



Lake Lines

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President's Message.....

REMINISCING

As we have just celebrated America's 230th birthday, I could not help thinking about our independence and the sacrifices it took to gain the freedoms that we share. I can remember as an eight year old boy sitting on my great grandm a's porch listening to her stories of the past as she sat in her rocking chair. She always wore a simple cotton dress usually with an apron attached with knee high stockings that slightly rolled down her legs. She was a women small in stature but large in character. The values that she taught as she rocked , pausing only to dip some snuff and then take aim and hit a spittoon dead center over three feet away. She had a way of mesmerizing her audience.

She would tell of true life experiences from the late 1800's into the 20th century. As she told of the sacrifices and challenges that molded this great country, I would gaze out into the vastness of her farm and give thanks to those who fought for the right to call America home. The true land of the free. She died soon after America's 200th birthday, but her stories live on etched in many of the minds that were lucky enough to call her mother, grand-mother, or great grandm a. She was both "G reat" and "G rand".

She had eight children, thirty-one grand children, over fifty great grand children and many great-great grand children. She was a woman of simple means, but the legacy that she left was immeasurable. When I think of America I think of her and the many others that shaped and molded our country.

Yes, I am proud to be an American. A special thank you goes to all those who instill the moral fiber and values that our forefathers intended for us to have when they framed the Declaration of Independence. In this issue of Lakelines I took the liberty of adding a couple of patriotic items in hope that it will cause us all to pause and reflect about what it means to live in this country and to be called an American.

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Fun Facts

Hmmm....

The Bible is the world's best selling book... It's also the world's most shoplifted book.

McDonald's is the worlds largest toy distributor.

The animal responsible for the most human deaths worldwide is the mosquito.

Because steel expands when it gets hot, the Eiffel Tower is six inches taller in the summer than in the winter.

There is enough iron in a human being to make one small nail.

Social Committee Report

The Social Committee would like to say “Thank You” to all who participated in the summer BBQ activities!! We had a great turn out. There were 50 adults and 20 kids that enjoyed Williamson Bros. BBQ. We had 38 participants in the fishing tournament and ½ dozen boating participants. It was a great time!!

Next on the agenda is the Halloween party. Be on the look out for more information coming to you soon!

Also, if anyone is interested in joining the social committee or just helping with events please contact Deborah Pesta.



Sixes Road Community News

Recently, on June 27th representatives from all the major Sixes road communities met for the fourth time. We have been discussing the possibility of starting a Master Association to maintain the beautification of Sixes road. A website has been developed, www.sixesroad.org, which will be up and running by July 15th. I encourage all of you to view the website and give us your opinion. There is a brief survey that I would like you to take. Your answers will be strictly confidential and no personal information will be gathered. The website should be able to answer most of your questions.

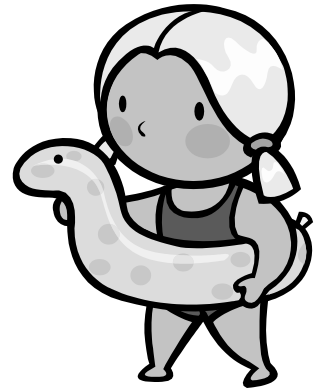
We did elect a chairman for this working group and we formed three committees focusing on commercial property, residential property, and communications. If you would like to discuss this further, feel free to contact **Gary Copeland** or **Louis Tooker**.

Pool News

Residents are encouraged to help keep the pool and pool area neat, clean and safe.

You can do your part by “pitching in” and leaving the area clean for the next person.

Please remember if it is “Glass” it is prohibited in the pool area. Pool hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 10.p.m. Please lower the umbrellas when leaving the pool area to prevent wind damage.



The pool area as well as the Cabana is owner cleaned and maintained. Our pool maintenance company visits once a day for chemical readings and twice a week for vacuuming and heavy cleaning. The maid service cleans the bathrooms once a week. Off duty law enforcement visit the pool and surrounding area from time to time.

Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Your Recreation Committee includes Don Copeland (Pool), Jim Derr (Pool) and Larry Wagner (Tennis).



Future Lakelines

For future issues I would like your suggestions of what you would like to see and read about in Lakelines. Current suggestions include recent travels that can be shared , recipe section and interesting tidbits about neighbors and what activities they enjoy. Please send your comments to gwwfig@alltel.net.

COMMON GROUNDS REPORT

Letter Boards for Entrances

Letter boards have been ordered for each of our entrances and will be installed during July. The boards will be constructed of anodized aluminum with unbreakable glass doors and will feature a blue background with white lettering to continue the Lake Sovereign logo color scheme. The letter boards will be used to announce Association events as well as Association reminders.

Hydro-seeding of Dam

The earthen dam will be hydro-seeded during July as we are experiencing some erosion to the front and rear of the dam. Some of the areas along West Ridge Drive are also showing signs of turf wear and will also be refreshed with a Bermuda grass mix.

Storm Sewer Erosion

We have experienced a couple of areas around storm sewer entrances near private property curbs, which have become small sinkholes. Just a reminder it is the owner's responsibility to work with the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority to complete these repairs to avoid a health and safety issue in the neighborhood.



New Residents

Welcome to the neighborhood!!
Danny & Constance Branom



*Give Me a Lever Long Enough, And A Place To Stand,
And I will Move The Earth ... Archimedes - 212 B.C.*

Challenge

In the *Epilogue* to *Top Performance*, Zig Ziglar relates in a section titled "Challenge": **"The need for both information and inspiration in our personal and corporate worlds is enormous. The opportunity to benefit many people is great."**

Are you looking for a significant opportunity to make a real difference in your community? If so, you are encouraged to consider the following information:

Did you know?

More than 54 million Americans with disabilities – 19.6% of our population - are potential customers for businesses of all types across the United States.

This group has \$175 billion in discretionary spending power, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. That figure is more than twice the spending power of American teenagers and almost 18 times the spending power of the American "tweens" market.

Accessibility attracts not only people with disabilities but also their families and friends. Like others, these customers often visit stores, restaurants, movie theaters, and other businesses accompanied by family or friends. This expands the potential market exponentially!

This market is growing fast. By the year 2030, 71.5 million Baby Boomers will be over the age of 65 and demanding products, services, and environments that address their age-related physical changes.

What would you do?

Have you ever heard someone called a "handicapped person?" What do you think of first when you hear that? We should think of the person first. Can you think of a term that is better than "handicapped person?"

You have just met someone who uses a wheelchair. You begin to talk and become involved in a long chat. In what position should you be in to make a long talk easier for both of you?

A friend is rolling his or her wheelchair down a long hallway. You are walking with your friend. What should you do?

You are introducing a friend who is blind to several of your friends. How will you make the introductions?

Preparing for Disaster.

Shelter-in-Place in an Emergency

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services--water, gas, electricity or telephones--were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away.

Four Steps to Safety

1. Find Out What Could Happen to You

Contact your local Red Cross chapter or emergency management office before a disaster occurs--be prepared to take notes.

Ask what types of disasters are most likely to happen. Request information on how to prepare for each.

Learn about your community's warning signals: what they sound like and what you should do when you hear them.

Ask about animal care after a disaster. Animals are not allowed inside emergency shelters because of health regulations.

Find out how to help elderly or disabled persons, if needed.

Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or day care center, and other places where your family spends time.

2. Create a Disaster Plan

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster.

Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather, and earthquakes to children.

Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.

Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.

Pick two places to meet:

1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

Everyone must know the address and phone number.

Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.

Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

Home Hazard Hunt

In a disaster, ordinary items in the home can cause injury and damage. Anything that can move, fall, break, or cause a fire is a potential hazard. Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.

Fasten shelves securely.

Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves.

Hang pictures and mirrors away from beds.

Brace overhead light fixtures.

Secure water heater. Strap to wall studs.

Repair cracks in ceilings or foundations.

Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products away from heat sources.

Place oily polishing rags or waste in covered metal cans.

Clean and repair chimneys, flue pipes, vent connectors, and gas vents.

3. Complete This Checklist

Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).

Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.

Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.

Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.

Get training from the fire department for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept.

Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.

Conduct a home hazard hunt.

Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.

Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.

Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.

Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster.

4. Practice and Maintain Your Plan

Quiz your kids every six months or so.

Conduct fire and emergency evacuations.

Replace stored water and stored food every six months.

Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions.

Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Working with neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with your neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives. If you're a member of a neighborhood organization, such as a home association or crime watch group, introduce disaster preparedness as a new activity. Know your neighbors' special skills (e.g., medical, technical) and consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as disabled and elderly persons. Make plans for child care in case parents can't get home.

If Disaster Strikes

Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.

Check for Injuries

Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.

Listen to Your Battery-Powered Radio for News and Instructions**Check for Damage in Your Home...**

Use flashlights. Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches, if you suspect damage.

Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.

Shut off any other damaged utilities. (You will need a professional to turn gas back on.)

Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately.

Remember to...

Confine or secure your pets.

Call your family contact--do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.

Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off.

Stay away from downed power lines.

To get copies of American Red Cross community disaster education materials, contact your local Red Cross chapter.

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The Professor, God, and A Navy Seal

(November 8, 2005)



A college professor, avowed atheist and active member of the A.C.L.U. was teaching his college class. He shocked several of his students when he flatly stated that once and for all he was going to prove that there was no God.

Addressing the ceiling he shouted, "GOD, if you are real, I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you exactly 15 minutes!"

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by.

"I'm waiting God, if you're real, knock me off this platform!" Again after four minutes, the professor taunted God saying, "Here I am God . . . I'm still waiting!"

Then as the professor's challenge was down to the last couple minutes . . . a Navy Seal, who was just released from the Navy after serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and had newly registered for the class . . . walked up to the Professor. The Seal hit him full force in the face, knocking the professor out cold and tumbling from his platform.

The students were stunned and shocked . . . and then began to babble in confusion.

The Seal, nonchalantly took his seat in the front row and sat in silence . . . ignoring the puzzled stares of his classmates, who also fell silent in wait.

Eventually, the professor regained consciousness and staggered to his feet. Looking at the Seal in the front row, the professor still somewhat shaken, angrily asked, "What the heck is the matter with you? Why did you do that?"

The Navy Seal met the questioning gaze of his professor with steely resolve and said, "God was really busy, protecting America's soldiers, who are protecting your right to say stupid things and act like a jerk. So, He sent me!"

Note: There are two things Navy Seals are always taught:

Keep your priorities in order.

Know when to act without hesitation.

Author Unknown

American Trivia

1. On March 23, 1775 this American patriot made the following statement, while addressing the House of Burgesses in regard to the United State's Revolutionary War: "Give me liberty or give me death"

<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Henry
<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> George Washington

2. Which American politician said the following about liberty: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."?

<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Abraham Lincoln
<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> George Washington

3. Which US President delivered the following words: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."?

<input type="checkbox"/> John F. Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/> William J. Clinton
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin D. Roosevelt	<input type="checkbox"/> Abraham Lincoln

4. Astronaut Neil Armstrong's renowned phrase "One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" is actually a blunder of what he really wanted to say.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	<input type="checkbox"/> False
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5. Which US President said these words: "A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people man take away the rights of the other forty-nine."?

<input type="checkbox"/> Abraham Lincoln	<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Franklin
<input type="checkbox"/> John F. Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson



6. Which US President made the following statement: "America stands for liberty, for the pursuit of happiness and the unalienable right for life. This right to life cannot be granted or denied by government because it does not come from the government, it comes from the creator of life."?

<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> George W. Bush
<input type="checkbox"/> John Adams	<input type="checkbox"/> George Washington

7. These words were spoken by Jed Babbin, a former deputy undersecretary of defense in the first Bush administration, on January 30, 2003: "Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without an accordion. You just leave a lot of useless noisy baggage behind."

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8. Which great American leader made the following statement: "Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable—a most sacred right—a right, which we hope and believe, is the liberate the world."?

<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Franklin
<input type="checkbox"/> George Washington	<input type="checkbox"/> Abraham Lincoln

9. This was young George Washington's response, when his father asked who had cut his little cherry tree in their garden: "I can't tell a lie, Pa: you know I can't tell a lie. I did cut it with my hatchet."

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when other countries have achieved,
with power supreme,
spreading their reach beyond their shores
to conquer, annex, and dominate
a land not their own,
bringing foreign rule to another nation's home.
Even history calls many great empires
with some bringing civilization to those enslaved,
who still did eventually rise up to repel.*

*Yet, it cannot be said of America...
Born out of freedom
to practice one's belief without oppression,
growing and maturing with a citizenship so diverse,
America has always stood tall,
answering the call,
using might to protect Her own
and defend others when in need.*

*Bravely have our young men and women given their all,
with so many staining a foreign land red,
their collective, valiant efforts easily seen,
and possibly nothing more satisfying than the children
being able to sleep safely in bed...
then leaving once the enemy dares not to tread.*

*And while others might say differently,
they do so falsely for their own gain,
ignoring the simple proof of history
that shows what could have been,
if our great nation had chosen a different course.*

*It makes one give thanks
for the Divine Hand,
Who has guided America to Her destiny...
a Beacon of Freedom,
shinning brightly even in the darkest of times!*

By David G. Bancroft

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Gary Copeland
LSHOA President

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