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Village Committee

Did You Know...?

- 1. Did you know...**
Our roads will stay private if/when the village proposal is accepted.
- 2. Did you know...**
A portion of your state income tax dollars that you pay (\$120,000)

goes into a fund called the Local Government Fund (LGF) and is administered by the county. Where our \$120,000 is going? West Jefferson, Plain City, and Mt. Sterling. Roughly \$35,000 - \$45,000 annually per village goes to the LGF fund from Choctaw residents taxes. The entire amount would come back to the village if/when the village proposal is accepted. Choctaw Lake residents have been paying into this fund ever since the Lake was established. Many feel its time to take our money back. Over the last 20 years, the Choctaw residents have subsidized the budgets of these three villages by almost \$2,000,000.

- 3. Did you know...**
Some residents say that they would rather write a check to the lake office for an extra few hundred dollars each year than go through the process of village evolution (feel free to do so... the office will be glad to accept donations to the general fund). If the village is created and we convert lake patrol to village police and no other phase happens. Per household, we could add another \$150 dollars to our immediate community.

- 4. Did you know...**
Under current zoning law the following can be erected directly next to lake property, directly in front of the lake entrances, or between the lake and the intersection of S.R. 56 and I-70:
 - Cell towers
 - 100 foot tall, 350 sq.ft., double sided, internally illuminated billboards.
 - 15 foot tall, 45 sq ft. business signs.
 - Electrical transmission substations.
 - High power transmission lines.
 - Some modular or unit built homes.
 All of these uses could be controlled or prohibited through village zoning regulations.

- 5. Did you know...**
The next village committee meeting is Monday, December 3rd. at 7:30pm in the Lodge. This meeting is to organize the petition drive. That you can call or e-mail Brad Couch and Jim Zawodny for more information regarding the proposal for village incorporation. Brad — 845-1499, bcouch@alliedmoving.com. Jim — 852-5900, jjzawodny@aol.com.



Attention Moms, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas

Sunday, December 2nd

Come one and all to enjoy an evening full of music, fun, food, and fellowship

Santa is coming to Town at the Choctaw Lodge
Grandparents and Parents bring your cameras!

This is a community potluck celebration of the holiday season!

- * Meat, beverage and rolls provided
- * Bring a side dish
- * Bring table service

Santa arrives at 4:45 p.m.
Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

- * Entertainment provided
- * Kids Activities Center

Put it on your calendar to get out and see those you haven't seen since winter started!

For more information, call
Sandi Couch at 845-1499.



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CLPOA Board of Trustees Meeting • November 14, 2001

(These are unapproved condensed notes as provided by the Board and in most instances will not be the complete recorded minutes of that particular meeting.)

Substantive* Motions Approved in this Meeting:

* *For the purposes of recording motions in the CLPOA Approved Motions Book, substantive motions refer to all motions that affect CLPOA policy and specifically exclude motions to accept minutes, accept committee reports, and adjourn meetings.*

Brian Throckmorton made the following motion:

Motion M01-06

The CLPOA Board will annually appoint one representative from the current CLPOA Board to serve on the Choctaw Utility Board. No other person other than the appointed CLPOA Board member may serve on both the CLPOA Board and the Choctaw Utility Board. This modifies the motion approved at the November 1988 Board meeting.

Terry LaPrise seconded the motion. The motion will be tabled until the January Board meeting.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Call to Order:

The Board of Trustees meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

A roll call was taken as follows: Jim Zawodny

Present; Andy Mauck - Present; Brian Throckmorton - Present; Brad Couch - Late; Jim Shade - Present

John Cimino (CLPOA Lake Manager), Jerry Downing (CLPOA Maintenance Manager), Joan Crabtree, Charlie Rose, Ruth Sowers, and Judy Maynard were also present.

Property Owner's Time:

Joan Crabtree (lot 494) was present to say that she is concerned about recent drainage changes her neighbor made. She said that heavy rain would put water in her yard. Mrs. Crabtree told the Board that she paid \$700 to fill the ditch on her property. She also expressed concern about noise from her neighbor's heat pump and swimming pool pump that are located on her side. John Cimino said that he and building inspector Chuck Plantz have looked at the drainage situation. John said that Mrs. Crabtree's neighbor changed his downspouts and now they shoot toward her house. John said her neighbor needs to take the two drain tiles, tie them together and run them down to the street. John added that the field behind her also drains onto her property. John said that he sent a letter to her neighbor but has received no response. Jim Zawodny said this matter will be looked into and the Board will do everything it can. He said we would get back to her.

Ruth Sowers (lot 1067) was present to say that she received a letter from John Cimino. She said that she put a drive in at her property on Sarsi Drive. She is requesting permission for the drive. She said that the drive goes to property that is outside but adjacent to her Choctaw property. Andy Mauck asked her if she obtained a building permit from CLPOA. She said she did not. She said that there is a building on this land and it is intended for

agricultural storage. Jim Zawodny asked why she did not build the drive from her property so that access is through her Choctaw property. She said it is a matter of convenience for delivery. Bill Laney asked whether the fence has always been there. She said yes. Bill asked if there were Madison County permits issued. She said yes. Jim Zawodny said CLPOA attorney Don Gregory has been contacted and he is looking into it. Jim said that in all other cases, access to adjacent property is through the owner's Choctaw property. Andy Mauck asked her who put in the drive. She said we did it ourselves. Brian Throckmorton asked if she contacted CLPOA beforehand. She said no, she was told it was not lake property. She did not remember who told her this, but it was someone from the lake. Jim said that someone would get back to her.

Charlie Rose with Best Yet construction was present to discuss his building products. He said he has a client who wants to build at Choctaw. He said his homes are modular and they meet state code. He brought information to leave for review. He invited anyone interested to visit his model home. He said he has not spoken to the building committee. He said the main section is built off-site but there is considerable work done on-site. He would like an answer in two or three days. Jim Zawodny said someone would contact him.

October minutes. Terry LaPrise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Patrol Report:

(Presented by John Cimino)

Jim Zawodny noted that the miles driven was missing from the patrol report. Jim asked about the expanded patrol information for *The Peace Pipe*. Terry LaPrise said he received the information from Patrol Chief John Rafferty. Jim asked about the ice rescue boat. Jerry Downing said that he will be adding a ladder onto it. There will be an informational article in *The Peace Pipe* about the ice rescue boat.

Jim Zawodny asked if anyone had heard about a "half-way house" on the eastside. John Cimino said he has heard rumors about it and agreed to check into it.

There were 11 reports filed with the Madison County Sheriff's Department in October. There were 15 state citations issued, 48 dispatches, 28 traffic stops, 13 warnings and 38 assists.

Maintenance Report

(Presented by Jerry Downing):

Jerry Downing reported on shoreline repair work. He said the shorelines look good. Fallen rock has been pulled back up with a backhoe. Eighty tons of new rock has been delivered.

Jerry said that 8 inches of fill dirt has been spread at "Robinson" park and

"Ernie's" park. He plans to get some grass seed down as soon as possible.

John Cimino said we need to think about doing some shoreline work at the marsh area along Old Columbus Road. He said the shoreline is getting closer to the road.

Office Report:

(Presented by John Cimino)

John Cimino said that Office Manager Carla Dye has prepared a proposal for new rental rates for the Lodge and the Arrowhead. He distributed copies of the proposal to Board members. He said the increases would help offset the rising gas and electric costs. This is particularly true for the Friday "set-up" rental, which in many cases has turned into rehearsal dinner with the heat or AC being used. Brian said that the electric bill for the lodge runs between \$1,200 and \$1,400 a month. Jim Zawodny asked John to survey other facilities in the area to see what their rental rates are.

Treasurer's Report:

(Presented by Brian Throckmorton)

Brian Throckmorton reported that the 10-year budget proposal successfully passed. He said the budget is in good shape. He said the \$55,675 dam repair cost would be paid from the \$20,000 in this year's budget and the \$40,000 in next year's budget. John Cimino said we should not have any dam repairs for about eight years.

Brian said we are looking at replacing a patrol car next year and should begin thinking about what we want. Brad Couch reported that Tom Coughlin would sell us a car at the same price that the Sheriff's Department buys it.

Jim Zawodny asked about some items in the

increased healthcare and insurance costs. He said we are trying to maintain the same level of benefits. Brian said the liability insurance expense shows a higher amount due to the billing cycle.

Brian asked John Cimino to hold a general budget planning meeting for next year. He wants the general budget in January so it will be ready for the February Board meeting.

Manager's Report:

(Presented by John Cimino)

John Cimino reported that Bob Nickel was sent a 10-day lien letter notice. He was also sent a letter giving him 30 days to do something about the ditch. John said that both letters were sent back. CLPOA Attorney Don Gregory said to consider Mr. Nickel served. John said that all liens are published in *The Peace Pipe* but Mr. Nickel's does not fit the heading. The Board will look into changing the heading.

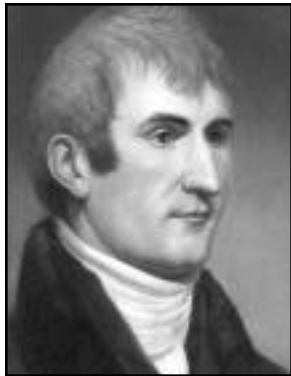
John Cimino referenced Board meeting minutes from March 18, 1992. According to these minutes, the Choctaw Utility Company was to purchase three lots (345, 346, & 347) from CLPOA. He said this has not transacted. This involves three lots owned by the Ross family (Greg & Clyde) which are within the 300-foot easement of the water wells. The Board discussed whether these should be changed to green-space. Bill Laney will bring this item to the Water Board meeting in January.

John Cimino referenced Board meeting minutes from November 1988 and March 1989. According to these minutes, no member of the CLPOA Board can sit on the Choctaw Utility Board. Bill Laney said the intent of having a mem-

Part 5

Starting up the Missouri River

by Bob Cordes



Meriwether Lewis

LEWIS AND CLARK



William Clark

The winter of 1803-1804 was over and the Louisiana Purchase was final. It was now up to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to find out what was purchased.

Clark had developed the Corps of Discovery into a team of trained people during the winter encampment at Wood River, Illinois. All of them were volunteers who expected a good salary and a bonus of land for their efforts. Clark also had sailors who were temporarily hired to help take the boats up the Missouri River.

May 14, 1804: Clark left Wood River and camped on an island for better security from Indians and animals; a practice which was often followed. He quickly discovered the meandering Missouri had much concealed timber, either in the river bottom or floating downstream toward the boats. He shifted the loads so the bow of the keelboat would be deeper in the water. That prevented the bow from climbing upon timber and possibly putting a hole in the boat.

Clark arrived in St. Charles, Missouri on May 16, 1804 and waited for Lewis as per their agreement. St. Charles was founded in 1769 and was a village of about 100 families living in homes which Lewis described as "small but illy constructed."

Before Lewis arrived, Clark had some unfinished business to attend to. Strict discipline was a part of the Corps "training" and court martials were a threat as the young men waited anxiously to start up the river. Fighting, drunkenness, absent without leave, and threatening a sergeant could not go unnoticed. And so, to clear the slate, three of the Corps were court-martialed on May 17. Clark remitted the punishment for two of the men but insubordination could not be allowed to go unpunished; 50 lashes to John Collins, and ... it did not improve his behavior.

St. Charles had a chapel, a priest, and about 450 inhabitants who were overwhelmingly French-Canadian. Clark wrote, "Not an inconsiderable proportion of them can boast a small dash of the pure blood of the Indians of America." He and Lewis kept a journal of events as did four other men.

Lewis arrived on May 20 at 6:30 p.m. with some wealthy St. Louisans. Lewis was accustomed to the good life, carousing, and liquor, but as we are to find out, he knew how to survive when there were few goods to survive on.

May 21, 1804: The Corps set out on their journey, but not before about 20 of the men attended Mass and Clark rearranged the supplies in the boats.

They departed St. Charles at 3:30 p.m. to the cheers of the community. This then was actually the start of the exploration, not the trip from Pittsburgh where supplies were gathered, nor St. Louis as is often stated.

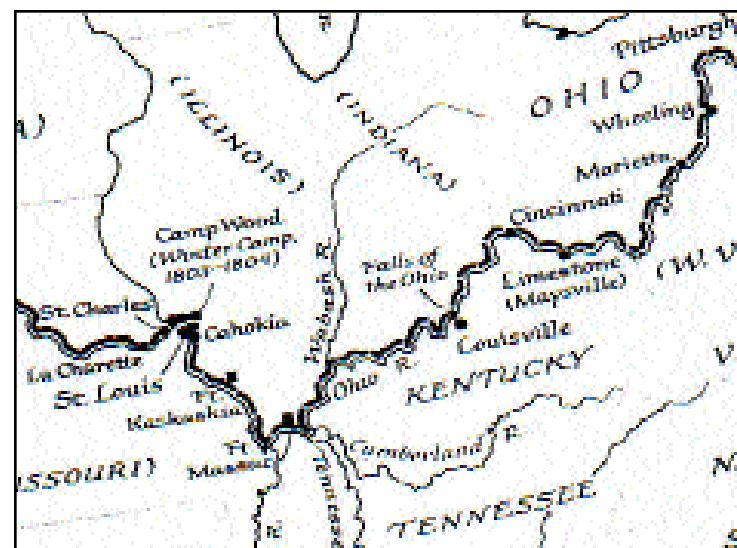
The Corps consisted of nine young men from Kentucky and 14 soldiers who volunteered their services; all 23 serving as privates on the expedition. In addition, there were three sergeants (Ordway, Pryor, and Floyd), two French watermen (Cruzatte and Labiche), interpreter/ hunter (Drouillard), and a black servant (York) belonging to Clark. Adding Lewis and Clark makes 32.

The soldiers, including Lewis and Clark, were all wearing the army uniform of blue vests and white pants when they departed. Before the trip was over, many will have traded their clothing and buttons for food, and eventually have such tattered clothing that most were wearing animal skins when they returned.

Also departing St. Charles were a corporal, six soldiers, and nine watermen to accompany the Corps only as far as the Mandan Indian nation. These 16 were hired to assist in carrying supplies and repelling a possible Indian attack, which was thought likely before meeting the Mandans.

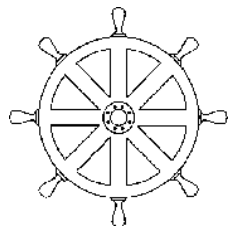
The 48 persons traveled in three boats. The keelboat had most of the stored items. It was 10 feet wide and 55 feet long, had 22 oars, and drew only three feet of water. One pirogue had six oars, the other seven. And there were three animals at the beginning: two horses which were led along the banks to assist in hunting, and Lewis' dog Seaman. Lewis paid \$20 for the large black Newfoundland dog in Pittsburgh.

The excitement quickly turned to reality as they camped on an island three and one-half miles upstream from St. Charles that first night. It rained all night, something they would encounter often.



Meriwether Lewis left Pittsburgh on Aug. 31, 1803, beginning a trip west that would take him to the Pacific Ocean.

Next time,
Part 6:
Their first
meetings
with
Indians



Booster Club News

Choctaw Lake Booster Club

NEXT MEETING...

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room. If anyone is interested in helping the Booster Club, please contact Chantal Weldon at 852-2082.

Funny how a festival cannot happen without the collective help of many people

A giant thank you to the following people who helped make the Fall Festival a memorable event:

Richard Barteldt — judge, and all-around scary Viking! Thanks for your jovial acting!

Barbara Barteldt — the “good witch” of the treat table, but watch out for that hand in the popcorn!!

Jonathon Barteldt — helped with the carnival games, set up and clean up
Twila Boyd — oversaw ALL events as general manager and MC, a large task.

Ernie Boyd — general manager’s assistant, this includes taking orders from your spouse and moving chairs and tables around several times to the general manager’s liking, no small task either!! Tee Hee.

Richie Boyd — carnival games and limbo participant, set-up and clean up.

Tommy Boyd — carnival games and assistant to general manager, set-up and clean-up.

Chantal Weldon — prize purchases, helped provide some “air” for balloons and put up with dust in the eyes from the “prize-in-the-straw,” set-up and clean-up.

Don Weldon — straw pick-up and other odd jobs the spouse of the Booster Club president have to do.

Boni Stewart — for her wonderful “walk in the Autumn leaves experience,” for photo ops, also for providing toilet paper for the mummy wrapping contest, and face paint for face painting.

Amy Kleeman — assistant to Boni with “walk in the Autumn leaves experience” and set-up and clean-up.

JoAnn Walsh — for making the ghosts for the “blowing ghosts” relay game

Debbie Blaho — for her great “touchy-feely” boxes (human brains, eyeballs, intestines, and other gorey stuff) — You know, that stuff really felt real!! Did they ever find that homeless person??? (Just KIDDING, DEBBIE)!

Christi Frea — prize purchases, air for balloons, running the costume judging contest, and set-up and clean-up.

Mary Zawodny — finding mazes, games, and coloring sheets on the internet, purchasing donuts and string and coordinating the “bobbing for donuts” stand, set-up and clean-up, purchased Blockbuster gift certificates and so on.

Steve Merkle — for the use of his truck to pick up straw.

Francis Nutt and grandson — Francis was a judge, and we’re not sure what all you did, but figure you helped set-up and clean-up as well. We appreciate your help!

Richie and Tommy Boyd’s friends — thanks ladies and gents for manning the carnival games — your help was greatly appreciated!

Sarah Parsons — manning carnival games, set-up and clean-up.

Abby Crisp — manning carnival games, set-up and clean-up.

John and Joan Buekers for set-up, and manning the popcorn machine.

Anyone who brought baked goods:

Carolyn Knowles — cupcakes
 Jennifer McCormick — baked goods

As you can see, to produce such a great event, many people came together to create a wonderful experience for the children of our community... and just maybe the adults had some fun as well!

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU. If I’ve missed anyone, please accept my sincerest apology. It was not intentional.

Lisa Merkle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Chairperson(s)
Dec. 2	Set-up for Community Dinner	all welcome (1:00 p.m.)
Dec. 2	Community Christmas Dinner	Sandi Couch
Dec. 31	New Year’s Eve	CANCELLED
Jan. 3	Booster Club Meeting	all welcome

We will be needing chairpersons for events in the future. Please feel free to join the fun of organizing and participating in some of these events. If you have any suggestions about the above or any ideas on new events, please call Booster President Chantal Weldon at 852-2082. We are always open to new ideas.

2001 BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS

President.....	Chantal Weldon (852-2082)
1st Vice President	Lisa Merkle (845-0811)
2nd Vice President	Christi Frea (852-5494)
Treasurer	Mary Zawodny (852-5900)
Secretary.....	Twila Boyd (845-0074)

Booster Club’s Fall Family Festival a Huge Success!

Mummy wrapping, ghost blowing and “bobbing for powdered donuts,” are just a few of the entertaining events that took place at the Fall Family Festival on Saturday, October 26, 2001.

The festival, sponsored by the Booster Club and Mindful Mother’s Club, came together in a most frightening way. Kids of all ages could visit the “Touchy-Feely” table and sample what eyeballs felt like, touch human brains, as well as learn what a human heart would feel like. There were carnival games, children could color a maze and help the witch find her caldron of brew, and “little goblins” could dig in a huge pile of straw for two minutes and see what prizes they could find. Balloon busting would yield a snake or spider ring or even candy. A fall display fit for the best portrait studio was in place for those photo moments. Goodies such as cookies, cider, cupcakes and popcorn was served. And finally, what festival would be complete without a limbo contest, mummy wrapping, and the all important costume contest. There were some very creative costumes and the winners were as follows:

CUTEST

0-5 years-old	Brooke Kelly — a pink cowgirl
6-10 year-old	Brittany Cosgrove — a bride

SCARIEST

0-5 year-olds	Madison Hardesty — Cookie Monster
6-10 year-olds	Patrick Atchison — wolf football player
11 years and up	Courtney Bailey — sorceress

MOST ORIGINAL

0-5 year-olds	Joshua (sorry... no last name)
6-10 year-olds	Tadd Bailey — Harry Potter
11 years and up	Cassie Herald — a princess

FAMILY (There was only one family)

Steve, Lisa, Shannon and Kyle Merkle dressed up as characters from Disney’s Toy Story 2 movie. Steve was Stinky Pete the Prospector, Lisa, Bo Peep, Shannon, Jesse the cowgirl, and Kyle, Woody the cowboy.

Each winner received a \$5 Blockbuster Video Gift Certificate.

Throughout *The Peace Pipe*, you will find photos of the Fall Festival. Enjoy!

THE BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS WOULD LIKE TO “TIP OUR HATS OFF” TO: ANN MARIE COTEREL AND SANDY COUCH FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB THEY PERFORMED AS CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR AT THE FALL CRAFT BAZAAR. THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS FOR THIS BIG EVENT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANKS FOR A JOB WELL-DONE SANDY AND ANN MARIE!

Minutes continued from page 2

ber sit on both boards is to get more information flowing between the boards. Andy Mauck feels that any property owner can sit on both boards. John Cimino said that we should rescind this motion or enforce it. Brian Throckmorton said that if someone sits on both boards that person could personally gain from it. He agrees with the way it is written so as not to appear as a conflict of interest. The Board discussed this issue and agreed that one CLPOA Board member should sit on the Utility Board, not necessarily the VP. Brian Throckmorton made the following motion:

Motion M01-06

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Terry LaPrise seconded the motion. The motion will be tabled until the January Board meeting.

John Cimino said the candidate response forms are ready. To date there are only four candidates.

John asked for amendments to the CLPOA Drainage Codes, Section D.2.B. regarding catch basins. He also wants drainage information submitted on plot plans at the time of submission. Brad Couch and Andy Mauck will work on the wording of these amendments.

John reported on information about car stickers. He is in favor of numbered car stickers, which will aid the patrol in identifying ownership. The Board discussed this issue. The Board decided to use numbered stickers and place a limit of three stickers per household. Any additional must be obtained through the lake office.

John said he has created a spreadsheet to log property owner complaints. He is also maintaining a spreadsheet for by-law violations.

John said that Gary Hunter approached him about controlling flammable materials in the lodge during activities. The Board discussed this issue. Brian Throckmorton suggested that fire prevention information be issued with rental contracts and that renters are given a walkthrough to inform them of fire dangers.

John said the slip lining work is done. He said the cost came in about \$100 under estimate. He said there is now a higher flow rate through the discharge tube. John distributed copies of the 1964

control box diagram. The original difference between the top of the box to the low flow inlet was 24 inches. American Realty reduced this to 12 inches to allow more water in the cove areas. CLPOA reduced this to 4 inches when 8 inches was added in 1999.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Nothing to report this meeting.

Lake, Drainage, & Roads – John Cimino said that the maintenance department would begin berming of the roads as soon as the shoreline is completed.

Sewer – Bill Laney said there is nothing new to report since the update at the property owners meeting. Jim Zawodny asked if we could print the sewer meeting minutes in *The Peace Pipe*. Bill said he would look into this at the next sewer meeting.

Public Relations – Nothing to report this meeting.

Publications – Brad Couch said that the lake website is now hosted on Craig Chadwell's server.

Recreation – Jim Shade said the Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 2. Jim will talk to Chantal Weldon about coordinating the event with the Booster Club.

Land & Facility Use – Nothing to report this meeting.

House & Office – Nothing to report this meeting.

Utilities – Nothing to report this meeting.

Village – Jim Zawodny said the next village committee meeting is set for December 3. Jim said the project is in the petition drive phase at this time. He said the November 5 meeting involved discussion about the roads. He said that selling the roads to the village might be a mute point because CLPOA may not be able to sell them due to deed restrictions. To change the deed restrictions would involve obtaining signatures from 66% of property owners.

Brad Couch reported that the LGF (Local Government Fund) provides money to villages in Madison County. These include Plain City, West Jefferson, and Mount Sterling. Each of these villages currently receives \$30,000 to \$45,000 from property taxes paid by Choctaw property owners.

Andy Mauck asked if there has been any progress on the negatives of village incorporation. He said that this is what everyone at the meeting wanted to know. Jim Zawodny said that most issues could be viewed both ways, for example the

roads. He said there will be more information published in *The Peace Pipe*.

Old Business:

Bill Laney said there are two open Utility Board positions, each with a two-year term. He said that Matt Dillon is the only candidate at this time. Steve Blake will ask whether Choctaw Utilities Board has another candidate.

Brad Couch reported that he spoke to Don Gregory about changing our rules & regulations to have professional fees charged back to the responsible property owner. Mr. Gregory suggested changing the constitution to allow CLPOA to reserve the right to collect these fees from the responsible property owner. Brad reported that legal fees to address this change are estimated to cost \$500 to \$1,000.

New Business:

John Cimino said that on October 30 he sent a letter to Joan Crabtree's neighbor. He said he would send a second notice. John said that her neighbor might have thought he was doing her a favor when he made changes to his drainage. John will investigate further. John said that building codes only cover new builds and does not cover changes to existing drainage.

The Board discussed the issue with Ruth Sowers and the driveway she installed off Sarsi Drive. The Board decided to think about the issue and talk about it at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed the modular homes offered by Charlie Rose. Steve Blake said that his homes surpass many stick-built homes but our code does not allow modular homes. He said the building committee recommends not allowing modular homes because of the wide range of quality that exists in the industry. John Cimino brought up the extra load on our roads and the low electric lines. The Board agreed with the building committee to not allow modular homes.

Terry LaPrise made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Tecumseh Award. Bill Laney seconded the motion. The motion carried. The board went into executive session at 10:54 PM.

The Board returned from executive session at 11:00 PM.

Terry LaPrise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 PM. Andy Mauck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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NOTICE

We need Candidates for the 2002 Board of Trustees

If you would like to serve our Community, call
**Dan Atchison at 852-5430 or the
CLPOA Office at 852-2593**

Patrol Report

by Chief John W. Rafferty

As the seasons get colder we need to keep a close eye out for suspicious people and vehicles. This time of year is when burglars are starting their Christmas shopping. Make sure all your doors are locked and garage doors are closed when you leave in the morning for work or school. If you see any suspicious vehicles or people in your neighborhood, please get the best description of the people and vehicle you can and call our office or the sheriff's office.

This past month was a very active month with reports. Five of our reports were theft related. Three of these were on Itawamba for theft of yard ornaments. We had a scare when a resident received a suspicious letter. For safety, the letter was sealed in a freezer bag and sent for testing. It may be several weeks before we hear anything due to the number of suspicious packages currently being investigated. If you are concerned about mail you have received please contact us we will come and remove the package.

Halloween was a huge success this year. We did not take a single report for

OCTOBER 2001

Reports Taken

1. Threats
2. Suspicious letter
3. Domestic Violence
4. Suspicious person/vehicle
5. Theft - 3
6. Stolen Property
7. Missing child
8. Prowler

9. Stolen license plates

Citations

1. Speed - 11
2. Seatbelt - 1
3. Stopsign - 1
4. Driving Under Suspension
5. D.U.I.

Total Dispatches	48
Total traffic stops	28
Warnings	13
Assists	38
Fuel Used.....	529 gals.

vandalism or other pranks usually associated with Halloween. I had extra patrol out that night and the deputy said Halloween was a nice evening for all. The patrol handed out a total of 400 lightsticks to our Trick or Treaters this year.

Also remember that you can stop by the office or substation and pick up the medical form. I have received about 30 responses so far. If you have a medical condition please stop by the office and pick up a form it could save your life.



**FALL
FESTIVAL
PICTURES**

The Viking!! — aka Richard Barteldt



Barbara Barteldt at her ghoulishly displayed goodie table. Will that hand come out of the popcorn bowl again??

WALLS & BENNETT REALTY



Connie Stuber
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Choctaw Lake participants will be Sarah Bird, Samantha Mason, Mrs. Kelly Mason, Aiyana Moore, and former residents Scott and Zack Sisco. We also hope to enjoy Christmas selections by Courtney and Tadd Bailey who are yet undecided.

Others on the program are Delaney Bivens, Cheyenne and C Kelly of the Madison-Plains Sc District; Mrs. Trudy Summers, Mount Sterling; Mrs. Lynn Thompson, West Jefferson; and Jack Davis of London.



Debi Glenn

Debi Glenn Receives Sales Award

Debi Glenn, Realtor with Walls and Bennett Realty, Choctaw Lake, received the Ohio Association of Realtors Presidents Sales Club Award for the 10th consecutive year for outstanding sales.

The gala event was held on September 11 in Cincinnati honoring all those who excel in the real estate profession.

Debi said, "I'm amazed at being honored for what I love to do. I thoroughly enjoy the real estate business and serving my friends and neighbors. I'm proud to live and work at Choctaw Lake. The people make it special."

Procedure for Viewing CLPOA Records

1. Written request with:
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NAME	LOT #	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Oty, William	501	1360 W Choctaw Dr	\$ 8,311.07 (Lien)/Atty
Kirkpatrick, Jennifer	848	2405 Cherokee Dr	\$ 7,420.35 (Lien)/Atty
Schrader, Brian	514-515	1540 W Choctaw Dr	\$ 908.03 (Lien)/Atty
Dingus, James & Helen	693	2040 Huron Dr	\$ 849.57 (Lien)/Atty
Colvin, Mark & Rhonda	486	1152 W Choctaw Dr	\$ 839.26 (Lien)/Atty
Baldwin, John & Angela	1062-1063.4	2656 W Choctaw Dr	\$ 836.53 (Lien)/Atty
Gerhardt, Gary & Janine	433	1360 Chickasaw Dr	\$ 805.07 (Lien)/Atty
Kinney, Charles & Mary	547	3007 Potawamie Dr	\$ 798.08 (Lien)
Taylor, Larry & Susan	481	6658 Prairie Rd	\$ 729.28 (Lien)
Roddy, Lee & Sue	283	2185 Sequoya Trl	\$ 699.76 (Lien)
Shaw, Teresa	767	1920 Chickasaw Dr	\$ 652.89 (Lien)
Stroble, John & Cheryl	995	2576 Karok Dr	\$ 493.53 (Lien)/Atty
Morgan, Holly	254	1715 Suqulak Trl	\$ 248.80 (Lien)
Thomas, Jeffrey	628	1900 Yuma Dr	\$ 169.94 (Payments)
TOTAL			\$23,762.16

Revised Delinquencies & Lien Procedures

1. All past due accounts will be billed monthly on the 1st of the month and the interest will be assessed on the 1st of the month at an interest rate of 1% per month.
2. Publish in the Peace Pipe delinquencies 60 days past due of \$250.00 or more in descending dollar order at the discretion of the staff.
3. An administrative charge of \$75.00 is to be charged to file a lien or to re-file a lien.
4. Liens will be filed for amounts of \$200.00 or more if the house is for sale, or if there is to be a sheriff's sale, or other legal action against the property or property owner.
5. A Lien letter will be sent when the amount owed is equal to assessments + 10% penalty. The property owner has 10 days to respond. A signed contract will be required for payment arrangements. If payment arrangements with the CLPOA office are not kept, the account will be turned over to a collection agency/attorney without any further communication from the office.
6. File lien when amount owed is equal to assessments + 10% penalty and the property owner has not responded to lien letter.
7. Liens will be re-filed at least once a year when the account balance has increased significantly.
8. Liens will be released 14 days after personal check has been received.
9. Past due accounts can be referred to a collection agency/attorney if the past due amounts exceeds one year's assessments. Accounts turned over to an attorney will be charged an additional 1/3 of the amount turned over for collection + court costs. Once the account has been turned over, the CLPOA office will not handle resolutions of these accounts. Payment arrangements must be made with the collection agency/attorney.
10. When the past due amount reaches a balance of \$2000.00 the CLPOA has the option to begin foreclosure proceedings. A notice of intent will be sent to the Property Owner by registered mail.
11. If there is no response the account will be referred to an attorney for foreclosure.

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"Mac" took pride in his yard and, after chores, would sit under a favorite tree and look out upon the lake.

"Mac" McCracken Death Oct. 28

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by Bob Cordes

Lyle Gray "Mac" McCracken, 87, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2001 at 5:23 a.m. in Madison County Hospital. He is survived by his wife, "Em," who resides at their residence, 2319 Pawnee Drive.

During the past five years, Mac has been in failing health and required oxygen at his side.

Recently, he was in the hospital for a lengthy stay. Mac wanted so very much to return home, and he did. "So," Em recalled, "when he told me to call 9-1-1 to take him to the hospital, I knew he must be feeling very bad."

The McCrackens were married 60 years, having spent 32 of those years at Choctaw Lake. Mac was an avid square dancer and a member of the Lake Choctaw Square Dancing Club. In years past, he worked for Ohio Bell Telephone Company.

Mac was a muscular, large man. Em had to call for assistance to help transport him at times. Em said, "Many people have helped me through this. And I've appreciated our Security through all of this too. They've come over and helped me when Mac fell. I could not pick him up. Really, it took three people to pick him up. I was pleased that our Security led the funeral procession from London to the Somerford Township Cemetery."

Em is a current Board Trustee and has a string of credits at Choctaw which include starting the Roof Fund for the eventual Lodge building, working on lake beautification, and operating the kitchen at the Lodge.

Choctaw Lake extends it's sympathy to "Em" McCracken upon the death of her husband.

Dr. Jack Starr, a former resident, read the following poem at the funeral on Oct. 31.

Mac McCracken

Mac McCracken was a man
who stood tall among his peers,
He was a man with insight
and wisdom far beyond his years.

Mac and Em were married
nearly 60 years ago,
They had tough times but through it all,
their love did grow and grow.

They knew each other's habits
and what they liked and didn't like,
And after they got married,
Mac got his very first bike.

He worked long hours for Ohio Bell
and in '76 he retired,
With a diamond ring, good memories,
to do what his heart desired.

He loved to garden veggies,
while Em, she did the flowers,
And they loved to watch things grow
amid the sun and then the showers.

Pontoon boating was much fun
for Mac and all his friends,
Little do we think that in our lives
all things will someday end.

But Mac lived life to the fullest,
he never wasted time,
And when it came to practical jokes,
he really, really shined.

He loved to dance, square dance that is,
until he was forced to quit,
But he kept on playing Euchre
and for long hours he would sit.

He was an avid bowler
and won trophies far and near,
Atlantic City and Chicago
were two memories he held dear.

His fruit trees always blossomed
and he shared the crop with many,
And when it came to his check book,
it balanced to the penny.

You see Mac was a self-made man
who knew just what it took,
To be successful and sincere
and go right by the book.

His laugh and smile he shared with friends,
in fact, with one and all,
And truly Mac was a good man
who stood quite straight and very tall.

Yes, we will miss him and we will cry,
but really not for long,
Because one day we'll share with him
an angel's heavenly song.

Thank You for a Successful Craft Bazaar

On November 10th, a very busy and successful craft bazaar was held at the Lodge. The Lodge was not only full of beautiful crafts, the Arrowhead was also full of color, crafts, and scents of the upcoming holiday season.

Thank you to all 61 vendors who brought in their beautiful hand-crafted items from woodcraft Santas to porcelain dolls, personalized books, scented candles, tied flies for fishing, decorations, and much, much more.

And thank you Choctaw Lake residents who came out and supported the vendors, the Booster Club table, and the kitchen run by the Mother's Club.

With surrounding craft shows experiencing reduced crowds and purchasing, we're glad to say Choctaw Lake's Craft Bazaar attendance and spending were equal to and, in most cases, exceeded historical averages. So again, thank you to all that came out to support us.

Also, we want to say an extra "thank you" to Mary and Jim Zawodny, Carol and Bill Laney, Lisa and Steve Merkle, Tom and Missy Glover, and all the volunteers who helped set-up and/or cleaned up on November 10th and 11th.

Again, thank you everyone for your support and for making the Fall Craft Bazaar a huge success!

Happy Holidays,

Ann Marie Cottrell and Sandi Couch, Co-Chairpersons of the Fall Craft Bazaar 2001

Health Levy Passes on Nov. 6

Fire Protection Renewal Levy Approved

by Bob Cordes

There were only four items to vote on at the general election, Nov. 6.

The Madison County/London City Health District operating levy passed on it's sixth try by an unofficial 475 votes, 3,381 to 3,356. The 1-mill levy was voted upon because the Health Department had no operating levy. Extra needed funds were drawn from townships and villages.

The Fire Protection renewal of 0.5 mill was voted in 423 to 128.

Somerford Township Trustees Ernie Sparks and Walter J. Bethel were reelected.

London City School District voted for three members in a four-person race. Incumbent Roy E. Brown lost out to Nancy A. Smith, incumbent Marvin G. Peterson, and Ernest E. Boyd, per order of votes.

A SPOOKY TIME WAS HAD BY ALL



Photos by
Mindful Mothers

Joshua Couch
enjoyed the games
at the Halloween party.



The Merkle family made a great Toy Story II photo.



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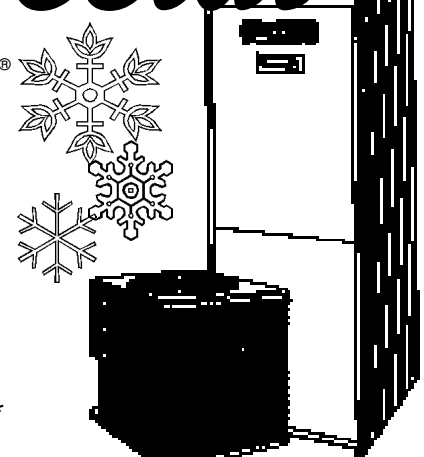
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Manager's Report

by John A. Cimino

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday, now we all can all go broke getting ready for the Christmas Season. With all of this great weather that we are having our Maintenance Staff is working on the lake access shorelines. They started off by pulling up all of the rip rap that had fallen in to the lake and then replenished the rip rap as needed. There were a few lake access areas where they also had to put in lots of clean fill. We will seed these areas as soon as possible. We have definitely gotten our money's worth out of the backhoe we purchased last year. Good job guys.

The discharge slip lining and crack sealing project is now completed. (See adjacent pictures.) The engineering firm informed me that we would now have a faster rate of lake water discharge, and how right they were.

We now have an ice rescue boat set up on a trailer located at the Maintenance Building. I hope that we never have to use it, but if we do it is equipped with life jackets, backboard, a throwing disk, an ice pick, 100 feet of rope and a ladder. This trailer will accommodate a 2" hitch ball. If there is a situation where the rescue boat is needed. please call 911 or the Sheriff's Office at 852-1212 and tell them the situation. They will dispatch our Lake Patrol and the Emergency Units to the scene. If you feel that there is not enough time, you may retrieve the ice rescue boat yourself. But you still must call 911 or the Sheriff's Office. The ice rescue boat that we now have is a vee bottom boat, but we would prefer to have a FLAT BOTTOM boat (see photo pg. 14). If anyone has or knows of one that we could acquire, please let me or John Rafferty know about it. Thank you.

We are going to try a new program next year with the CLPOA car stickers. There will be a permanent numbered sticker assigned to your vehicle as long as you own that vehicle. If you sell that vehicle you must remove the sticker and have a new numbered sticker issued for your new vehicle. Vehicle stickers are for property owners and residents only. There will be only 3 vehicle stickers issued per property owner unless you can show us just cause as to why you would need more.

We are still looking for candidates for the year 2001 CLPOA Board of Trustees if you would like to serve you community as a board member please call Dan Atchison at 852-5430 or the CLPOA office at 852-2593.

From all of the staff her at the Association Have a safe and happy Christmas Season



photo by John Cimino

Installing the new HDPE poly tube.



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Injecting sealant between the old and new pipes.



photo by John Cimino

Installing the sealant between the old 48" tube and the new HDPE poly tube.

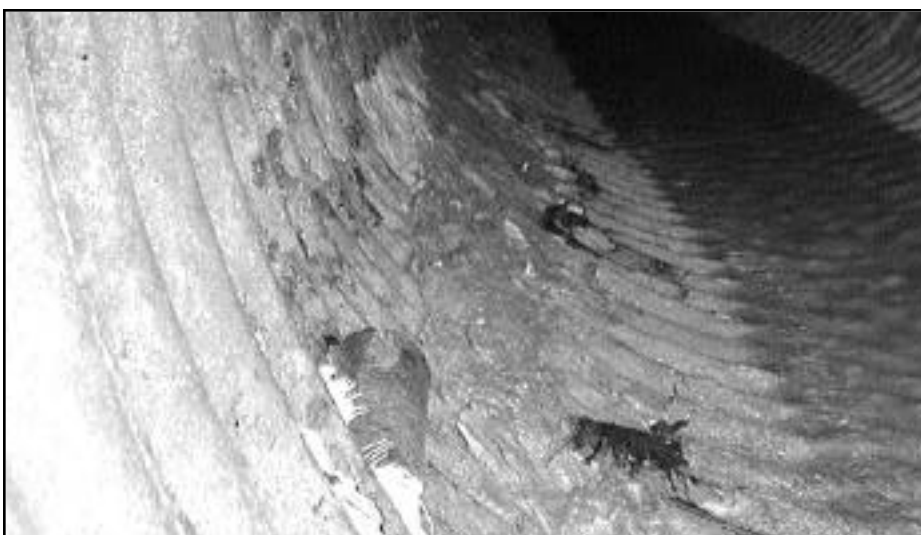


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The old 42" corrugated tube.



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Finished product.

SEWER EASEMENT

Name _____

Address _____

Parceled land

Parcel # _____

Lot # _____

KNOWALLBYTHESE PRESENTS:

That in consideration of the benefits which may result from the installation of a grinder pump pressure sewer system and other good and valuable consideration,

Hereinafter referred to as GRANTOR(S), does hereby grant to the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio which is acting under authority of the Ohio Revised Code, a right of way and initial construction, repair, and maintenance easement with the right to operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace and remove, wastewater facilities for collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater including, but not limited to, packaged grinder pump station, pressure sewer service line, electrical facilities and appurtenances thereto or necessary to accomplish the same purpose, as are necessary to maintain and convey wastewater from the following described property of the GRANTOR(S):

Situated in the Township of Summerford, County of Madison, State of Ohio:

Being the same land conveyed to GRANTOR(S) and recorded in Deed Volume _____,

Page _____, and Deed Volume _____, Page _____, together with the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of the Easement over the lands of the GRANTOR(S), their heirs, successors and assigns more particularly described as follows:

INITIALCONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

The initial construction easement shall apply to the entire above described lands from such time as the GRANTEE begins to construct any wastewater facilities on the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S) until such time as the wastewater facilities are properly connected to the main pressure sewer and begin to discharge wastewater into the collection system, and the above referenced property is properly restored.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EASEMENT

If at any time, in the sole judgement of the GRANTEE or its duly authorized representatives, the wastewater facilities including packaged grinder pump stations, pressure sewer service line, and electrical facilities located on the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S), require maintenance, repair, replacement or reconstruction, a maintenance and repair easement shall apply to the entire above described lands from such time as the GRANTEE begins to maintain, repair, replace or reconstruct the wastewater facilities on the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S) until such wastewater facilities are properly reconnected to the main pressure sewer and begin to discharge wastewater into the collection system, and the property is properly restored.

EASEMENT RESTRICTIONS

GRANTOR(S) may fully use and enjoy the above described lands, except the GRANTOR(S) shall not construct, plant or place, nor permit the construction, planting or placement of any structure, plant, tree, crop or other obstruction on, over or under any wastewater facilities constructed or maintained by the GRANTEE; shall not make any excavation or change in the grade over or near any wastewater facilities constructed or maintained by the GRANTEE; any of which will interfere in any way with the operation, maintenance or access to the wastewater facilities or interfere in any other way with the exercise of the rights granted to GRANTEE. GRANTEE may waive any of the EASEMENT RESTRICTIONS only upon express written consent to the GRANTOR(S).

RIGHTS OF RESTORATION

The GRANTEE shall restore the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S) to a reasonably similar condition following any construction, operation, maintenance or repair of the above described wastewater facilities which results in disruption of soil, landscaping or other improvements located on the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S), except that GRANTEE shall not be responsible for the restoration of anything constructed, planted or placed upon the lands of the GRANTOR(S) in violation of the above described EASEMENT RESTRICTIONS.



Happy Holidays from the

NECESSARY DAMAGES RELEASE

GRANTOR(S) hereby releases the GRANTEE and persons acting on its behalf and waives any and all damages necessarily incident to the exercise of the rights granted by the EASEMENT, but the GRANTEE shall be liable for any unnecessary or negligently caused damages resulting from the exercise of the rights granted by this EASEMENT.

ACQUISITION OF EXITING ON-SITE WASTEWATER FACILITIES

To the extent that the GRANTEE elects (by affirmative action subsequent to the date of this EASEMENT) to acquire any existing on-site wastewater facilities of the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S), the GRANTOR(S) hereby conveys to the GRANTEE, without cost, the full title and interest in such on-site wastewater facilities and agrees that after GRANTEE accepts and assures responsibility for such existing on-site wastewater facilities, no other existing or new on-site wastewater facilities will be employed by GRANTOR(S).

MAINTENANCE OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES

The GRANTEE shall be responsible for the regular inspection and maintenance of the installed or acquired wastewater facilities on the above described lands of the GRANTOR(S) except that the GRANTOR(S) shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sanitary house service lateral from the house to the packaged grinder pump station.

CONVENANTS TO RUN WITH THE LAND

The grant and other provisions of this EASEMENT shall constitute a covenant running with the land for the benefit of both GRANTOR(S) and GRANTEE, their heirs, successors and assigns.

RELEASE OF DOWER AND CURTESY

The GRANTOR(S) hereby release any right of dower or curtesy in the above described lands as it may affect this EASEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

The GRANTOR(S) has executed this instrument this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed and Acknowledged in the Presence of:

_____	GRANTOR
WITNESS AS TO ALL	_____
	GRANTOR
_____	GRANTOR
WITNESS AS TO ALL	_____
	GRANTOR

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF _____ss:

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared the above named, the Grantor(s) in the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the signing thereof to be their free voluntary act and deed.

(SEAL)

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name at

_____, Ohio,

this _____ day of _____,

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

This instrument was prepared by and the blanks were completed under or at the direction of _____

SAWPIE

Choctaw Lake Office Staff.



Mindful Mothers Club

The November meeting of the Mindful Mothers Club was held in the home of Vice-President Ann Marie Cotere. Co-hostesses for the meeting were Paula Herald and Caryl Laney. Members answered the roll call by answering the question, "Are you cooking Thanksgiving Dinner?" Those cooking donated \$.50 and those not cooking donated \$1.00. All monthly roll call donations will be sent to the Scholarship Loan Fund of the Ohio Child Conservation League in the spring.

President Sherry Ley shared information regarding the West Central District's Spring Conference. In 2002 it will be held in Marysville, Ohio and in 2003 it may be held in London.

Our November philanthropy project was donating household items and hygiene products to A Friend's House in London.

Plans for the upcoming Brunch with Santa was discussed. This event will take place Saturday, December 15 in the Lodge. Members were given the name and wish list of a resident of the Essex Nursing Home in Springfield. Members will purchase Christmas gifts for their "adopted" grandparent and deliver them after the Christmas Brunch. Hostesses for the brunch are Sandy Evanoo, Ann Marie Cotere, and Debbie Blaho.

Mindful Mothers wish to thank members Twila Boyd, Diane Darling, Boni Stewart, and Amy Kleeman for their outstanding work on the Fall Family Festival. Mindful Mothers worked with the Booster Club to plan this event for the entire lake community.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Niemeyer, Publicity Co-Chair

Property Transfers

Lot No.	Name of Buyer	Address	Name of Seller
189	Debi Glenn	1840 E Choctaw Dr	Edward & Joan Birmele
1073	James & Kelli Kaltenbach	2621 Cayuse Dr	Jose Ramirez

Ice Rescue Boat



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DEBI SELLS CHOCTAW LAKE!

Debi's Awards and Accomplishments include:

- Columbus Board of Realtors \$10 Million Club
- Ohio Association of Realtors President's Sales Club Award 1992-2000
- Co-founder and Past President of Madison County Area Realtor's Association
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SOMERFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Board Meeting Minutes • October 10, 2001

The Somerford Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2001 with all members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jimmie Moran. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September meeting; all were in favor; motion carried. The October bills were approved and signed by the Trustees.

Mr. Jerry Ardrey attended the meeting to discuss the purchase of a new dump truck with the trustees. After a lengthy amount of time, Vice Chairman Walter Bethel moved that the trustees pass a resolution to accept the financing for the new truck offered by Municipal Services Group, Inc.; Ernest Sparks seconded; all were in favor; motion

carried and the resolution is accepted.

There was some discussion about the interest that Ted Hankins has in renting the Harold/Bertha Beathard residence for his realty business. This arrangement would have to be handled through Jane Beathard, the deceased owners' daughter.

A letter was received from the Ohio Department of Transportation in response to the trustees' letter which requested that "No Parking" signs be put up at St. Rt. 56 and Old US Rt. 40. The letter explained that ODOT does not believe that these signs are necessary. A representative for ODOT recommended previously that a letter requesting the signs be submitted; Chairman Moran will call and further explain the township

position so that he is certain that ODOT has sufficient information to accurately determine the need for the "No Parking" signs.

The Clerk will continue to check into the conversion of heating the township apartment from propane to natural gas. This is an opportunity for a considerable savings to the township expenses.

The last item of business discussed at this meeting pertained to whether or not a particular alley has been "closed" in Summerford.

Being no further business to be discussed at this time, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pamela C. Wassmuth, Clerk*

SAVE YOUR LIFE

Below is a medical form for the residents to voluntarily fill out. On this form I am asking you to put your name, age, address and a family member or friend that the patrol can call in case of an emergency. At the bottom of the form list any type of medical problems you might have: heart disease, diabetes, etc. also list any type of allergic reactions you might have to medications.

As I collect the medical forms I will put them in alphabetical order in a folder, the patrol will carry a copy in the patrol car and a copy will go to the paramedics. When the paramedics are responding to your house they will already know what type medication you are on and allergies.

Please fill them out and get them back to us as soon as you can.

Thank you, Chief deputy John W. Rafferty

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____ Phone No. _____

Age: _____ Family Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone No. _____

Person to contact in case of emergency: _____ Phone No. _____

Address of emergency contact: _____

List all of your medical problems and medication:

Illness _____ Medication _____

Illness _____ Medication _____

Illness _____ Medication _____

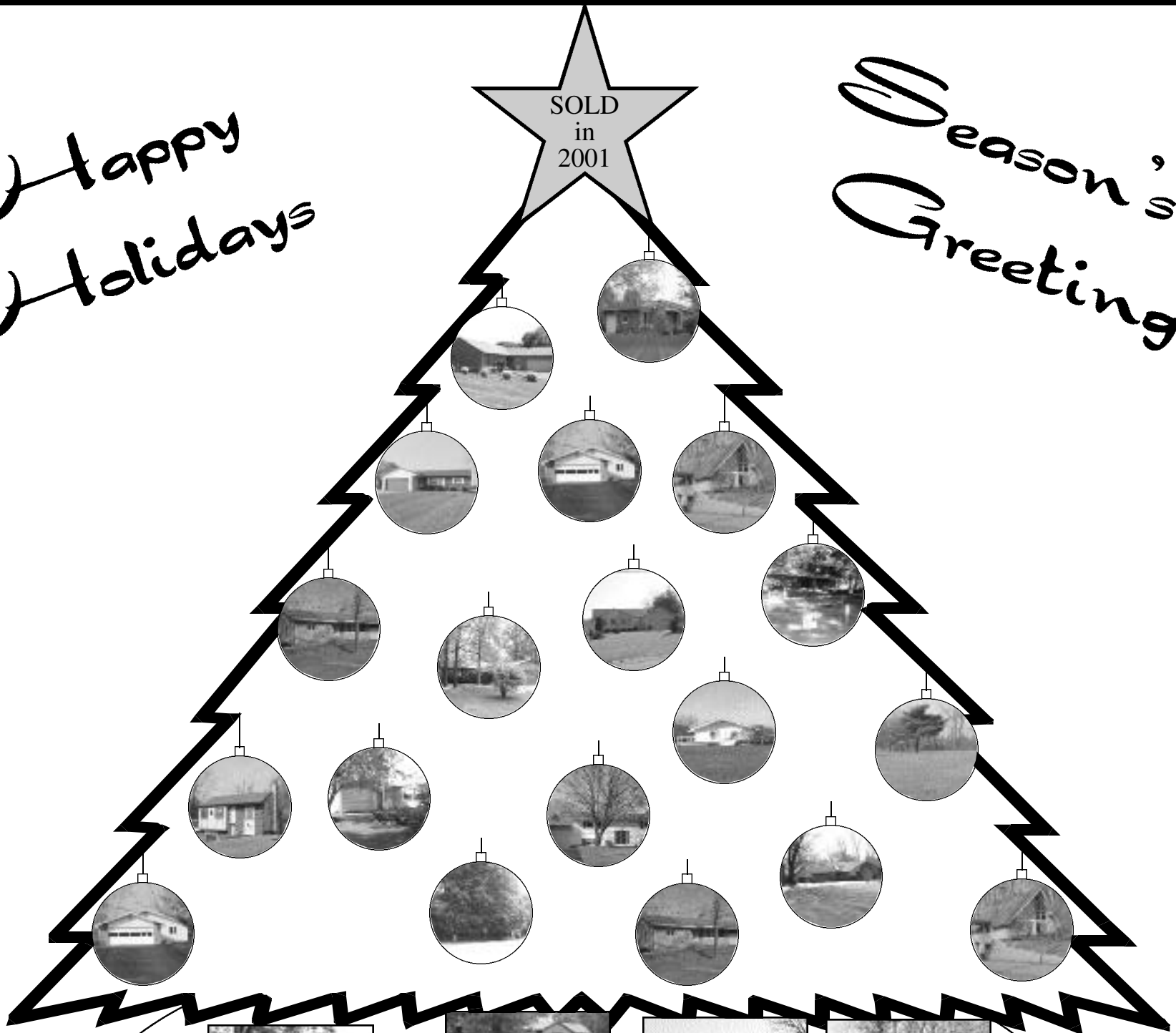
Illness _____ Medication _____

List any other information that would help the patrol or paramedics: _____

Happy Holidays

Season's Greetings

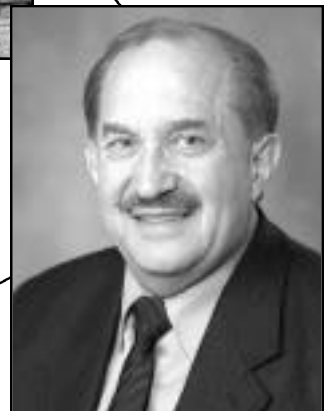
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Choctaw Lake Property Owners' Meeting • October 24, 2001

The Choctaw Lake Property Owners Meeting was held at the lodge and attended by 134 property owners.

President Jim Zawodny called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM. A roll call of Board members was taken as follows: Jim Zawodny-present, Bill Laney-present, Terry LaPrise-present, Brian Throckmorton-present, Jim Shade-present, Em McCracken-present, Steve Blake-excused, Andy Mauck-present, Brad Couch-present.

President Zawodny asked if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes from the last property owners meeting. Hearing none he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Smith (lot 717) made the motion and Gary Hunter (lot 726) seconded it. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

(Presented by Brian Throckmorton)

Jim Zawodny said that everyone should have received a handout for the 10-year Budget Proposal. He said the 10-year and current budgets are both in *The Peace Pipe*.

Brian Throckmorton reported that income and expenses are on track with the current budget. He said we have performed major repairs to the dam and completed the dredging as a result of the original 10-year budget. He said we have had 3% assessment increases. He said that the 10-year budget is designed to be reviewed and adjusted. He said a 10-year budget committee has been put together to review it for accuracy, make adjustments, and look at future needs. The cash flow projection shows the need for a 3½% assessment increase. He said that the road expense is unknown at this time. We do not know what impact the sewer project will have on road repair.

Brian said that many property owners have expressed interest in future capital projects. He showed a more detailed list. He said the 3½% assessment increase amounts to about \$20 a year through 2006. At this time the increase for 2007 is 0%. The treasurer can look at it in five years.

Frank Holstein (lot 358) asked why we don't let capital funds accumulate. Brian said the IRS could make us pay taxes on these amounts and our strategy is to keep the total about the same from year to year.

Ann Marie Cotere (lot 966) asked where the money for the road repairs is coming from. Brian said we are planning for a \$300 assessment to generate \$253,000 and also setting aside \$250,000 of project capital funds. He added that the county might cover damages due to the sewer project. She asked if we have any bids. Brian said there are no bids yet but we have verbal estimates and that is what the \$750,000 is based on. She asked Brian about the \$47,000 for the lodge next year. Brian said this is for the lodge sewer. She asked how much we would save if we became a village. Brian told her that was a good question and that he did not know. He said this budget is based on not being a village.

MaryJane Cronenwett (lot 1087) asked how many assessable lots there are. Brian said there are 845.

Gary Swisher (lot 196) asked if we get any money from the county. Brian said we do not. Gary asked if the Board would look into getting a tax rebate since we are paying for our own roads. Jim Zawodny said we would.

Brian asked for a property owner to make the following motion:

Motion: General lot assessment shall be increased to the indicated levels, effective with the lot assessment due on the effective corresponding date.

Paul Rarey (lot 118) made the motion and Cihangir "Geon" Calis (lots 536 & 537) seconded the motion.

Bob Cordes noted a typo in the motion and Brian Throckmorton acknowledged it.

Mike Quilter (lot 182) asked if we were also approving the road repairs. Brian said that we are approving setting aside money. The road assessment will need to be voted on separately.

Frank Holstein (lot 358) asked if we vote again next year on this 10-year budget. Brian said only if there is a major change.

Ralph Thorsen (lot 201) asked if we are only approving the assessment. Brian said yes.

Jim Zawodny called for the vote. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – nothing to report at this time.

Lake, Drainage, & Roads – Bill Laney said the lake level increase is due to the low flow inlet work done during the winter of 1999. He said the dam has not changed. The control box will now keep more water in the lake during the last months of summer. He said this has not been a problem due to the rains.

He said that a few owners have filed property damage claims. He said the insurance company has looked into these and denied the claims. He said an individual went to the ODNR. The ODNR discovered that some paperwork is missing. He said they had to make soundings. They determined the difference is about 8 inches. Ron Kern (lot 1080) asked if the low level could be raised about one foot to accommodate the dry hydrants. John Cimino said he tries to keep the water level about one foot above the screens. Junive O'Neill (lot 766) asked if this research was costing us a lot of money. She wants to know who these people are. Bill said the insurance company has paid for engineering costs so far and that it is not appropriate to name any property owners at this time. He said we would when it is. Junive said that property owners on the water were sent letters by an attorney in Hilliard. Bill said it appears to be a solicitation letter and he knows of no one who has responded. He said the lake level is now consistent with the original level. He said those having trouble are those who are not maintaining their shoreline. Gary Feliks (lot 23) asked what the spread is between the gate level and the spillway. Bill said the spillway is about three inches above the control box. Tim Pond (lot 904) said there is overwhelming support for raising the lake level. He said he tried to make a motion at the last meeting stating this and wondered if now is an appropriate time. Bill said it is not appropriate to make a motion. The Board will not lower the lake level unless the property owners or the ODNR say so.

Publications – Terry LaPrise reported that the lake office has taken over responsibility of *The Peace Pipe*. He said we are having trouble getting articles on time and from now on we will be living by the deadline. He said we use outside sources for layout and for this reason, all articles must go through the office.

Brad Couch reported that the website has not been updated for awhile. He said the next update would have sponsorship. He acknowledged Al Wilderman and Janie Cox as sponsors. He said there are a total of 22 sponsorships available.

Recreation – Jim Shade said that this year's community days was a huge success.

House and Office – nothing to report at this time.

Land and Facility Use – Terry LaPrise reported on the sale of CLPOA lots. He said that phase one will be to offer lots to adjacent property owners at a discount. To receive the discount, they must agree not to build on the lot or resell it for two years. Terry read a letter from Jennifer McCormack thanking those who responded to her survey. She is researching playground equipment to be installed near the Arrowhead. She says that the best choice would be commercial metal equipment of a modular design with a portion suitable for ages 2-5 and another portion for ages 5-12. She says that the project will require some money from the budget. She is publicly requesting help. Terry said that Jennifer is heading up this project and the Board is backing it. He urged property owners to please volunteer.

Sewer – Mike Frommer from the engineering firm provided an update on the sewer project. Mike reported that the on-lot surveys are 100% complete. He said we had amazing cooperation and it was completed within four months. He said that all facilities and easements have been laid out for each lot and the property owner will be sent a copy. He said it would need to be signed and returned. A notary public will be provided. Concerning the schedule, Mike said the detail design would be completed by December 2001. The easements will be completed between January and April 2002. The Ohio EPA review and approval will be completed between January and August 2002. Next will be the assessment procedure. He estimates the bidding phase to occur between November 2002 and February 2003. Construction is estimated to begin March 2003. He anticipates minimal pavement cuts in driveways and acknowledged that truck traffic will be a factor.

Francis Nutt (lot 775) asked why couldn't we hook into London's sewer system. Mike Frommer said that London is over capacity. He said that we looked into the sewer system at Route 42 and 70 but it was not cost effective to hook into it. Mr. Nutt asked what if we lose electric at the treatment plant. Mr. Frommer said that there would be a back-up generator at the plant.

Water Company – Jim Moran reported on the plan to reduce copper levels in the water. He said the copper testing samples were completed this month. Most of them are still at the lab. He then reported on the old water tower. He said it was taken out of service last spring to re-coat the inside and to paint the outside. He said this is a 10-year maintenance item. Jim also replaced the #1 water well submersible pump. He said this is a preventative maintenance item

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performed every seven years. Jim said that 77 million gallons were pumped in 2000. He said the highest month was June with 8 million gallons and the lowest was November with 5 million gallons. He said there have been no positive test results for bacteria. He added that there were no main breaks. He concluded by saying there were no water bans during 2000 or 2001.

Nominating Committee – Dan Atchison was present to ask for candidates for next year's Board. He said three positions are available for out-going Board members Jim Zawodny, Brian Throckmorton and Em McCracken.

Manager's Report – John Cimino reported on the dam repair. He said that the crack seal is complete and that work is proceeding to remove the corrugated lining of the discharge tube. He estimates work to be complete in about two weeks.

Patrol Report – Patrol Chief John Rafferty asked residents to remind their guests that the speed limit is 25 mph. He also asked them to remind any contractors who may be doing work for them. He reported that there have been speed violations as high as 55 mph.

New Business

David Quincel was present to discuss the proposed procedure of approving fiscal matters. He said that second shift employees are unable to attend the property owners meeting. He added that some people might feel pressured to vote in favor of a motion during a property owners' meeting. Mr. Quincel made the following motion that was published in *The Peace Pipe*:

I move to change the CLPOA method of voting on all fiscal items that require Property Owner's vote to a written ballot system administered in the same manner we elect our Board of Trustees. These fiscal items will be discussed at the semi-annual Property Owner's meetings.

Paul Lombard (lot 200) seconded the motion. Tim Pond (lot 904) asked what is the Board's recommendation. Bill Laney said that the Board felt it should be brought to the property owners. Mr. Pond asked if any Board member supported the motion. No Board member responded. Steve Hecht (lot 185) went over how the budget is put together and approved by out-going and incoming Boards at the February meeting. He said we could get into a situation where nothing happens. He recommends keeping it the way it is. David Quincel clarified that what he is saying is that everyone should have a vote, not just those that can attend meetings. Ron Kern (lot 1080) said that he works nights and he has attended these meetings for sixteen years. Alice Bond (lot 466) asked if the Roberts Rules allowed for proxy voting. CLPOA attorney Don Gregory responded saying that our Constitution does not allow this. President Jim Zawodny called for a vote on the motion. The motion was overruled.

Village Proposal Update

Andy Mauck began this discussion by saying there is no consensus of the Board on this issue and that everyone should wait for all the research to be reviewed. Alice Bond (lot 466) introduced herself as an attorney and an 8-year resident of Choctaw. She said that she has done her own research on village incorporation and wants to share it with the property owners. She said the process is in the Ohio Revised Code. She said when the petition requirements are met; it is filed with the County Commissioners. She said the procedure is no different for a recreational area. The Commissioners review the petition to ensure all requirements are met. If so, a hearing is scheduled. Afterward they make their determination. If we change our minds later, a petition to surrender corporate powers is made by petition of 40% of voters and a special election occurs. Concerning liability, villages have "sovereign immunity" and are not liable for certain actions of their employees. Currently, CLPOA assets would be in jeopardy if a CLPOA employee caused an event. She continued by saying a municipality makes a contract through council by ordinance. If over \$15,000, it goes through competitive bidding requirements. The village council sets the salaries of the mayor, council, and village employees. Unless changed by charter, there would be 5 council members elected at large. Council could pass a 1% income tax without a ballot vote. Any income tax above that amount requires a vote of the citizens of the village. Once again, a charter could change that. She then described the process to set up a charter. Village council passes ordinance to have a charter by a 2/3 vote or upon petition of 10% of electors. The ordinance is submitted to the board of elections, voters decide to have a charter, and the commission then drafts a charter. Concerning access to the lake, she said that a suit would likely be against the corporation (CLPOA) and any expenses would be borne by the corporation, just as they would be if someone sued now. She added that if the village were sued for any purpose, it would bear its own expenses. She said there is a con-

flict for CLPOA trustees to serve on council and they should abstain from such votes.

Jeff Niemeyer (lot 735) spoke about the financial issues regarding village incorporation. Jeff reviewed taxes we currently pay: real estate (\$115,000), roads related (\$35,000), and local government (\$50,000). Other sources of income include personal income tax, business income tax, grants, and law enforcement fines & income. Jeff then covered sources of expenses over what CLPOA now has. These include salaries/wages/benefits (\$20,000), fire/EMS (\$55,000), and operating expenses (\$10,000). Jeff then summarized the revenues and expenses by saying there would be a surplus of \$115,000, which represents an amount that we are paying but is not coming back to us today. He said this is equal to about 18-19% of the current CLPOA budget. How the surplus is spent would be up to our elected officials to decide. Possible village projects for the surplus include: improved law enforcement equipment, a new police cruiser, salt truck/dump truck/snow plow, road sealer/road surface recycler, street lights on Old Columbus, stop light at Old Columbus and SR 56, welcome gateways at village entrances, and a municipal pool. Jeff then addressed frequently asked questions. He said there will be addition costs to run both a village and the CLPOA but the additional tax revenues will more than offset these expenses. Concerning personal income tax, most municipalities tax only earned income (W-2 income). Unearned incomes (interest, dividends, capital gains, SS benefits, and retirement benefits) are not taxed. For people already paying city tax where they work, many cities have reciprocal agreements whereby they give either full or partial credit for taxes paid to the cities where it was earned. That tax money does not follow the resident to the city where he lives. Creation of new taxes would start with the village council and mayor, not anyone else. Jeff said that while we don't see the need for any new tax, it is a possibility to generate new revenue or to convert current budgets to a "tax deductible" status.

Jim Zawodny provided information about the Village of Roaming Shores and Rome Rock Association. Jim said this is a 22-year example. The Village of Roaming Shores was incorporated in 1979. The Association of Rome Rock was the "parent" association and is still in existence today. He provided a list of contacts. He said the roads are jointly owned and that the village buys some amount of road each year for around \$50k-75k per mile. Lake statistics include the following: 500 acres, 5 miles long, 40 feet deep, 19 miles of shoreline, and four public boat launches. There are two white sandy beaches with modern restrooms, four swimming pools (the largest is 90,000 gallons and heated), and many more facilities. There are 710 current homeowners (CLPOA has 803) with about 450 being full time residents. Assessments are \$585 for waterfront lots and \$525 for off-water. The biggest negative of village creation was not having enough qualified homeowners to run for both village council and association board. Lake privacy has not been an issue. They do not have an income tax.

Brad Couch provided additional information about the village proposal. Brad said the proposed village has a larger "footprint" than does CLPOA Association by approximately 25%. This is to have the required area of two square miles. He said the goal is to acquire 600 signatures on the petition even though only 396 (51%) are required. He summarized the reasons for incorporating as a village to return tax revenue to the immediate community, exert greater control over local growth & government, eliminate the huge liability gap, and to improve & protect property values. There is an estimated \$220,000 of taxes that would fund the village according to County Auditor Jim Williamson. This tax money is currently being spent elsewhere in the township and has been generated by Choctaw property owners. Combined with taxes from license plate, gasoline, and road tax, there are potentially \$300,000 in funds available by February 2003 according to our County Auditor and verified through the State Auditor. There are other tax supported benefits for villages such as free government surplus property, government auctions, and grants such as the COPS program. There is a potential to swap assessments for taxes. Taxes are deductible, assessments are not. CLPOA will be no less private than our current status according to CLPOA Attorney Don Gregory. There will be greater control over zoning, emergency services, and employee benefits. There would be stronger political clout and better representation with local issues. The liability gap will shrink since villages have "sovereign immunity" and are not liable for certain actions of their employees. Brad concluded by saying that property values improve as a result of zoning protection and increased services.

Rome Rock Association Lake Manager Gary Phillips was present to give a brief history of the Village of Roaming Shores. Mr. Phillips spoke of several benefits of village incorporation including COPS grants and low interest government money. He admitted that it was rocky when it was first started. Steve

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Hecht (lot 185) asked Mr. Phillips what percent of property value increase has Rome Rock experienced. Mr. Phillips said that ten years ago it was bad. He said that lots were practically given away at that time. Today an off-water lot is selling for about \$7,500. Steve Hecht informed everyone about a letter he wrote to the County Commissioners containing 27 questions about village incorporation. He said copies of his letter and letters of response are on a table at the back of the lodge. He said that these letters would be published in *The Peace Pipe*. Steve expressed concern about filling village positions, taking \$115,000 from the township budget, and federal housing programs such as Section 8. Steve would like to see a list of pros and cons in *The Peace Pipe*. He wants to hear the facts.

Dana King (lot 240) said she has a list of 15 concerns with village incorporation. She said one of these concerns is Section 8 housing. She said she moved to this community because she wants her kids to be raised in a safe environment.

Jack Holstein (lot 891) asked if there would be increased traffic. He said that crime comes with traffic. Jim Zawodny responded that the entries into the lake would not change. Madison County Prosecuting Attorney Steve Pronai added that the traffic pattern would not change.

Ralph Thorsen (lot 201) said that the boundary of the proposed village is larger than Choctaw. He wanted to know the ramifications of this additional acreage. Jim Zawodny responded that if these areas were developed, it would not change access to the lake. In addition we would have zoning control. Jim said that right now we do not have the ability to control what surrounds us, it is up to the township and the county.

Alice Bond (lot 466) said that London does not have Section 8 housing. She said the committee has not yet looked into this.

Bob Smith (717) addressed the meeting with a personalized history of the lake. He concluded by saying it has taken several years to get to this point, a great community that pulls together to solve our problems for the benefit of all. Let's keep the great property of Choctaw private. Let's not end what has taken 37 years to accomplish, our wonderful private community.

Gary Feliks (lot 23) expressed concern about the excess property that would be included in the village and the importance of guiding the development of that property. He is also concerned about any accounting issues for public entities, which may be different than those for private entities. He would like the committee to look into this.

Cihangir "Geon" Calis (lots 536 & 537) addressed the meeting and said that if this is such a good option, why hasn't it already happened?

Tim Pond (lot 904) asked if this becomes a village, are dues likely to decrease? Jim Zawodny responded saying there are two options. One is to

reduce assessments and the other is to increase amenities and services. Mr. Pond then spoke to Bob Smith saying that if we become a village it will not change the past, but how will it hurt us in the future? Bob responded saying that he has never seen a gated village. He added that by selling the roads we would not be able to keep people out. He concluded by saying that if we take tax money in, it must be used on the village, it cannot be used for private property.

Ray Chamberlain (lot 883) asked Gary Phillips how much land did the Village of Roaming Shores have to add. Mr. Phillips said that they did not need to add any land, but they did anyway.

Judy Maynard (lot 943) shared the recent story of a lost boy and how the community was right there right away helping with the search. She asked if we take in 300 acres, what will we have to give them?

CLPOA Attorney Don Gregory reminded everyone that even with village incorporation, CLPOA does not go away. The private nature of the lake will not change. He said that some of the assets of the association could go back and forth with the village, for example the roads. He said we can keep others out but there is a chance that others could legally challenge for rights to boat on the lake.

Ann Marie Coterel (lot 966) raised concern about the land behind her house since it is not part of Choctaw. Jim Zawodny told her that right now we don't have control over what happens to that land.

Frank Holstein (lot 358) expressed concern about holding back large companies like Meijer from building within the village.

Brad Couch said we need 320 additional acres. He said we have commitments from 8 owners, which represent about 500 acres. He said if some pull out that is OK.

David Quincel (lot 202) said there is a petition available for those not wanting village incorporation.

Ralph Thorsen (lot 201) asked what are the next steps? Jim Zawodny said that tonight is for information. There will be another meeting November 5. He added there is additional research to be done. Mr. Thorsen said we need to ask the "what if" questions. Alice Bond (lot 466) said we don't know who would be on the council so we can't answer the "what if" questions. Jim Zawodny said that many rules pertaining to village incorporation are set forth by the state. He asked anyone with questions to write them down and send them to the office.

Dana King (lot 240) said that the article in *The Peace Pipe* contained no answers to the cons. Frank Holstein (lot 358) suggested that a group drive up and talk to people at Roam Rock Association.

Linda Bockey (lot 967) made a motion to adjourn. Gary Hunter (lot 726) seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Lake Choctaw History

by R. N. Smith

(This is a summation of the statement about our history that was given during the village proposal discussion at the property owners meeting of Oct. 24, 2001.)

American Realty developed the private Lake Choctaw in 1964 as a private community. The interstate (I-70) was not completed until several years later.

The idea of a private community was, and still is, very popular for the security and the privacy of its residents. With over 1000 lots and a 275-acre lake, the idea took some time to develop to its present population. The waterfront lots sold for \$5,000 and off-water lots for \$2,500. Dues were \$25.

I acquired my first lot in 1968 as a second buyer. At that time there was a \$50 assessment on top of the \$25 dues. This was paid to the new C.L.P.O.A.

Upon filling out my application, a few days later, I was visited in my home in Springfield by a 3-person committee for my acceptance to the private community of Lake Choctaw.

At that time there were very few homes and less full-time residents. The roads were dirt and gravel.

At the entrance there was a tepee, totem poles and a guard shack. We had no money for guards, so we took turns at the gate. At night we were on the telephone to call our nearest neighbor to track any strange vehicles on the private lake property. If nobody knew who it was, we would stop them to see what they wanted. We all liked the privacy of the lake.

I remember attending my first C.L.P.O.A. meeting in the newly built pole barn shelter house (now we call it the lodge). It was a cold, rainy fall day in

October. The shelter house had no sides, no floor or no heat. We went out and carried in some picnic tables to sit on so we could have the meeting; needless to say, the meeting was a short one.

The lodge was finished a few years later by volunteers from the Booster Club. The Booster Club paid all the bills for the materials.

As time passed, we could see that we needed to pave the roads. At a property owners meeting we voted to pave W. Choctaw, E. Choctaw and Chickasaw. This would cost us \$100 for 3 years (per lot). We promised the people who lived on the other roads that we would pave their roads after the 3 years. And three years later, at that property owners meeting, we voted to pay \$100 per lot for 2 years. We told ourselves that this would increase our property values, and it did!

As the years passed, the property values kept increasing at a faster rate than any other place in the surrounding area. There has been a 6% to 8% property value increase per year for off-water property and a 10% to 12% per year increase for waterfront property.

There have been several articles written by the National Association of Realtors that address property values of private gated communities and how they experience a faster rate of value because of their private status. This is exactly what we have seen at Lake Choctaw and what we have been fortunate to experience for all these years.

I have been in real estate for over 25 years and have seen a great change in the private community of Lake Choctaw.

It has taken several years to get where we are today, by the young and old, the new property owner and the older established owner. It is a great community that settles our problems and pulls together for the benefit of all, ... and with that we experience a greater return for our investment on our home and have a great place to live.

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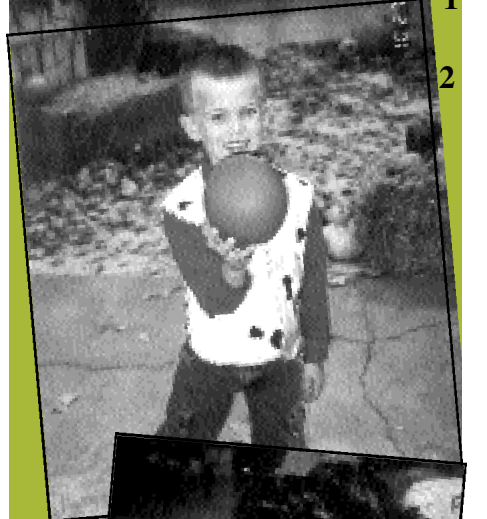
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1. Shannon Merkle —bobbing for donuts
2. Kyle Merkle —ready to pop a balloon
3. Mia Zawodny — holding onto a human intestine??
4. Unknown?? But adorable isn't she?
5. Kylie Frea being wrapped up as a mummy
6. The winners of costume contest!! From l to r: Tadd Bailey, Courtney Bailey, Cassidy Herald, Brooke Kelly, Patrick Atchison, unknown,(Joshua??), Brittany Cosgrove and an unknown.
7. Stinky Pete with Barbie in his box — aka Steve Merkle and Boni Stewart
8. LARGE COLLAGE: Put together by Angie Straub.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Aerobics (A) 9:00 a.m.
2 CLPOA Christmas Dinner	3 Aerobics (A) 6:30 p.m. Karate (L) 6:30 p.m. Sewer Board Mtg. (CR) 7:00 p.m. Village Mtg. (L) 7:30 p.m.	4 Charity Bingo (L) 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (A) 6:30 p.m.	5 Aerobics (A) 6:30 p.m. Children's Play Group (A) 10:00 a.m. Karate (L) 6:30 p.m.	6 Seniors (A) 12 noon Booster Club (CR) 7:00 p.m. Kickers (L) 6:30 p.m. Scouts (A) 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Aerobics (A) 9:00 a.m.
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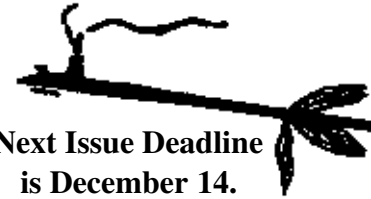
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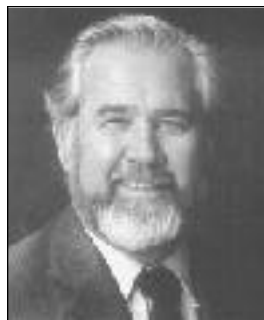
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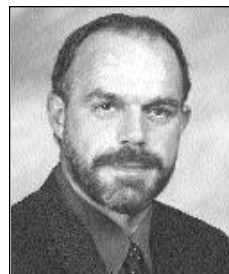
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