call to Order** – President Bill Little  
 - Lodge Assembly Room at 6:00 PM  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Establish a Quorum** – President Bill Little

All 9 Directors were in attendance and a Quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Community Manager Rich Augustyniak and Public Works Director Scott Manning.

**Comments for the Record** – President Bill Little

A thank you to the celebration committee members from committee chair and Vice-President Nancy Jackson for Christmas events and decorations

**Comments from Members:** Pete Mason (Lot#710) discussed LKSUD rate increase and proposed a petition. Dan Busch (Lot#1662) discussed a Town Hall for discussion of the proposed GCRF. Also requested the Board of Directors vote on sale of 2 remaining lots and urged the BOD to spend funds on projects.

**Approve Minutes**- Vice President Nancy Jackson

Regular Board Meeting November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Motion to Approve – Nancy Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean MacElroy (Minutes approved 9-0 vote)

**Financial Update** – Treasurer Bria Ballard- None

### Committee and Business Updates

Update and possible approval of Bylaw ballot items for 2025 by Sean Taylor. Reviewed with no comments.

Review and possible approval of board candidate and revenue ruling ballot items for the upcoming election. Motion to approve by Larry Whisenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Taylor, vote 9-0 to approve.

Consider and take possible action on scheduling Town Hall in January

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# Community Updates

## Save the Dates! 2025 lots of FUN in Lake Kiowa!!

These are tentative times for our Major Events for 2025. More detail each month in the Communique for the activities. We hope to see you there!

**April 19th** – Easter Egg Hunt at the Pavilion



**July 4th Activities** - We kick-off with our *Parade and Fireworks on the 4th*, the 5th brings Firecracker 5K, Craft Show, Car Show and more!



**October 25th** - Saturday, 4:00pm - Fall Festival

**November 11th** - Tuesday, 5:30pm - Veterans Dinner



**November 29th** - Saturday, 5:30pm - 2nd Annual Christmas Parade "A Winter Wonderland" and Tree Lighting with Santa



**December 6th** - Saturday, 9:00am - Breakfast with Santa



**December 31st** - Wednesday, New Year's Eve event



Lake Kiowa Music and Entertainment GroupMe Sign Up

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the secret of prayer. Let me be convinced that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Whenever I slack off in my prayer life, gently lead me back to it.

The Rosary Prayer Group meets the second Monday and fourth Tuesday of each month, in the Board Room at 5:00 PM. We will meet on Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 25. With spring around the corner, it brings our Easter Season.



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## Community Gardens

We are ready for spring!

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Spring is a time for renewal and last spring's weather was rough for gardeners. Our hope for this spring is sunshine, rain, and beautiful gardens in 2025.

Stop by the gardens anytime and enjoy nature. Remember, we also provide herbs for the Lodge, so you directly benefit from our gardening.



## Plastic Bag Recycling Program Is Underway



Over the next year, we are trying to accumulate more than 1000 pounds of plastic bags in Lake Kiowa. You would be surprised at how much we can accumulate. If you haven't joined the program, please sign up on GroupMe using the QR code below or reach out to

**Aimee Harl at [harlhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:harlhouse@hotmail.com).**

So far for September we have sent in **52** pounds to be recycled.

You can recycle so many options – feel free to ask questions about what can and cannot be recycled. If you don't want a cardboard recycling box for your home, we are putting up drop off locations within the community to make it easier. More information to come on locations.

**JUST REMEMBER – ALL BAGS MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY – NO FOOD or WASTE products in it.**

# Community Updates



## Annual Lake Kiowa Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

*Face Painting, Balloons, Food*

Breakfast food and drinks will be available to purchase with cash that morning starting at 9:30 AM in the Pavilion

### Egg Hunt by ages – Starts at 10:15 AM

10:15 am	0-3 ages	10:30am	4-7 ages
10:45 am	8-10 ages	11:00am	11-13 ages

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## Saint Jo Riding Club Seeks Scholarship Applicants from Class of 2025

The club approved plans to award their annual Agricultural Scholarships to area graduating seniors. The due date for applications is March 7. A total of \$4,000.00 in total scholarships will be available with two at \$1,000 each going to Saint Jo High School graduates, two at \$500 each to other area graduates, and one at \$500 to a Riding Club member or family member. Applications can be found at [www.SaintJoRodeo.com](http://www.SaintJoRodeo.com).

The next meeting of the Saint Jo Riding Club will be Sunday, February 2, at 5:00 PM at the Saint Jo Civic Center, 102 East Boggess Street. Initial membership is only \$5, and annual renewal is \$1. Meetings are held on the first (1st) Sunday of each calendar month. Summer meetings (May through October) are held at the Riding Club arena, and winter meetings (November through April) are held at the Saint Jo Civic Center.

*About Saint Jo Riding Club, Inc.*

The Saint Jo Riding Club was organized by Weldon Dennis in 1957, and Charles Dennis was the first vice president. The club exists for the purpose of helping to provide a safe and enjoyable community by providing a venue for horsemanship and fellowship. The club hosts their annual Saint Jo Riding Club rodeo during the first weekend in August.

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March is such a special month here in Lake Kiowa. The promise of spring is clearly in front of us, and the cold of winter is almost behind us! Life is also exactly that way – the promises of the glorious days are in front of us, while the challenges we have experienced in life are in the past! Help us, Lord, to always stay focused on our blessings and the wonderful life we enjoy in the awesome community of Lake Kiowa, Texas!

March of 2025 also holds a special blessing for our Lake Kiowa Congregation as we have five services to enjoy. If you have experienced one – or more – of our services, I'm sure you will agree that the blessings that flow from our 30-minute services are numerous – scripture, prayers, music, sermons, communion once a month, fellowship, and our offering of giving back to so many worthy Cooke County causes. If you haven't experienced it, please join us during one or more of our five services!

Lake Kiowa Chapel service begins each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM in the Lodge Assembly Room and lasts 30 minutes which also includes Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month! If you were unable to join us in February, please come join us this month, March! We would love to have you join us in your walk of faith this month and for the months and years to come!

As for our March sermon series, Rev. John Hare's sermon topics are listed below and are based on each respective scripture verses.

March 2

“Say What?” / Luke 9:28-36

March 9

“Holy Markers” / Deuteronomy 26:1-11

March 16

“The Devil’s Sermon” / Philippians 3:17-4:1

March 23

“Drop-In Discipleship” / Isaiah 55:1-9 / Communion Sunday

March 30

“The Will Pill” / Psalm 32



**Not able to play in the ICVFD Golf Tournament? Still want to be part of the FUN? Maybe Both?**

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**2025 Schedule**

March 28, April 25, May 9



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# FOLK



## Friends of Lake Kiowa

Spring will be here soon and hopefully warmer weather as well. Warm weather means the Summer Concerts are right around the corner. We will kick off the Concert Series with the Billie Jo Band on Sunday, May 25. Billie Jo hails from Dallas and has shared the stage with a host of renowned artists like Deana Carter, Gene Watson, and The Oakridge Boys. A cherished memory for her was opening for Ray Price, a musical hero she grew up listening to with her grandparents. In 2022, Billie Jo's talent was recognized with the Female Vocalist of the Year and Artist of the Year awards at the Texas Internet Radio Charts Awards, and her band triumphed as the Texas Country Music Showdown Winners. We are excited to bring Billie Jo and her band to our community. Time Machine will return for the 4th of July weekend on Saturday, July 5, always a

favorite and sure to rock the Pavilion again. We just booked for the Labor Day Weekend - Fleetwood X, a group of seasoned and talented DFW musicians dedicated to bringing the look, sound, and funky vibe of Fleetwood Mac to life in DFW. More details to come. We think it is a great line up and hope you do as well.

Be sure and check out the Save the Date Announcement in this issue. Coming up next is the Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 22. We just confirmed the 2025 date for the Recycle/Shred Day which is Saturday, October 11. As always, we thank you for your membership and support of the community activities and services that we provide.

Susan and Greg Hair



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*FOLK Save the Dates*

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> -Blood Drive
- May 25<sup>th</sup>- Summer Concert- Billie Jo Band
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Blood Drive
- July 5<sup>th</sup>- Summer Concert - Time Machine
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - Blood Drive
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> - Fleetwood X
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Recycle/Shred
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>- Blood Drive
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Golf Cart Caroling
- Deb 18<sup>th</sup> - Blood Drive

All these activities are possible through your FOLK membership and the purchase of the 4th of July and Fall T-Shirts. Please support FOLK as we provide entertainment and activities for our community.



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# Kiowa On Tap



**Dazzling Divas:** (L to R) Donna Marfice, Marla Davis, Lorraine Smith



**Toe Tappers:** Front row (L to R) Lisa Bohannon, Lisa Fults; Back Row (L to R) Kathleen Ives, Lori Brindle, Karen Pannell, Denise Thompson. Not pictured: Cheryl Mason, Martha Ann Montanaro, Maureen Anselmi



**Shuffle Squad:** Front row (L to R) Kandle Lane, Sheri Demarest, Deenie Daley, Yaoska (Yaya) Dugan; Back row (L to R) Sandy Haire, Kim Kent, Jamie Orsburn. Not pictured: Tina Weiser, Lisa Porter.



**Gwen Bronnenberg**



## Kiowa On Tap Kiowa On Tap Recital

Kiowa on Tap is having their annual dance recital on March 27 at 6:00 PM at the Lake Kiowa Lodge.

Donna Marfice has been teaching Kiowa tappers for many years. She has beginner, intermediate, and advanced tap groups as well as a soloist, Gwen Bronnenberg. All dancers will be sharing their talents at the event which will pay tribute to dances from the 40's to 60's.

This event is \$16.00 per adult, \$10 for children 10 and under; the price includes a Taco Bar Buffet. There will also be a cash bar. For tickets, contact Donna Marfice at 469-222-2954.

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# American Legion Post 265



Post 265 is looking for its next generation of leaders! Officer elections will be held in May, with installations taking place at our June meeting. We need dedicated members to step up and help carry our mission forward, ensuring the strength and success of our events and programs.

It takes all of us to stand duty and keep our organization thriving. If you've ever considered taking on a leadership role, now is the time! If you have any questions about the responsibilities of each position, please reach out to Commander Aune or Adjutant Jordan for more information. Join us in shaping the future of Post 265!

A special Thank you for all who sent Valentine cards to our veterans. The boxes were full of all kinds of encouraging words.

On Monday, May 26, 2025, as part of the tribute, Post 265 will conduct a name-reading ceremony, recognizing veterans who have passed and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Their lives and service will always be honored and remembered. Memorial Day is a solemn occasion cherished by all veterans, and we invite you to join us at the Pavilion for this special ceremony. All are encouraged to attend. Join us as we come together to pay our respects and ensure their legacy lives on. More information and the program will be available in the next issue.

Post 265 will be participating in the City of Gainesville's Host City events to welcome Medal of Honor recipients from April 9 through April

12. We are proud to be part of this incredible tradition and invite you to sign up and represent Post 265, Lake Kiowa, on our parade float! This is a special opportunity to show our support and gratitude for these distinguished heroes. Don't miss your chance to be part of this meaningful event! For more details or to sign up, please reach out to Tamera Whitlow, Service Officer/Historian.

Show your patriotism with a telescoping flagpole available through the Legion! These flagpoles raise and lower in sections, allowing you to adjust them in less than 10 seconds with ease. With Flag Day approaching on June 14, it's the perfect time to inspect your flags and replace them if needed. Our flag is a symbol of honor, freedom, and pride—it should wave proudly in the wind, reminding us of the sacrifices made to protect our nation. If you need a new

flag or a telescoping flagpole, contact the Legion today and display Old Glory with pride!

Do you know a high school student finishing their junior year who is looking to strengthen their college resume and gain valuable leadership experience? Have they heard of the American Legion Boys State or Girls State Program? We are actively seeking students to participate in this week-long leadership and government program in June. This is an incredible opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, learn about civic responsibilities, and enhance their scholarship applications. The best part? There is NO COST to attend, as this program is fully funded by your local American Legion Post 265. For more details on dates, activities, and what to expect, reach out to us today. Don't miss this life-changing experience—contact us now!

American Legion meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Assembly Room at the Lodge. We invite all veterans to join us, learn more about our programs, and see how you can support your fellow comrades and community.

Tamera Whitlow  
Historian/Service Officer



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Below are a few key guidelines to ensure the proper care and display of our flag:

### Displaying the Flag

The U.S. flag should always be higher than other flags when flown with state, local, or organizational flags.

When displayed against a wall, the union (stars) should be in the upper left corner.

The flag should never be draped over a vehicle, podium, or table—instead, it should be displayed on a pole or properly folded.

### Handling the Flag

The flag should never touch the ground or any object below it.

When carrying a flag in a parade, it should be held high and free flowing.

### Flag Retirement

A flag that is worn, torn, or faded should be retired in a dignified manner, typically through burning in a special ceremony. Post 265 offers a flag retirement service for those needing to dispose of their flags properly.

### When to Fly at Half-Staff

The flag is flown at half-staff as a sign of mourning on Memorial Day (until noon) and by presidential or local government order.

### Illumination at Night

The flag may be flown 24/7, but if displayed at night, it must be illuminated.

Our flag represents the freedom and sacrifices of countless Americans. Let's ensure we honor it with the respect it deserves.

For more details on flag etiquette or flag retirement services, please reach out to Post 265.



## The American Legion Post 265

New Program: Uber Health and VHA Partnership

Attention veterans! A new transportation program is now available through Uber Health and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to assist eligible veterans in getting to their VA medical appointments.

Eligibility for Uber Health Rides To qualify, veterans must be Beneficiary Travel (BT) eligible, which includes:

- Veterans with a service-connected (SC) disability rating of 30% or more.

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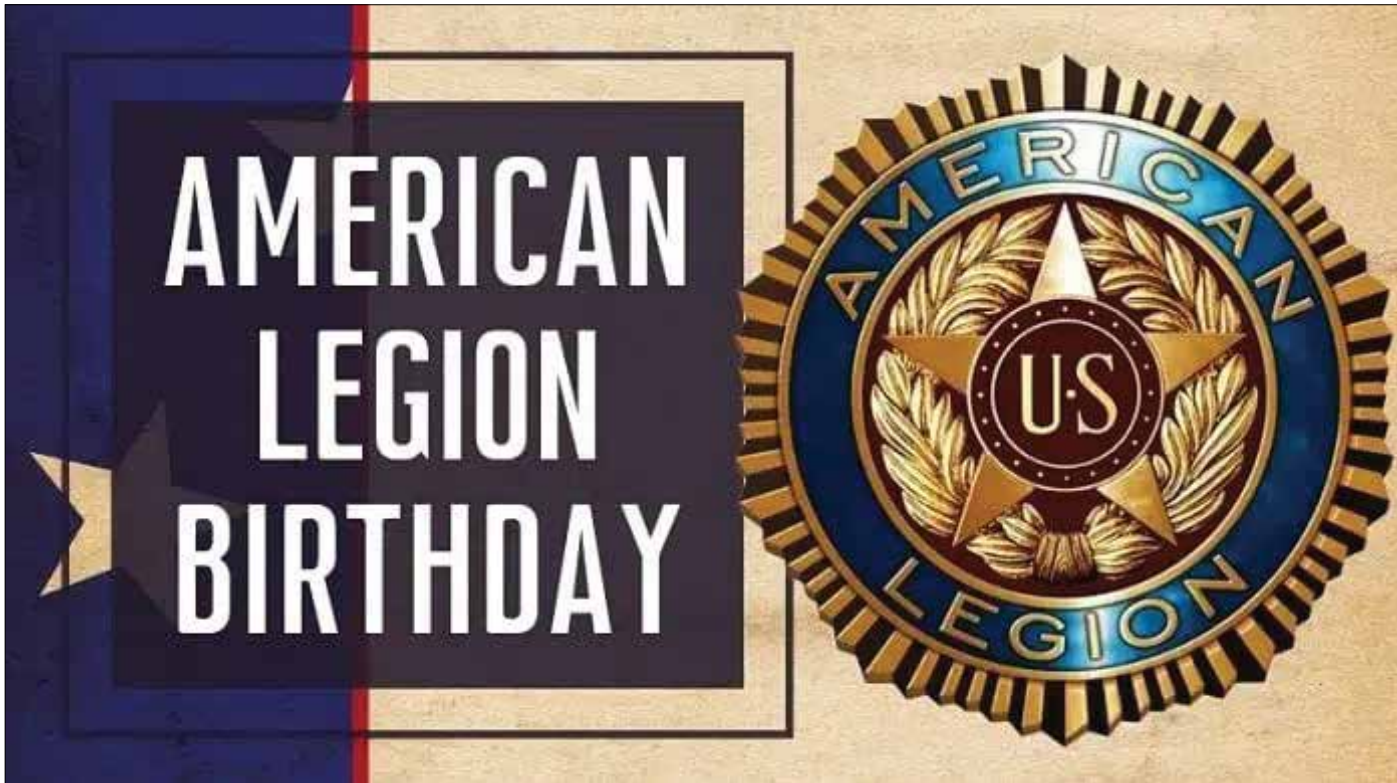
Please join us in wishing our American Legion a Happy 106th Birthday! Serving military, veterans, and families since 1919.

Our February meeting was spent signing up for our numerous and beautiful projects, serving our Legion, as they serve others.

Feel free to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 PM, at the Lodge.

Thank you.

Deb Cochrain



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# Pickleball Association



Shortest Pickleball article ever! As some people say...”enough said”! Or as other people say...”a picture is worth a thousand words”! No matter which you prefer, this article is all about the picture AND what is about to be an amazing new addition/amenity to our Lake Kiowa Community!

Two HUGE THANK YOU’S – 1) to our many Lake Kiowa residents who supported this vision/project with their financial pledges totaling \$100,000, and, 2) to our Lake Kiowa POA Board who saw this vision, joined our players and Pickleball Board in understanding the need, and APPROVED the project by joining our \$100,000 pledges with up to \$175,000 of POA funds!

Again, enjoy this picture, and come join us for the grand opening – hopefully as early as this summer – when the dream below is a reality here in Lake Kiowa, Texas! 0-0-Start, is now renamed 0-0-Start Building!

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# Lake Kiowa Quilt Bee

## Lake Kiowa Quilt Bee

We asked ourselves a question tonight. What is your favorite thing in your sewing room? Did you get a new tool or machine for Christmas or your birthday that you found out you can't live without? Or just found it at a local quilt store or on Amazon? Well tonight we found out! Lisa Bohannon led us in a fun and fast-paced sharing of "Our Favorite Things." We shared everything from using an empty toilet paper roll for binding to a mini vacuum for cleaning your machine to lighted (fishing) gloves for binding your quilts in dim light. We try to do this every couple of years to keep up with the latest and greatest. As a result, our Amazon carts are full! "If they make it, a quilter will buy it."

We gave away some cute "notions"



for the sewing room as door prizes tonight. Barbara Fox, Carol Suggs, May Brown, and Mary Ann Cressler were our four winners. Congratulations, ladies!

Our Show and Tell started with Maureen McKnight showing a dress she just finished that very day! She was wearing this artfully done jumper/dress and it was "sew" cute! Lots of fun applique to look at and a long flowy skirt. Nice work, Maureen.

Becky Branham showed us a lap quilt that she made from her mother-in-law's pillows. She will use this pretty quilt in her assisted living facility in Dallas. The four pillows made a very cute quilt top, and I know she will love using this lap quilt and remembering these pillow covers from her home.

Barbara Fox showed us an embroi-

dery towel that she made for a friend. A lesson learned was when you machine embroider on a terry cloth towel, be sure and wash it first! They shrink! Very beautiful!

Next up, Kathy Buzzell showed us a king-sized quilt she made for her husband. Kathy just got a new machine and loves using it to quilt all her tops. She said her husband loves his new cuddly quilt. The colors are perfect for her guy, except he said they are Giants colors. Lol.

Barb Stephens showed us an adorable baby quilt she made for her neighbor who finally had her first grandbaby. The "Bundle of Joy" baby quilt has a chevron pattern with Minky on the back. She used her domestic machine to quilt it with teddy bears and hearts. Congratulations to the new grandma!

Last up was Lisa Bohannon! Lisa brought a plethora of items to share, some being from a recent visit to our friend, Connie Fisher, in Missouri. Lisa showed a Tamarack Jacket made from an antique quilt she took and made under Connie's supervision. She also made a cute "Petal Pop Zinnia" pillow from Tula Pink fabrics.

Connie and Lisa were very creative and productive during the five day visit. Next in the picture is a Dresden wall hanging made from men's ties. Lisa made this special piece of art for a dear friend. Then in picture 2, she showed us tee shirt quilts she made for two retired coaches from Whitney High School. Her daughter supplied the tee shirts and she whipped them up in no time. The school colors are beautiful in both these masterpieces.

The February meeting was mine and Linda Erkamaa's 48<sup>th</sup> meeting. Four years of holding meetings, and planning sew days, Christmas potlucks, retreats, and of course the Quilt Show. Thank you to the Bee members for helping us make this a fun group to be part of. I guess we'll stick around at least one more year!

The next meeting of the Lake Kiowa Quilt Bee will be March 3, 7:00 PM, at the Lodge. Come see what's been under our needles.



Debbie Heath  
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levels pre-kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Once a week during the science and social studies block, teachers will take their class to the STEAM lab to engage in student-led stations. These stations will be developed around grade levels. Teachers monitor the students' activities and assist as needed

That being stated, come out to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Kiowa BBQ Fest and hear about how Kiwanis is making a difference in Callisburg ISD, see all the wonderful auction items, and enjoy some tasty barbeque! Help us raise funds for the new STEAM Lab Program! **All Proceeds Benefit Callisburg Schools. All tickets are only being sold in advance. Sales close on April 15, 2025.** If you wish to order tickets, please fill out Lake Kiowa Kiwanis 2025 BBQ Fest ticket reservation form, and mail with check or cash to Linda Blane, 1232 Kiowa Drive East (360-607-7280). The price is \$25 for adults and \$18 for children under 12. Our Platinum Donors and above receive 10 free tickets, a reserved table at the BBQ and recognition as a Platinum Sponsor. Levels of recognition for sponsors, Bronze: \$100, Silver: \$250, Gold: \$500, Platinum: \$1,000, Executive Platinum: \$2,000, and Diamond \$5,000. To be a sponsor, please contact President, Gary Cotten ([gptx72@gmail.com](mailto:gptx72@gmail.com)) or Dianne Hale ([dhale20@outlook.com](mailto:dhale20@outlook.com)).

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To participate in this spectacular group, please contact President, Gary Cotten ([gptx72@gmail.com](mailto:gptx72@gmail.com)), Terry Landphair at ([Terrylandphair@yahoo.com](mailto:Terrylandphair@yahoo.com)), or any of the LK Kiwanis members you may know. To follow our club news and updates, follow our Facebook page Lake Kiowa Kiwanis Club. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Lake Kiowa Lodge. See you then!

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2nd – Gene Hughes

Jan. 17  
1st – Bryce Hardy  
2nd – Paul Pucci

Jan. 22  
1st – Steve Jackson  
2nd – Jake Kerner

Jan. 24  
1st – Bob Schumann  
2nd – Jeff Schwab

Jan. 29  
1<sup>st</sup>-Becca Jackson  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Karen Loalbo

Jan. 31  
1<sup>st</sup>- John Malko  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Jo Stewart

### End of the Month Winners for January

1st Place – John Malko  
2nd Place – Jo Stewart  
3rd Place – Jeff Schwab  
4th Place – James Martinson

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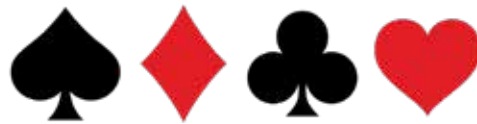
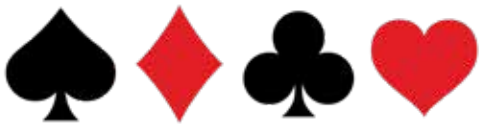
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# Lake Kiowa Anglers & Conservation Club



ANGLER & CONSERVATION CLUB

Welcome to the March edition of LKACC. I keep telling everyone that fishing season is just around the corner. Please trust me, it truly is. It just doesn't feel much like it right now.

An important part of the Club's mission is making and keeping Lake Kiowa as a great place for its residents, relatives, and guests to fish and catch fish! Just last week, based on a recommendation from our Fishery Management folks at American Sport Fish, we had them here on the lake doing some graphing of our deeper water areas. The plan is to ultimately begin placing more natural habitat into the lake in selected areas which will attract fish, providing them places to both survive and thrive. Just another great initiative which helps ensure the future of our lake as top-notch fishery.

Listed below are some of our upcoming early season activities. Included in this article will be a QR Code which takes you to our entire 2025 Events/Tournaments schedule providing all the important information of What/When/Where, and Membership form on the Lake Kiowa/LKACC website/clubs page. More in-depth information, as well as post event/tournament updates, can be found on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/LKACC](http://www.facebook.com/LKACC)). You

can also obtain a Membership form from Jayme at the Lodge, or Kendall at the POA Office. To find out more, contact Mike Brindle at 512-657-8222. The cost is only \$50 per family.

### 2025 Upcoming

#### Events/Tournaments

*Monthly Team Bass Tournament*

Saturday, 3/22

Pavilion (times TBD)

*Harvey Phippen Memorial Team Bass*

Saturday, 4/12

Pavilion (times TBD)

*Kid Fish*

Saturday, 4/19 Little Fox Pond

*Don Schneider Memorial Crappie*

Saturday, 4/26 8:00am – 2:00pm



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*Boat Registration Decals (2025)*

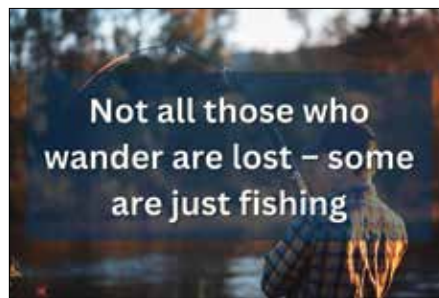
If you are renewing registration, you will need to bring proof of insurance and the number on the red rectangular Lake Kiowa sticker on your boat to the POA office.

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All Kiowa home/lot owners also should have received a paper copy of this in their January POA bill.

Once fishing heats up again, the Club would like to get updates from you on how the fishing is on the lake, so please remember that if you do fish and catch a biggun, send us pictures of your catches to Rob Cummins at 940-736-5080 and we'll include them in this monthly article as well as Sylvie's monthly fishing reports on our

Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/LKACC](http://www.facebook.com/LKACC)).

Each month there is a trivia question included within the article. Text your answer to my cell phone (972-948-6219) or email me at [cecilheath33@outlook.com](mailto:cecilheath33@outlook.com) by end of the eighth day of the month. The names of those people with the correct answer will go into a hat and one winner will be drawn. That person will be notified and wins a \$25 gift certificate to the Lodge compliments of LKACC. The correct answer and winner's picture will also be included in next month's CommuniQué article.

#### March Trivia Question

What is the world's most popular sportfish?

- A) King Salmon
- B) Rainbow Trout
- C) Largemouth Bass
- D) Blue Marlin

The February Trivia Question was: What is the primary function of a fishing reel?

There were 14 people who answered the question. The correct answer was: B: store line.

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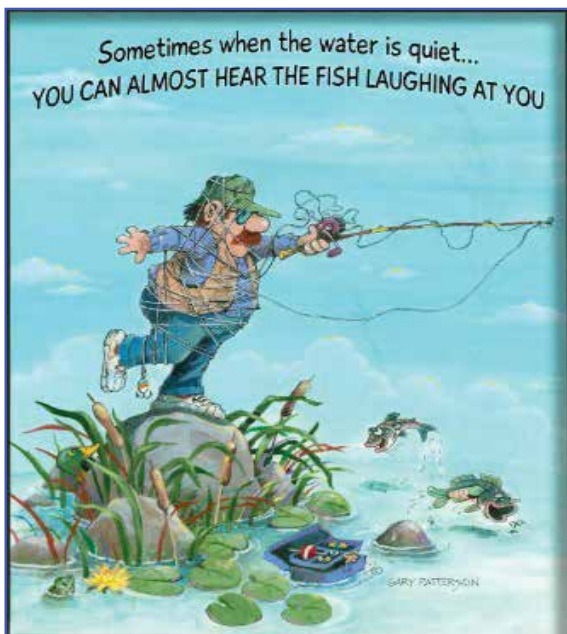
The winner selected for the \$25 gift certificate this month was Juli Hendricks. Thanks, Juli, and everyone for taking the time to participate. It only takes a minute; just respond for your chance to win next month.

**Quote of the Month**

“I don’t need therapy.... I just need to go fishing!”

Gone fishing..... will be back at dark:30. Thanks for your support.

Cecil Heath



**2025 Schedule of Events**

Club meetings are held the third Thursday of the month – 7:00pm @ Kiowa Lodge

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
February 22	Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
March 22	Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
April 12	Harvey Phippen Memorial Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
April 19	Kid’s Fish Event	1:00-2:30pm	Little Fox Pond
April 26	Don Schneider Memorial Crappie Tournament	8:00am-2:00pm	Pavilion Area
April 28	Spring Lake Survey (ASF)	8:00am-3:00pm	Dam Boat Ramp
May 1 - 10	May Open Bass Tournament	First 10 days	Entire Lake
May 17	Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
June 7	Family Team Bass Tournament**	8:00am-Noon	Pavilion Area
June 14	Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
August 1 – 15	Catfish Tournament (2-week)	First 2 weeks	Pavilion Area
August 30	Annual Fish Fry	5:00 pm	Pavilion Area
September 20	Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
September 22	Fall Lake Survey (ASF)	8:00am-3:00pm	Dam Boat Ramp
October 4	Family Team Bass Tournament**	8:00am-Noon	Pavilion Area
October 18 and 19	LKACC Fall Classic Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
November 8	LKACC “Clean-up Our Lake”	8:00am-Noon	Pavilion Area
November 15	Bass Tournament**	TBA	Pavilion Area
December 19	LKACC Christmas Party	6:30 pm	Lodge

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# Kiowa Woman's Club



## KWC Letter from the President

It's March, which means spring is officially on the way! At least that's what the calendar says. We all know how confusing the weather is in March. One day we are wearing our winter coats, the next we are pulling out our flip-flops and basking in the sunshine (my preference for sure). Do you give up sweets for Lent, or decide it's perfectly acceptable to eat your weight in King's Cake? On March 17, do you suddenly become Irish and indulge in green drinks? March is full of fun and it's exciting as we await the beautiful spring weather, but it is also Women's History Month. That means it is time to celebrate the fearless, fabulous women who paved the way for us through their strength and determination to get things done.

Our March General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 13, starting at 10:30 AM (social hour and check-in begins at 10:00 AM). Our program is "Texas Women with Texas Grit: Pioneering Leaders," presented by Elizabeth Qualia, Curator of the Sue S. Bancroft Leadership Hall, located at Texas Women's University. The program will highlight Texas women who have impacted our society on local, state, national, and international levels as leaders and policy makers. After the meeting, be ready to purchase your tickets for this year's Fashion Show, "Kiowa in Wonderland."

Our Fashion Show Committee has planned a fun and entertaining event for you this year, which will be on April 10! Look for the flyer containing more information about the Fashion Show in this month's issue. Stay for lunch and enjoy a delicious meal as you visit with friends. Make sure to register by noon on Monday, March 10. Let us know whether or not you are eating, or if you are only attending the meeting, so we will know the number of tables we need to prepare.

With spring weather finally upon us, come enjoy the fun activities our various departments have planned for you. Create a beautiful decoupage flowerpot with Arts & Crafts on March 4. Meet at Landon Winery in Gainesville on March 7 to discuss the book "The Winemakers" with Book Club. Join Garden & Nature on March 11, as we travel to Color Orchids in Nocona to learn about orchids. Hang on to your lucky shamrocks and end the month with Kiowa After Dark, for "Lucky Game Night" at the Lodge the evening of March 20.

March really knows how to keep us on our toes, and the ladies of Kiowa Woman's Club are a testament to the power of women coming together to inspire, support, and uplift one another. So, let's celebrate all the fun March has to offer, as we move forward with good friends, purpose and passion, and maybe just one more slice of cake!

Sheri Demarest  
KWC President  
2024-2025

## Kiowa Woman's Club March General Meeting

Come join us on Thursday, March 13, to hear Elizabeth Quaida, curator of The Sue S. Bancroft Women's Leadership Hall which is a part of the Center for Women in Government and the Jane Nelson Institute for Women's Leadership at Texas Woman's University. The hall was created to teach students and visitors about accomplished women leaders and is named after Sue S. Bancroft in honor of her commitment and support to women's leadership. The exhibit features high-achieving pioneering women who embody "Texas tenacity and determination" who have as leaders and policy makers paved the way for women today and women in the future. Come prepared to be inspired by these persevering women who have gone before us to impact our society on a local, state, national and international level.

Tricia Kane  
KWC Programs

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## Honoring KWC Past Presidents

On February 7, the KWC Past Presidents were honored and celebrated for their leadership at the 3rd Annual Past Presidents Tea. This tradition began during Jennifer Monda's presidency as a way to recognize and appreciate past leaders. In the photo below, the KWC silver punch bowl—once a staple at social gatherings—is filled with gifts, symbolizing the organization's rich history. The event was filled with nostalgia as the presidents reminisced about the past and shared their visions for the future, embracing the theme of "imagine the possibilities."



February General Meeting



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At the February book club, we Zoomed with Jill Orr, who is the author of *The Good Byline*. This is Book 1 of the *Riley Ellison Murder Mystery* series.



## KWC Bible Study

The smile on Diana Lewis' face shows the joy she imparts as she teaches us in our KWC Bible study. We have such pleasurable discussions and fellowship whenever we get together. This year we have been going over the encounters Jesus had with others in the gospel of John. If you have been unable to come, please come anyway because we would love to have you! No need to have a book but if you would like to purchase one it is *Doug Connelly's Study Guide John 1-12* which is approximately \$10 from *Life Guide Bible Studies* on Amazon. Bring your Bible and join us!

March 25, 2025  
*Jesus, the Bread of Life*

April 29, 2025  
*Caught in Adultery*

May 27, 2025  
*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**KWC Book Club**



Janet Wayne will talk about her experience as a Vietnam Nurse. You won't want to miss this!

When: Friday April 4, 2025  
Where: The Lodge Southwest Room  
Time: 10:00 am  
For information contact Tricia Smith  
281-804-7477

**KWC Book Club**



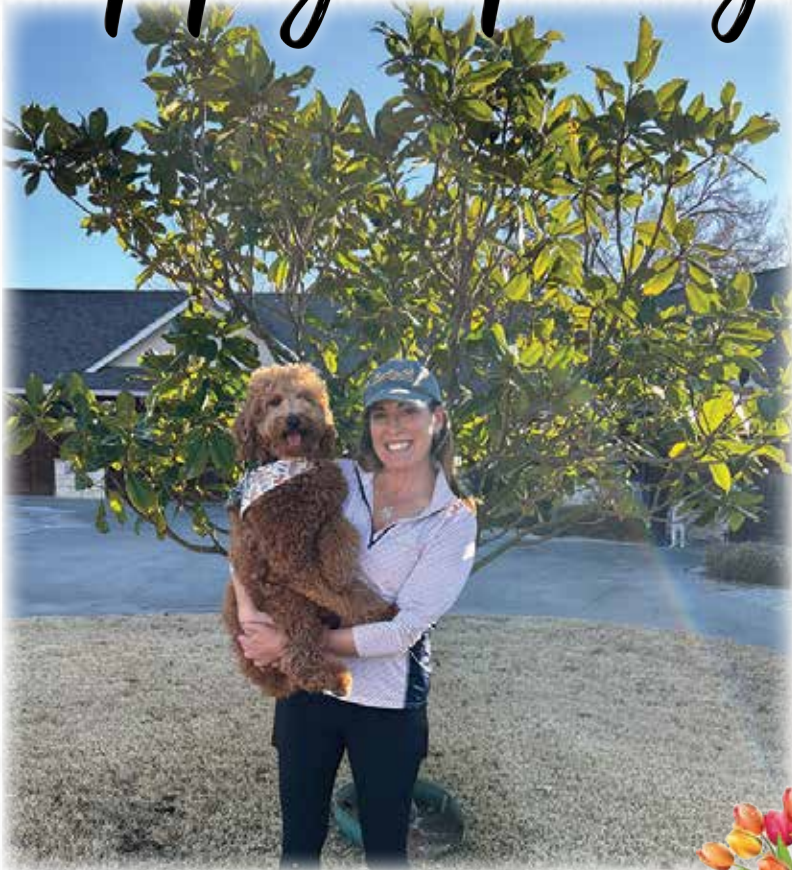
March 7, 2025 (Friday)  
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## KWC Kiowa in Wonderland Fashion Show Table Reservation Info and Form 2025

KWC Fashion Show tickets will go on sale at the March 13 KWC general meeting. The show, Kiowa in Wonderland, is April 10, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please contact Lynn Keckonen at 972-742-5813 if you have questions about tickets or table reservations. The cost this year will be \$35 per person for the show and lunch. You must be a member of KWC to attend. You may purchase one ticket, a table of eight, or a half table of four. If you choose to purchase a full or a half table, the table captain, (person putting table together), can write one check for the table. Please list the table captain's name, phone number, and email under line 1 on the form. List each person's member number on your table form. When all tables and seats have been purchased, we will hold a random drawing for tables. This will ensure fairness of table placement in the room. We will contact the table captains after the random drawing to let her know the table placement. If you do not purchase your ticket at the March meeting, a constant contact will go out with a QR code. This will allow you to download a reservation form. **Please note, you cannot pay online.** You can drop off your reservation forms and checks made out to KWC (no cash), at the box on Lynn Keckonen's front porch at 121 Kiowa Dr. West. There will be forms in the box as well.

We will not be doing pre-orders of wine prior to the show. The Lodge will have wine and champagne available to purchase by the bottle or the glass. We will also be offering a specialty cocktail, Twisted Tea (vodka and peach tea), for \$5.



# Kiowa In Wonderland

## FASHION SHOW 2025



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Dining Divas Group 2 dined at Shelley Parkinson's home with hostesses Karla Hecker, Sue Stewart, and Gayla Wardlow. They had Asian Flare cook for them!



Dining Divas Group 11 enjoyed lunch at the Lodge in January.



Dining Divas Group 9 at the Greenhouse Restaurant in Denton.



Dining Divas Group 12 at L'Amitié in Denton.



Dining Divas Group 8 enjoyed a nice, warm TexMex meal at El Tapatio in Gainesville on a very frigid January date.



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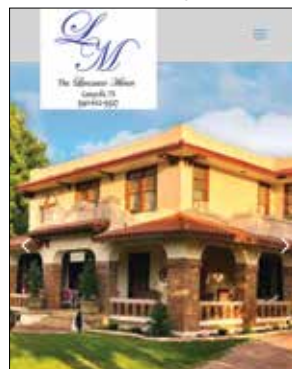
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Dining Divas Groups 15 and 18 joined together for tea at The Lancaster Manor in Gainesville. We were treated royally by John and Colleen, our hosts. It was the perfect way to celebrate the beginning of 2025 on a cold and clear day. Tea assortments, finger sandwiches, and scones with sweet treats were enjoyed by all. What a lovely day! Thanks to Dianne, Paula, and Debbie for coordinating!



Dining Diva Group 1 had a fun oriental lunch experience at Gay Enright's house with Lisa Bohannon as her co-host.



Dining Divas Group 10 had a wonderful dinner at the Lancaster Manor last night for their monthly gathering. We had a three-course gourmet dinner.



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doTERRA drawing prizes were won by Lesa McRae and Michelle Taylor. Jennifer Monda (again!) won the Kitchen Herb Garden door prize and Sandy Anthony won the garden tool set.



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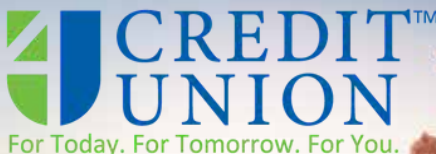
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The four Lake Kiowa Little Free Libraries are located at the East Beach and West Beach playgrounds, Little Fox Pond, and the walking path by the Lake Kiowa Dam. The Lake Kiowa Little Free Libraries are devoted to children of all ages.

### Book Review

*The Legend of the Bluebonnet*

By Tomie dePaola

Thick clusters of vivid blue flowers, which resemble old-fashioned sunbonnets, cover the Texas hills in the springtime every year. These lovely wildflowers, known by the name of Bluebonnet, are

the state flower of Texas. This favorite legend based on Comanche Indian lore, tells the story of how the bluebonnet came to be.

When a killing drought threatens the existence of the tribe, a courageous little Comanche girl sacrifices her most beloved possession--and the Great Spirit's answer results not only in much needed rain but a very special gift in return.

Tomie dePaola's powerful retelling and his magnificent full-color paintings perfectly capture the Comanche People, the Texas hills, and the spirit of She-Who-Is-Alone, a little girl who made a sacrifice to save her tribe.

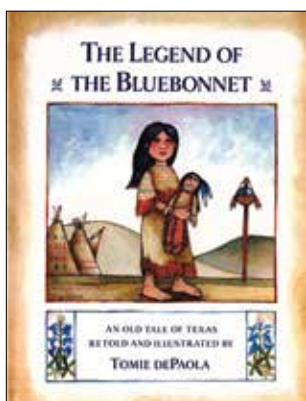
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Linda James,  
Little Free Libraries Chair  
Sandy Stockton, Co-chair



## Lake Kiowa Arts & Crafts Show

Mark your calendars for the Lake Kiowa Arts & Crafts Show on July 5, 2025.

Are you interested in being a vendor? Lake Kiowa residents and their families have the first opportunity to reserve a space until March 21, 2025. After March 21, spaces will be open to all interested parties. Spaces are limited and will be assigned according to the date vendor payment is received.

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Since our inception in 2012, ICVFD complies with the Cooke County Commissioner Court's fire department audit, and in return, receives approximately \$25k to assist with funding our services. That's "all we get". With our average annual operations budget of \$95,000, and an annual \$85,000 equipment Replacement-Fund goal (\$180,000 combined), we rely heavily on individual donations, business donations, grants, and fundraising events to provide the balance of the funds needed for our 911 medical and fire services.

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- In the past year, largely due to accurate paperwork, report submissions, and training, we have been able to secure over \$98,500 worth of grants for fire equipment and gear!

## Does Indian Creek VFD have experienced folks?



Oftentimes, when someone talks about a "volunteer" fire department, they think it consists of inexperienced or undertrained personnel. With Indian Creek VFD, that is simply not true! Over half of our firefighters and medical personnel are career firefighters, EMTs and/or paramedics whom work for other cities throughout North Texas. These dedicated volunteers have chosen to live in the ICVFD fire district, and continue to serve their community on their days off. At present, we currently have (4) Dallas Fire Rescue, (1) Plano Fire Rescue, (1) Irving FD, and (1) The Colony FD firefighters who respond to incidents; often taking precious time away from their families to assist friends and strangers. ICVFD also has dedicated EMT/Paramedics that work at Cooke County EMS and Sacred Cross EMS; along with several others that have chosen to become certified in the medical or fire fields. Any of these experienced folks may help you during your time of need...but what's also great is that they help train our new volunteers whom may have no experience at all. It's a WIN-WIN!



## ICVFD Medical Response

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**DID YOU KNOW....** that only 7 fire departments in Cooke County provide 911 first-response for medical emergencies? Indian Creek, Gainesville, Valley View, Callisburg, Muenster, Lindsay, and Moss Lake fire departments are the only fire departments authorized to respond to medical emergencies. Over one-third of the county has to wait for 1 of the 5 nearest county-funded ambulances to arrive for medical care; yes...there are only 5 ambulances in the entire county, and depending on how busy they are, it could take 10-20+ minutes for them to arrive! **Providing medical first-response service is not a requirement of any volunteer fire department...but from day one, Indian Creek chose to take on this complicated task to provide quick, increased level of medical care for our friends, family and district residents.** This requires additional paperwork, licensing, thousands of dollars worth of equipment, and countless hours of training. Over the last year, on average, ICVFD medical personnel were on scene within 6-8 minutes from the time the initial 911 call was placed; oftentimes sooner. With a 60 square mile fire district, and no paid personnel sitting at a fire station, that's quite impressive for ANY medical response entity! On top of that, we responded to 99.6% of every call dispatched; an estimated 20% more than most other VFDs!

Currently, 92% of our ICVFD firefighters are EMTs or Paramedics. These dedicated volunteers are trained and certified with the same knowledge that is required to be employed by many DFW fire departments and ambulance services. When you call 911 for a medical emergency, our first responders will arrive with knowledge and equipment to provide basic life support care until the Cooke County EMS ambulance arrives with additional capabilities and assistance with patient transport. Many of our medical responders are equipped with \$2500-worth of medical equipment, allowing them to be at your house within minutes of your call. This OPTIONAL medical service is not easy, nor is it cheap...but Indian Creek VFD strives to provide the best for its district residents!



### ISO Rating 4/8B

According to numerous local insurance companies, the ISO rating that Indian Creek VFD has been able to secure for our fire district is considered to be one of the best in the county! This is extremely hard to achieve when you consider the rural environment that we live in. Some of the components involved in the ISO evaluations are items like the type and age of our fire engines, the number of trained responders we have, the number and location of fire stations, and number of fire hydrants that are adequate for fire fighting use. Make sure you tell your homeowner's insurance agent that you live in an ISO 4/8B rated fire district!

## We NEED Volunteers!! Are you able to help??

It is easy to become a volunteer firefighter/medical responder! No experience is needed! Many of our volunteers are folks who have other careers (or have retired), and just want to give back to their community. Others are prospects who would like to become career firefighters, but want to get some experience first. And of course, there's everyone in between! Our current members range from business executives, to career firefighters, to ranchers. Anyone can apply, and everyone tends to love it!

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** 18 yrs of age or older - No felony convictions - Live in (or within 5 miles of) the ICVFD Fire District

The first step is to let us know you are interested! Simply send an email to [recruit@indiancreekfd.com](mailto:recruit@indiancreekfd.com) with your desired intentions. If you would like to visit the fire station, or speak with current members, we can easily arrange that as well! In-person training consists of a few evening hours a month, with an occasional "special training" on a weekend. It's really THAT EASY to help and serve your community! If firefighting and/or medical response isn't your interest, basic tasks like monthly cleaning of the fire station, washing the trucks, or mechanically maintaining the equipment are all tasks that you could do to help serve your community. Become an ICVFD volunteer!!!

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**Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department**

As usual January was a busy month for the fire department. The chief reported 57 calls for the month. Then February 2, he reported that they had nine calls, which is a new one-day record. The old record was seven.

The fire department annual meeting will take place at the firehouse on Monday, March 10, 2025, following the regular board meeting. We will be welcoming three new board members: Greg Powell, Bob Schroeder, and Melanie Schoeder. Three current board members, Craig Parish, Garland Brown, and Bryan Measles, will have finished their two-year term.

The chief also updated the Board on equipment status; all vehicles are operational. No new information on the new brush truck, which is expected in the June or July.

There are no new firefighters to report.

Direct Deposit has been implemented and passed its first test. Firefighters will now be encouraged to sign up for it.

The new donation letter is going out in the POA February mailing of bills. Craig and Bryan will work on the tax-exempt status of the two acres.

The fire department received a very nice donation from The Gainesville Helping Hands organization.

Work on the annual golf tournament continues. As details become available, they will be shared here and on the Indian Creek VFS website. We appreciate the donations and support you have shown us in the past.

If you would like to volunteer to help the ICVFD, please email us at [admin@indiancreekfd.com](mailto:admin@indiancreekfd.com).

Minutes of the monthly board meeting are on the Indian Creek VFD website.

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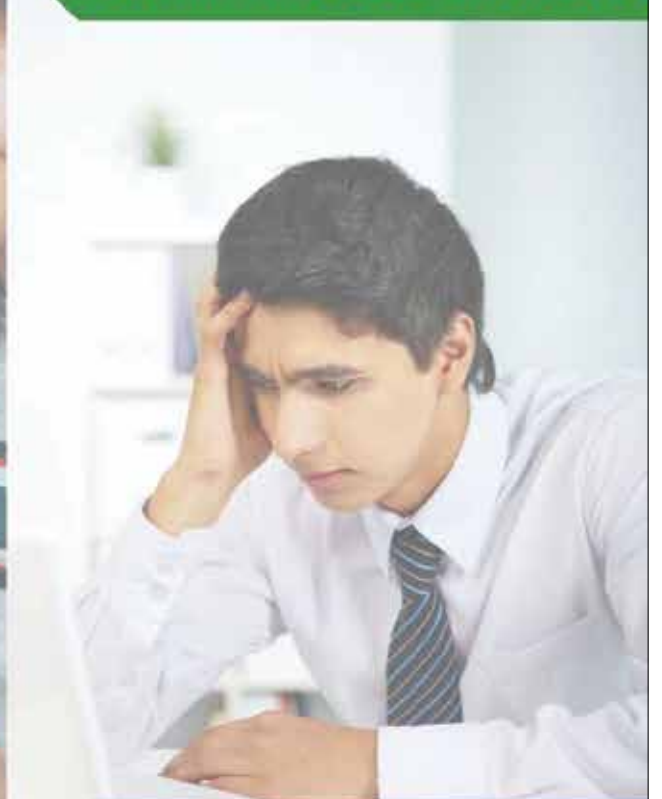
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# Men's Golf Association

## Men's Golf Association

Due to bad weather throughout most of January, it was decided to cancel the play day for January.

The February play day was held on February 8. Since we didn't have a January meeting, this was the first meeting where the new president, Jim Adams, was able to preside. The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance. Jim introduced the 2025 officers to the membership. He then shared information provided by course superintendent Bryan Brown from the January board meeting regarding the nursery green and bad areas on a few of the greens. The plan for the nursery green is to sprig it along with the sprigging of the par 3 course greens in May. As for the green repairs, Bryan had shared that each of the green issues on #6, #8, #17, and #18 has a different cause, and each will be addressed in the spring.

Treasurer Ronny Young presented the January financial report.

Beginning Balance: \$31,019.59  
 Debits: \$7,512.00  
 Credits: \$23,333.00  
 Committed Funds: \$18,025.00  
 Uncommitted Funds: \$28,815.59  
 Hole-in-one Fund: \$6,220



**Jim Adams presenting Steve Ruffino his hole-in-one plaque.**

Over the past couple of months, the MGA Board of Directors has been reviewing the MGA bylaws to bring them up to date with current practices. The changes identified were a change to the check writing signature policy and changes to bring the guidelines for inputting scores to the GHIN handicap system up to date. Per the bylaws, Jim presented these changes to the membership in this meeting so that they can be submitted for an approval vote at the March meeting.

The MGA Board has been making a strong push to encourage members to help to maintain the condition of the golf course. Jim expressed that

Membership Director Kent Harvick presented the 2025 membership report.

401 members  
 314 in the hole-in-one pool  
 4 new members

especially during the winter when it is cart path only and the grass on the fairways is dormant, it is very important for the players to carry their sand bottles with them and fill multiple divots as they walk to and from their ball. It is also very important for the players to try to fix multiple ball marks on the greens.

Steve Ruffino was presented with a plaque for his hole-in-one in December. His hole-in-one was on #13 from 130 yards with a 5-hybrid. In 2024, Steve accomplished the extremely rare feat of two hole-in-ones in the same year.

Tournament director Mike Erickson discussed the Spring Kicker Tournament which is coming up March 14-16. The Spring Kicker is a 72-team, 2-man tournament with tee times starting at 8:00 AM each morning. The Saturday format will be a scramble, and the Sunday format will be a shamble. The Friday evening event will include pari-mutuel betting and a dinner for the players. Signups will be accepted from February 15 through 5:00 PM March 1.

The format of the February play day was the format originally

planned for January, Rotor's Revenge in Reverse, to counter the Rotor's Revenge December format where everything was set up as tough as possible. This format is a simple scramble from the members tees. We started with a beautiful day, with bright sunshine and temperatures near 70 degrees. By the end of the round, a cold front had arrived and players who brought their warmer clothes were bundling up, while those who didn't were jealous of those who did. With the easy course setup, there were many teams with low scores and the final outcome was not determined until the very end.



**1st place (LtoR): Jeff Cordell, Ralph Stow, Ronny Young, Jay Titus**

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# Men's Golf Association

# DYK?



**3rd place (LtoR): Sean Lonergan, Stuart Cutright, Kent Hunter, Bruce Ives**



**1st place (LtoR): Paul Dillard, Bert Blair, Josh Shumate (not shown), Bob McRae (not shown)**

Two teams tied for first place with a score of -10

Bert Blair, Josh Shumate, Paul Dillard, Bob McRae

Jeff Cordell, Ralph Stow, Ronny Young, Jay Titus

Four teams tied for third place with a score of -9

David Nix, Robert Mitchell, Harald McFarling, Chris Montanaro

Mike Erickson, Trent Westerfield, Hal Hoyt, Floyce Pierce

Bruce Ives, Stuart Cutright, Sean Lonergan, Kent Hunter

Isaac Andrews, Rusty Deaton, Ron Hageman, Rick Campbell

Eight other teams tied for seventh place with a score of -8

The March play day will be held on March 8 with the meeting at noon.



**3rd place (LtoR): Ron Hageman, Rick Campbell, Rusty Deaton, Isaac Andrews**

## Did You Know...

That there's a maximum hole score for handicap purposes and different ways to determine that maximum? There's actual gross score, net double bogey, par plus 5 strokes, most likely score, and net par. Let's look at each.

First is your actual gross score (the actual number of strokes it took you to hole out from the tee). We recommend keeping score hole-by-hole for yourself and your playing partners using the GHIN app because the app will automatically adjust your hole score to the maximum allowed for handicap purposes. If you don't post hole-by-hole and only post your total gross score to GHIN, then you are responsible for adjusting each hole to the maximum allowed for handicap purposes, as discussed below, and posting this adjusted gross total to GHIN.

A hole is considered to have been played if it has been started so your hole score for unfinished holes is your most likely score or net double bogey. Until a player has played a minimum of 54 holes and established a Handicap Index, the maximum score for each hole played is limited to par plus 5 strokes. Once a player has established a Handicap Index, the maximum score for handicap purposes is your most likely score or net double bogey whichever is less. The USGA offers the following guidance for most

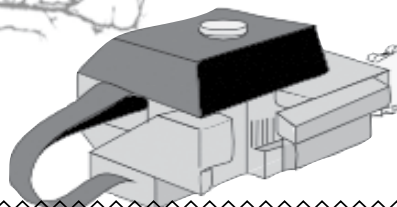
likely score: If on the green and no more than 5 feet add one stroke. Between 5 feet and 20 yards add two or three additional strokes, and if more than 20 yards add three or four additional strokes, depending on ball position, green difficulty, and player ability. Net double bogey is par + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes that the player receives on that hole. For example, on a par 5 where the player receives two handicap strokes, the maximum score for handicap purposes is 9, (5 + 2 + 2).

If a hole is not played for some reason, then your score for handicap purposes is net par which is par for the hole plus any handicap strokes you're allowed on that hole. For example, if the 9<sup>th</sup> is closed for maintenance and you receive a stroke there, your score for handicap purposes is 5.

Remember, if you post hole-by-hole in GHIN, GHIN will adjust each hole to the maximum for handicap purposes. If you post total score, then the player must adjust each hole to these maximums and post an adjusted gross score. Not only are these maximums required for handicap purposes, but you can also use them to improve your pace of play by picking up and moving on once you've reached your maximum score. Particularly if the players behind you are waiting. Questions? Ask any member of...

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# Women's Golf Association



### General Information and Upcoming Events

The new WGA Board had its first board meeting of the year on February 3. We're very busy planning and preparing this year's events and activities. The current membership count, as of the February board meeting, is 186 members. There are currently 106 18-hole, 65

9-hole, and 15 social members, but we continue to add to this count and are still growing. The 2025 Membership List can be found on the LK POA website under the "Clubs" link, then drop down the list to find "WGA." The 18- and 9-hole chairwomen are busy planning the weekly payday schedule for the year, and they also are the ones organizing our Spring Fling Tournament!

Only ten members showed up for our second golf information/education session on February 12 where we watched part of an interesting video about the history of the LPGA, which was founded on September 13, 1950, by 13 women golfers. In this video we were introduced to one of those founding members, Marilyn Smith, who shared stories and personal experiences about the beginning of the LPGA. Then we discussed how to navigate and utilize the information found under the "Documents" link on our WGA webpage. One of those documents is the WGA Wednesday Playday Guidelines for 2025. There

is a wealth of information available regarding rules, etiquette and tournament guidelines, which include diagrams for visual references. We should all utilize these documents on a regular basis to make sure we're educated about the game we love to play.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Ways and Means, Michelle Porter, is busy securing sponsors and commitments for this year to fund our tournaments, which starts with our first golf tournament of the year on March 26. Please see the flyer advertising the Spring Fling and be ready to start registration at the general meeting on March 5. Notices will also go out via the weekly WGA constant contact email with a link to sign up. Happy golfing!

## March Schedule

- 5 – Meeting and lunch  
11:00 am  
Scramble (\$5) 1:00 pm
- 12, 19 – Playdays
- 26 – Spring Fling Medal Play Tournament

### Information from the President

WGA is proud to have been an active organization at Lake Kiowa for 55 years this year! So this is our 'Emerald' year! We were the first club formed at Lake Kiowa in August of 1970. We'll be celebrating this accomplishment throughout the year in various ways.

It's a great year to be a WGA member, either a golfing member or a social member. Join now so you will get the latest info and updates emailed to you.

Our first WGA luncheon/meeting/scramble will be held on Wednesday March 5. Lunch and meeting are 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, followed by a 1:00 PM Scramble playday.

Non-golfers and newcomers are welcome to come to our lunch/meeting even if you aren't playing in the scramble. We will have to have your RSVP for lunch, however, so if you are not on our email list, please email WGA president Dee Dorman at [dorman@ntin.net](mailto:dorman@ntin.net) to let us know you are interested.



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# Women's Golf Association



**WGA Spring Fling Golf Tournament**  
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- 🌸 Tee times for 9-hole Silver flights
- 🌸 LKWGA local carry-over rule will be in effect
- 🌸 WGA 2025 Tournament Guidelines Apply

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## Time to renew or join Lake Kiowa Women's Golf Association for 2025

Join/Renew by January 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for your New Year's Hole in One!

Newly added back to our membership options is a **social membership** at a reduced price which allows you to attend the popular "Girls Night Out" and the WGA Christmas Dinner/Dance. This is for non-golfers only. Let your friends know about this!

Fill out the form and submit with check to LKWGA. You can drop by the Pro Shop or mail to: LKWGA 100 Navajo Dr. Lake Kiowa, Tx 76240. (Forms also available in the Proshop)

Contact Lori Brindle (512)426-7938 or [lbrindle@ntin.net](mailto:lbrindle@ntin.net) for membership questions.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Donna Marfice
- 4 - Karen Brewton
- 7 - Linda Armstrong-Stow  
Jennifer Burnison
- 8 - Traci Kemp
- 12 - Mary Ann Cressler
- 13 - Karen Vandermolen  
Jan Van Hoorebeke
- 14 - Barbra Lucas
- 15 - Janice Richey
- 16 - Mary Slack
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**Down**

- 1. Falls short
- 2. "Believe it \_\_\_!"
- 3. City square
- 4. Certain circus, with "Cirque du"
- 5. Oldest of the Brady bunch
- 6. Philosopher Descartes
- 7. She's "sweet as apple cider"
- 8. Type of acoustic guitar
- 9. "Hurry up, driver!"
- 10. Hole in your head
- 11. San \_\_\_ Obispo, California
- 12. Overture follower
- 13. Back in the day
- 18. \_\_\_-European
- 19. Trickster in Norse mythology
- 23. Words of admission
- 25. Newt wannabe
- 26. Penultimate word in a Henny Youngman one-liner
- 28. Beast of burden
- 29. Harness the wind
- 30. Diner sign

- 31. Sent an e-mail to someone in addition to the main recipient
- 32. Goya's "The Duchess of \_\_\_"
- 33. Steinbeck family
- 34. Tel \_\_\_
- 36. Math branch
- 39. Before, once
- 40. Marlo Thomas' character
- 41. Letters for a Cardinal?
- 46. Align properly
- 48. Pass over
- 49. A large quantity
- 51. Famous dud from Detroit
- 53. Dickens' Heep
- 54. Dame's leader?
- 55. Abide
- 56. Some times to call, in ads
- 57. Sound with a splash
- 58. Cat or engine sound
- 59. Elude on purpose
- 60. Medieval laborer
- 61. Macrame feature
- 63. Stage prompt

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**Across**

- 1. Dandies
- 5. Part of a crossword puzzle
- 9. Cartoon sound effect
- 14. Woody's boy
- 15. Decorate anew
- 16. Affect emotionally
- 17. Baptism, for one?
- 20. Medicated candy
- 21. Recruits successfully
- 22. Priggish
- 23. Sean's mom
- 24. "Camelot" composer
- 27. Soon, conversationally
- 32. 1977 Steely Dan album
- 35. Pugilist's weapon
- 37. Abraham's son
- 38. Blissful feeling for a new camper?
- 42. Scottish scion
- 43. Polish a manuscript
- 44. Timothy Leary stash
- 45. Period beginning four Sundays before Christmas
- 47. Snow hut
- 50. Post horse?
- 52. Pitcher's perch
- 56. Show appreciation, in a way
- 60. Seedy location
- 62. Beer that gives a warm glow?
- 64. Some sculptured figures
- 65. Mark's successor
- 66. British peer
- 67. Shopping binge
- 68. Word with jab or turn
- 69. Children's author Silverstein



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## St. Patrick's Day

Word Search Puzzle

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Scan this code to watch a video about the many amenities Lake Kiowa offers!



**NEW PRICE - FOR SALE**

**111 Hogan - \$2,289,000**



**FOR SALE**

**1328 Kiowa Dr E - \$2,200,000**



**FOR SALE**

**827 Kiowa Dr W - \$1,400,000**



**NEW PRICE - FOR SALE**

**116 Sequoya - \$715,000**



**FOR SALE**

**110 Seminole Cv - \$398,000**



**COMING SOON**

**101 Cheyenne - \$1,499,000**

**Call me for information on my current off-market listings!**

## Golf Course Maintenance Report

Every year around the first week of February, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) holds its annual Golf Industry Show and Education Conference. This is a great event that features two days of education seminars followed by a two-day trade show. It is a great time to catch up with colleagues from around the country and maybe pick up some things that I can use here. It is also a great place to learn from turf experts who share their research and to find out what is new in the industry. Then, you get to meet all the turf vendors and see all the new shiny equipment they are launching for this year. In a way, the Golf Industry Show kicks off the new golf season. It is a great way to recharge your batteries and get excited about the upcoming growing season. This event is something I look forward to every February. This year the event was held in San Diego. I enjoyed my time in California, but I am happy to be back in the great state of Texas!

In early February, we finished up what I like to call our Spring pre-emergent herbicide spray. This is when we make a wall-to-wall application of a combination of pre-emergent herbicides and a non-selective herbicide. The pre-emergent herbicides are designed to control and prevent germination of summer annual weeds, and the non-selective herbicide is in the tank to clean up any weeds that germinated after our fall pre-emergent herbicide application.

March is what I consider to be the start of our season. This is when the grass starts to break dormancy, and we get back into more of our routine maintenance schedule.

Please continue to fill your divots and repair your ball marks.

See you around the course!

Bryan Brown  
Golf Course Superintendent

## Chris Tadlock Architectural Control Representative

We are pleased to introduce Chris Tadlock as the new Architectural Control Committee Representative. In this role, Chris will be responsible for reviewing and issuing building permits, as well as ensuring compliance with the rules, procedures, and guidelines outlined in the *Architectural Control Handbook* for the Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association. His duties will also include attending Architectural Control Committee meetings, presenting permit applications and citations for review, and patrolling the community to ensure adherence to these guidelines. Additionally, Chris will issue violation notices and enforce fines as necessary.

Before relocating to Lake Kiowa, Chris spent much of his career leading Ambercom, Inc., a communications company specializing in the sales, installation, and servicing of business phone systems and low-voltage wiring in Orange County, California. With over 35 years of experience, Chris has become an expert in creating functional and efficient floor plans for office spaces. While living in Newport Beach's Bayside Village from 2015 to 2024, he actively participated in several HOA committees. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Homeowners Association, holding the roles of Vice President for two years and President for one year. Chris and his family moved to Lake Kiowa in May 2024, and he is eager to bring his construction expertise to the POA team. He looks forward to assisting residents with their building projects.

Chris has been happily married to Lynn for 34 years. They have a recently married daughter, Taylor, who resides in McKinney, TX. The Tadlock family enjoys camping, boating, hiking, playing cards, and spending quality time with friends.

## Security Report

### Rule of the month

#### 3.3.2.1 - \*\*Posted Speed Limit

The speed limit for all vehicles within the Association community is 25 mph or lower if posted or if warranted by road conditions such as traffic, weather, impediments or obstructions, repairs or construction, or anything else that would require a prudent driver to exercise caution.

*Reminder: Guest and Delivery Driver Responsibility in Lake Kiowa*

Per Rule 3.3.1.27 - *Responsibility / Admission / Authorization*, members are responsible for any guest they invite, including Uber, DoorDash, Walmart, Instacart, Home Depot, friends, and other visitors. This means if a guest or delivery driver speeds, damages property, or drives the wrong way, the member is held accountable.

When using delivery services, please take a moment to remind your driver that the speed limit in Lake Kiowa is 25 mph. Security is also reinforcing this by notifying drivers of the speed limit before opening the gate.

I understand this may not be a popular rule, but on Lake Kiowa's private roadways, it is our only means of reducing speeding. If a delivery driver is pulled over for speeding, Security will now contact the homeowner so they can immediately reach out to the delivery company.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

### Youth Golf Cart Safety Course

Registration is now open for the 2025 Youth Golf Cart Safety Course, which is required for youth drivers ages 13 and up who do not have a driver's license to operate a golf cart in Lake Kiowa.

### Course Details

Location: Lake Kiowa Lodge (first room on the right)

Required: Participants must bring a 2-seater or 4-seater golf cart (6-seater golf carts are not permitted for youth drivers per Lake Kiowa rules).

Testing: A written test and driving test will be administered.

### Course Dates

Saturday, March 22 – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, April 19 – 2:00 PM (note different time)

Saturday, May 17 – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, June 21 – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, July 19 – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, August 16 – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, September 20 – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, October 25 – 12:00 PM  
Requirements for Participation  
The child must be at least 13 years

old and provide a valid birth certificate on the class date.

A completed practice log documenting at least 4 hours of supervised driving time with a parent or legal guardian must be brought to class.

### How to Register

Email Chief Melanie Cade at [melanie.cade@lkpoa.org](mailto:melanie.cade@lkpoa.org) with the following details: preferred class date, child's full name, and child's date of birth.

### Questions

Contact Chief Melanie Cade or Cpl. Jennifer Pope at 940-665-3221 for answers to questions or to obtain more information.

We look forward to ensuring a safe and responsible golf cart experience for all youth drivers in Lake Kiowa! Stay Safe, we look forward to seeing you soon.

### Spring Weather and Alerts

Spring is arriving, bringing the potential for severe weather. Are you prepared? How will you receive alerts about approaching storms? Your mobile device can be a lifesaving tool, offering multiple ways to stay informed: text messages from friends and family; social media updates; weather apps; NOAA Weather Alerts ([noaa.weather.gov](http://noaa.weather.gov)); and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), which follow you wherever you go.

### Enable WEA On Your Phone

Android: Go to Settings > Safety & emergency > Wireless Emergency Alerts and ensure "Allow alerts" is turned on.

iPhone: Open Settings > Notifications, scroll to the bottom, and under Government Alerts, enable Emergency Alerts.



Another great option for local and regional alerts is CodeRED. This emergency notification service allows officials to send alerts

via phone call, text, email, and social media about time-sensitive emergencies. You can customize alerts for your location or other areas of interest.

Download the CodeRED app today to stay informed and stay safe! It looks like this on Apple and Android.



You can also sign up online by scanning the QR code.

Melanie Cade  
Chief of Security

## Compliance Citations

Rule Violation	Citation	Warning
Trash and Refuse	1	3
Address identification		32
Motor vehicle Registration	4	
Signs and Flags		5
Holiday Season Décor	8	
Parking Setback		1
Property Maintenance	5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	18	41



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2025 for Bylaw ballot items and community survey results. Motion to approve by Larry Whisenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bria Ballard, vote 9-0 to approve.

Consider and take possible action on scheduling the mixer with the Board of Directors and candidates on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Larry Whisenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bria Ballard, vote 9-0 to approve.

Par 3 Group: deliberate and consider possible action to approve of 9-hole golf course final name and logo selection as presented by Jim Marfice. Announced results of survey with the Lake Kiowa Par 3 name receiving the most votes. Motion to approve name by Dean MacElroy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Sledge, vote 9-0 to approve.

**Community Manager Report** - Rich Augustyniak

Review and possible approval of any ARRF/CARE/LMRF project funding:

Colt drainage repair- sealing and lining - \$68,000 NTE. Motion to approve by Tom Sledge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Jackson, vote 9-0 to approve

**Additional Business-** Updates from Community Manager concerning ongoing projects (ie. Par 3 golf course, east gate, KDW drainage repair, Christmas tree lighting, Breakfast with Santa, blood drive)

**Comments from Members** - Pete Mason (Lot#710) concerning the results of an Executive Session discussion on proposal submitted by the ACC. The Board of Directors has tabled this item for further review.

**Executive Session:** Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:45 pm by Nancy Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Tom Sledge, vote to approve 8-0 (Bria Ballard had to leave early for another meeting)

Deliberate and consider possible action regarding member citation appeal

Deliberate and consider possible action to approve staff/contractor compensation

Consider and take possible action on pending legal matters and mediations

Consultation with LKPOA attorney-not in attendance

**Return to Open Session** - motion to return to open session by Nancy Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronnie Phillips

Summary of Items addressed in executive session

Action on items in executive session if any- reviewed appeal, citation was upheld (member was a no show), reviewed personnel and pay issues and approved pay adjustment for POA employee.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn at 8:08 pm by Nancy Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Tom Sledge, vote to approve 8-0.

Bill Little, President  
Larry Whisenant, Secretary

## Lake Kiowa Boating

The season for power boating activities is right around the corner and I want us to get out in front of it and be prepared. Take the time to reeducate yourself, your family members, and educate all of your new guests on all aspects of these rules. Ignorance of any of our rules or procedures is not a valid excuse, as they are posted online and available at the POA office. I suggest you ensure there is a copy on your watercraft at all times and each operator reviews it before leaving your dock each time. The Lake Kiowa Boating Safety Test (LKBST) is ready to go. Every watercraft operator, regardless of their age, is required to take the LKBST. This is a requirement that was implemented in 2016 and is educational and easy to achieve on your own timeframe. I strongly suggest that each and every watercraft operator re-take this test each year to keep his or her knowledge completely up to speed. Everyone born after January 1, 1993, is also required to take and complete the Texas Water Safety Training course and provide Proof of Course Completion of that course in addition to the LKBST while boating on Lake Kiowa. The Texas certification is consistent with what is required on all public lakes in the state. There was a good deal of thought and effort put into placement of buoys on the lake in an effort to direct boaters to safe operating practices and to alert them of possible hazards.

Numerous buoys were placed in high traffic locations to guide boats, skiers, tubers, etc. to stay at least 50 feet away from these potential hazards. "Ski-in, Ski-out" (SISO) buoys mean that watercraft under power can

pull a skier or tuber straight out of a properly designated cove and into the main body of water and merge into the correct traffic pattern and continue to tow the person behind the watercraft. That skier (or tuber) can also be towed back into a SISO cove and "dropped" by the towing watercraft, provided the watercraft does not make a sharp (>90 degree) turn under power. These areas are generally greater than five feet in depth and at least 200 feet across from front-of-dock to front-of-dock. Areas greater than eight feet in depth and more than 250 feet across generally allow skiers to turn. "No Wake" buoys mean that all powered watercrafts must be idling along at the slowest speed that allows the watercraft to maintain course - less than five mph. All coves have these areas in the farthest reaches to allow for boat deceleration and to minimize wake energy. Both beaches have buoys - large and small ones - to cordon off the swim areas and to designate the "landing zones" where PWC, canoes, or kayak users can idle (SLOWLY) into these zones and beach their watercraft and use the beach facilities. Our Security Team will be on the water when there is high activity. The boat will be visible and spend more time directly interacting with boaters. Have your certifications, insurance cards, Personal Flotation Devices (PFD), and fire extinguishers' handy to show our officers when requested. Please feel free to contact Chief Melanie Cade with any questions or suggestions on lake safety.

Rich Augustyniak  
Community Manager

### Message from your POA Office...

Technology seems to be all around us. There is an "app" for everything, and a website or a Google inquiry to find out any information. I know some of us have embraced this more than others.

I know this is not for everyone, but did you know you can receive your statement via email? We sent out 960 statements through the USPS last month. With the rising cost of the stamp, this cost the POA members approximately \$571. We have 502 people that receive their statement in paper form. However, we have 458 members that are receiving their statements electronically and in paper form. If we switched the people that are receiving their statement both ways to electronically only, this would save the POA approximately \$300 each month, which amounts to about \$3,600 a year.

Kendall gets calls from members about getting their statements late each month via USPS. We run statements on the first business day of the month, and the

statements are folded and stuffed into envelopes and taken to the USPS the next day. By signing up for electronic statements, you get your statement the day we generate them. If you don't see it in your inbox, just check your spam/ junk folder.

All you need to do is email your request for electronic statements to [office@lkpoa.org](mailto:office@lkpoa.org), and we can set it up for you. Did you know you can also pay your bill electronically? With our new system, you can now pay your bill online using your bank account or credit card; there is a fee for using your credit card. This would save you time and postage mailing the payment back to the POA office. Just know that you must pay your member account and your property account separately. When you log in to your account, you should see a member tab and a tab with your property address. If you don't, call us, and we can look in our system to check that everything is set up for this ability.

Crystal Hilton



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## Public Works Spring Clean-Up

Save the dates! Our Annual Spring Clean-Up will take place from Thursday, April 3, through Saturday, April 5, 2025. The clean-up will be held at the campground area, where Lake Kiowa staff will be available to assist you from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. They'll help remove items from trailers, truck beds, and vehicles, so you can dispose of unwanted materials. To ensure a smooth process, please note the following guidelines:

No motor oil, tires, vehicle batteries, or liquid paints (only dried-out paint cans are allowed) should be disposed of in the dumpsters.

No outside trash or contractor waste will be accepted at the front gate during the clean-up.

We'll have a designated metal-only dumpster, so please bring any metal items for disposal.

### Project Update

Road rejuvenation for 2025 is on the schedule.

New "Nano" Seal-coat technology has been applied to Blackfoot and Mohala CV.

The 60" Culvert CIPP (Cure-in-place-pipe) repair project at Colt Dr. and Kiowa Dr. E. is underway.

Lake wall erosion repairs near the #9 green have started.

The new "Big A\$\$" patio ceiling fan installation has been completed.

The Par 3 road ingress/egress has been resurfaced with brand new asphalt.

### Road Update

The Public Works maintenance

crew will continue with crack sealing as weather permits. Planned road rejuvenation projects for 2025 include repairs on the one-lane bridge, Mohican, and Huron streets, as well as patching throughout the community. Sealcoating will also be done along Cayuga and Pawnee streets.

### Rule of the Month

#### 3.3.3. - \* Private Property Use

Any trade or activity, including but not limited to garage or estate sales, that causes an increase in traffic or a nuisance in any part of the community is not permitted on any lot. Yard sales are prohibited. Garage and estate sales are only allowed if:

- a permit valid for three consecutive days is obtained from LKPOA office by the member at whose residence the garage or estate sale is to be held;
- the fee set by the LKPOA is paid;
- all items offered for sale are kept indoors at the member's residence; and

all items are sold only to Lake Kiowa members, employees, sponsored guests, and contractors who are authorized to be in the Lake Kiowa community on the date of the sale.

Garage and estate sales shall not be advertised to anyone other than a Lake Kiowa member or employee. Permits are limited to two (2) in any calendar year, unless otherwise determined by the Community Manager. The Community Manager may revoke a permit for a violation of this rule, in addition to any other penalty allowed for a violation.

Scott Manning  
Public Works Director

## Animal Control Report

Spring has arrived in Lake Kiowa, bringing an increase in wildlife activity as many critters emerge from hibernation in search of food. While spotting these animals can be exciting, it's important to remember that some may pose risks. Please avoid approaching them and be aware of the following signs that may indicate their presence near your home.

### Common Signs of Raccoons, Opossums, and Armadillos

#### Noises at Night

Scratching, shuffling, or scurrying sounds in walls or attics.

#### Unpleasant Odors

Opossums produce strong-smelling waste, and raccoons may leave urine or droppings with foul odor.

#### Property Damage

Raccoons can damage gutters, soffits, fascia, and insulation. Opossums may knock over garbage cans.

#### Tree Damage

Raccoons may break branches or strip bark while searching for food or nesting.

#### Scattered Garbage

Raccoons are notorious for rummaging through trash.

#### Missing Pet Food

Outdoor pet food can attract raccoons.

#### Unusual Pet Behavior

Pets often detect wildlife before humans do.

## Doors Left Ajar

Raccoons have been known to nudge doors open.

### What To Do If You Suspect Wildlife Near Your Home

If you believe you have unwanted raccoons, opossums, or armadillos on your property, please contact Lake Kiowa Security for assistance by calling 940-665-3221. We have a limited number of traps available, or we can guide you on where to purchase one. If you successfully trap an animal, security will relocate it upon request.

For larger wildlife concerns, you may need professional wildlife removal services, which can be found online.

### River Otters in Lake Kiowa

Lake Kiowa is also home to river otters, which can be aggressive during mating season and while protecting their young. They typically arrive in March and stay until June. Please keep your distance if you encounter one.

The Lake Kiowa Security Team wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable spring season. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 940-665-3221 or email us at [security@lkpoa.org](mailto:security@lkpoa.org).

Stay safe and enjoy the season.

Cpl. Jennifer Pope  
Animal Control Officer

## Meet Patty McGuire

### Lake Kiowa's New Compliance Officer



We are pleased to introduce Officer Patty McGuire, Lake Kiowa's new Compliance Officer. In this role, Officer McGuire will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all rules and procedures outlined in the *Architectural Control Handbook* of the Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association. She will also attend Architectural Control Committee meetings and serve as a Security Officer when needed.

Officer McGuire has lived in the Lake Kiowa area for approximately five years, having moved from Anna, Texas, though she considers Wichita Falls home. She has over 15 years of experience in human resources, training, and security.

She is married to her wonderful husband, a law enforcement officer of over 20 years, and together they have raised three children. Now, they enjoy a life filled with their furry and feathered family, including goats, a pig, geese, chickens, and eight dogs.

Please join us in welcoming Officer Patty McGuire to the Lake Kiowa community!

Security Citations		
Rule Violation	Citation	Warning
Vicious Animal	1	
Juvenile Curfew	2	
Posted Speed Limit above 30 below 40	27	
Posted speed limit above 40	4	
Failure to pull Over	3	
Reckless driving	4	
Watercraft Registration	1	
Unauthorized Access	2	
Public Intoxication	1	
Traffic Control Device - example stop signs/wrong way front gate		2
<b>Total</b>	45	2

## Repeat Offenders

David Rogers	Posted Speed	Bryan Pauler	Posted Speed
Sarah McKibben	Unauthorized Access	Ralph Stow	Posted Speed
Sarah McKibben	Juvenile Curfew	Clifford Reese	Posted Speed
Clay Epperson	Posted Speed	Allan Pond	Posted Speed
Elizabeth Martin	Posted Speed	Lee Harrison	Property Maintenance
Roysan Rotman	Posted Speed	Elizabeth Coffman	Property Maintenance
Randall Talley	Posted Speed		

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## Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association Treasurer's Report - November 2024

Funding:	Number of Billable Lots		November Actual	November Budget	Month Actual Better/(Worse) Budget	11 Month YTD Actual	11 Month YTD Budget	YTD Actual
	Per Budget	Actual						Better/(Worse)
	1461.5	1462						YTD Budget
Maintenance Fees			325,163	325,052	111	3,577,242	3,575,574	1,668
Lodge: Food & Beverage Sales			56,719	45,593	11,127	660,377	547,551	112,826
Liquor, Beer & Wine Sales			28,285	18,101	10,184	304,825	246,145	58,680
Other Income:								
Cart storage			1,140	1,125	15	11,670	12,375	(705)
Mowing Fees			0	0	0	1,142	0	1,142
Late Charges			3,250	2,800	450	34,900	30,800	4,100
Sanitation & Recycle fees			26,650	28,183	(1,533)	293,545	306,766	(13,221)
Green Fees			10,772	6,500	4,272	108,004	101,256	6,748
Trailer Storage			1,950	2,640	(690)	23,250	29,040	(5,790)
Building Permits			5,899	8,000	(2,101)	68,860	88,000	(19,140)
Newsletter Ads			17,850	17,850	0	187,973	196,350	(8,377)
Legal Fees			0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income - Op			8,699	0	8,699	41,103	0	41,103
Interest Income - Reserve			29,893	0	29,893	137,047	0	137,047
Miscellaneous Income			8,548	6,798	1,749	187,720	112,532	75,188
Total Other Income			114,650	73,896	40,754	1,095,214	877,119	218,095
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>524,818</b>	<b>462,643</b>	<b>62,175</b>	<b>5,637,659</b>	<b>5,246,390</b>	<b>391,269</b>

Expense:	November Actual	November Budget	Better/(Worse) Budget	11 Month YTD Actual	11 Month YTD Budget	YTD Actual Better/(Worse) YTD Budget
Newsletter (Communique)	4,280	11,164	6,884	134,476	126,155	(8,321)
Administration	85,628	87,714	2,086	1,077,797	1,059,051	(18,746)
Public Works	66,593	56,874	(9,719)	613,804	673,160	59,356
Parks & Lake	19,637	3,398	(16,240)	78,806	48,872	(29,934)
Roads & Bridges	101,241	25,548	(75,693)	185,120	99,793	(85,326)
Golf Course	60,074	70,209	10,135	932,608	990,499	57,890
Golf Professional	10,881	10,412	(469)	106,289	118,768	12,479
Sanitation & Recycle	24,845	23,716	(1,128)	269,802	267,453	(2,350)
Security	58,753	58,541	(212)	683,941	697,683	13,742
Lodge Mgmt	15,714	10,880	(4,833)	172,788	134,101	(38,687)
Lodge Food Service	107,057	82,316	(24,741)	1,111,922	1,024,079	(87,843)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>554,702</b>	<b>440,773</b>	<b>(113,930)</b>	<b>5,367,353</b>	<b>5,239,613</b>	<b>(127,740)</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>(29,884)</b>	<b>21,870</b>	<b>(51,754)</b>	<b>270,306</b>	<b>6,777</b>	<b>263,529</b>

November Actual	November Budget	Better/(Worse) Budget	11 Month YTD Actual	11 Month YTD Budget	YTD Actual Better/(Worse) YTD Budget
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### Asset Replacement Reserve Fund:

ARRF Receipts (\$ 42.89 X 1462 lots)	62,705	62,684	21	689,843	689,521	322
ARRF Expense	147,054	147,054	0	385,978	399,758	13,780
<b>ARRF Excess/(Under)</b>	<b>(84,349)</b>	<b>(84,370)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>303,865</b>	<b>289,764</b>	<b>14,101</b>

### Capital Asset Reserve Fund:

CARF Receipts (\$ 28.21 X 1462 lots)	41,243	41,229	14	453,730	453,518	211
CARF Expense	21,450	21,450	0	230,289	230,643	353
<b>CARF Excess/(Under)</b>	<b>19,793</b>	<b>19,779</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>223,440</b>	<b>222,875</b>	<b>565</b>

### Lake Management Reserve Fund:

LMRF Receipts (\$ 13.79 X 1462 lots)	20,161	20,154	7	221,798	221,695	103
LMRF Expense	0	0	0	30,100	24,000	(6,100)
<b>LMRF Excess/(Under)</b>	<b>20,161</b>	<b>20,154</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>191,698</b>	<b>197,695</b>	<b>(5,997)</b>

### Cash Balances:

	10/31/2024	11/30/2024
<b>General Fund Accounts:</b>		
Checking Account	970,386	886,695
Payroll, Petty Cash & Tavern Ac.	14,344	14,419
Contingency Reserve Acct	173,041	174,622
Security Deposit Reserve	141,316	142,580
Initiation Fund	136,736	148,188
<b>Total Gen. Fund Cash Bal.</b>	<b>1,435,823</b>	<b>1,366,503</b>
<b>Reserve Fund Accounts:</b>		
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
ARRF Account	2,199,385	2,128,676
LMRF Account	752,747	781,027
<b>Discretionary Funds:</b>		
CARF Account	935,105	960,778
CDRF Account	168,038	170,292
<b>Total Cash Bal. All Funds</b>	<b>5,491,097</b>	<b>5,407,276</b>



Delinquent Status:	# of Lots	Current Month
30 Days	26	7,234
60 Days	1	617
90 Days	13	49,069
<b>Total Delinquent</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>56,919</b>

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# LKPOA

## Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association Treasurer's Report - December 2024

Funding:	Number of Billable Lots		December Actual	December Budget	Month Actual Better/(Worse) Budget	12 Month YTD Actual	12 Month YTD Budget	YTD Actual
	Per Budget	Actual						Better/(Worse)
	1461.5	1462						YTD Budget
Maintenance Fees			325,163	325,052	111	3,902,406	3,900,627	1,779
Lodge: Food & Beverage Sales			58,573	52,123	6,450	718,950	599,674	119,276
Liquor, Beer & Wine Sales			29,513	24,723	4,790	334,338	270,868	63,470
Other Income:								
Cart storage			1,125	1,125	0	12,795	13,500	(705)
Mowing Fees			0	0	0	1,142	0	1,142
Late Charges			2,700	2,800	(100)	37,600	33,600	4,000
Sanitation & Recycle fees			26,650	28,183	(1,533)	320,194	334,949	(14,754)
Green Fees			5,839	4,824	1,015	113,843	106,080	7,763
Trailer Storage			1,890	2,640	(750)	25,140	31,680	(6,540)
Building Permits			3,076	8,000	(4,924)	71,937	96,000	(24,063)
Newsletter Ads			17,325	17,850	(525)	205,298	214,200	(8,902)
Legal Fees			0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income - Op			7,334	0	7,334	48,437	0	48,437
Interest Income - Reserve			6,097	0	6,097	143,143	0	143,143
Miscellaneous Income			19,439	13,072	6,367	207,159	125,604	81,555
Total Other Income			91,474	78,494	12,981	1,186,688	955,613	231,076
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>504,724</b>	<b>480,392</b>	<b>24,332</b>	<b>6,142,383</b>	<b>5,726,782</b>	<b>415,601</b>

Expense:	December Actual	December Budget	Better/(Worse) Budget	12 Month YTD Actual	12 Month YTD Budget	YTD Actual Better/(Worse) YTD Budget
Newsletter (Communique)	24,230	11,597	(12,633)	158,706	137,752	(20,954)
Administration	129,691	94,792	(34,899)	1,207,488	1,153,843	(53,645)
Public Works	60,213	59,052	(1,161)	674,017	732,212	58,195
Parks & Lake	2,667	3,964	1,297	81,473	52,836	(28,637)
Roads & Bridges	73,672	3,407	(70,265)	258,792	103,200	(155,592)
Golf Course	81,743	101,867	20,125	1,014,351	1,092,366	78,015
Golf Professional	11,001	10,382	(619)	117,289	129,149	11,860
Sanitation & Recycle	29,860	30,292	432	299,662	297,744	(1,918)
Security	92,702	61,666	(31,036)	776,644	759,350	(17,294)
Lodge Mgmt	24,714	11,472	(13,242)	197,501	145,573	(51,928)
Lodge Food Service	113,171	98,678	(14,493)	1,225,093	1,122,757	(102,336)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>643,663</b>	<b>487,169</b>	<b>(156,494)</b>	<b>6,011,016</b>	<b>5,726,782</b>	<b>(284,234)</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>(138,939)</b>	<b>(6,777)</b>	<b>(132,162)</b>	<b>131,367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131,367</b>

December Actual	December Budget	Better/(Worse) Budget	12 Month YTD Actual	12 Month YTD Budget	YTD Actual Better/(Worse) YTD Budget
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### Asset Replacement Reserve Fund:

ARRF Receipts (\$ 42.89 X 1462 lots)	62,705	62,684	21	752,548	752,205	343
ARRF Expense	0	2,147	2,147	385,978	401,905	15,927
<b>ARRF Excess/(Under)</b>	<b>62,705</b>	<b>60,536</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>366,570</b>	<b>350,300</b>	<b>16,270</b>

### Capital Asset Reserve Fund:

CARF Receipts (\$ 28.21 X 1462 lots)	41,243	41,229	14	494,973	494,747	226
CARF Expense	0	216,045	216,045	230,289	446,687	216,398
<b>CARF Excess/(Under)</b>	<b>41,243</b>	<b>(174,816)</b>	<b>216,059</b>	<b>264,683</b>	<b>48,060</b>	<b>216,624</b>

### Lake Management Reserve Fund:

LMRF Receipts (\$ 13.79 X 1462 lots)	20,161	20,154	7	241,959	241,849	110
LMRF Expense	0	126,000	126,000	30,100	150,000	119,900
<b>LMRF Excess/(Under)</b>	<b>20,161</b>	<b>(105,846)</b>	<b>126,007</b>	<b>211,859</b>	<b>91,849</b>	<b>120,010</b>

### Cash Balances:

	11/30/2024	12/31/2024
<b>General Fund Accounts:</b>		
Checking Account	887,518	711,286
Payroll, Petty Cash & Tavern Ac.	14,419	25,590
Contingency Reserve Acct	174,622	175,263
Security Deposit Reserve	142,580	143,094
Initiation Fund	148,188	185,497
<b>Total Gen. Fund Cash Bal.</b>	<b>1,367,326</b>	<b>1,240,730</b>
<b>Reserve Fund Accounts:</b>		
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
ARRF Account	2,128,676	2,192,726
LMRF Account	781,027	804,468
<b>Discretionary Funds:</b>		
CARF Account	960,778	1,002,628
CDRF Account	170,292	171,157
<b>Total Cash Bal. All Funds</b>	<b>5,408,099</b>	<b>5,411,709</b>



Delinquent Status:	# of Lots	Current Month
30 Days	19	2,395
60 Days	3	632
90 Days	12	38,806
<b>Total Delinquent</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41,833</b>

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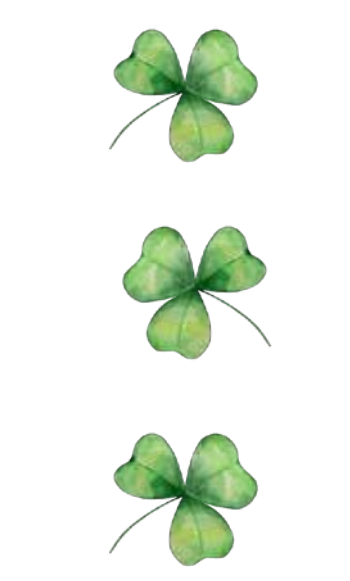
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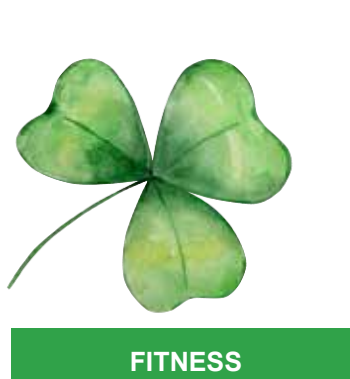
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