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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023
FROM THE CANYONS ON LAKE WHITNEY TEXAS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

Community Gatherings, April, May, June 2023

April Gathering – We had hot dogs with all the trimmings followed by a highly competitive game of Pictionary with prizes. Everyone had a good time.

May Gathering – Delicious Mexican Food. The night was a little different in that we had no air conditioning. We had the doors open, fans on, and we went on as normal. Pictures were taken on the stage with a Mexican backdrop.

June Gathering – Still no air conditioning but a lot of people showed up. We opened the doors, enjoyed the rain and saw a beautiful rainbow. No meal was served but had ice cream and cookies. It was a beautiful relaxing evening.

As of end of June, the air conditioning is on the schedule to be fixed. Hopefully by the July Gathering it will be up and running and we can get back to our Gatherings. We will let everyone know when the air conditioning is fixed. Come and join us to meet all of your neighbors. If you haven't been to one of our Gatherings, you might want to come and see what is going on.

Upcoming Gatherings, July, August, September 2023

July Gathering – Hamburgers with all the fixings. Celebrating 4th of July. Games will follow.

August Gathering – it will be a surprise. Watch for emails.

September Gathering – Bake Potato Bar. Games to follow.

Thanks to the volunteers that prepare the meals as well as the Kitchen Committee that plans the Gatherings.

HISTORY OF THE CEDAR SHORES ROCK WALL: - FACT OR FICTION!

The low-level rock wall that runs for approximately 17 miles along the boundary of The Canyons, legally known as Cedar Shores, has an interesting history dating back to the early 1960's. Because we don't know of anyone left who can tell us the facts, we have relied on the memories and stories of several neighbors and friends for this article. If you or anyone you know has information, please share it with the community or text Suzan at suzan.roper@sbcglobal.net.

Bill Holloman purchased the land, formally a ranch, in the late 50's to early 60's and named it Cedar Shores. During the summers, Bill used local boys to build the wall for 50 cents an hour. A Boy Scout troop was also instrumental in its construction, but it isn't known if they were paid or if it was a service project. Most of the work was probably done in the mid 1960's. The stone is native to the area, found in abundance, and it's reported that some of the stone came from blasting the ground for the forming of Lake Whitney. Some of the wall runs in places that are no longer accessible due to the lake level being raised, but what we can still see is a testament to the hard work of a few kids way back when.



Bill Holloman, right, in 1983. Does anyone know the gentleman on the left?



VIEWS FROM CAPTAIN'S COVE

Summer is upon us and swinging with both fists. I don't know about you but this heat is something else ! I am proud to say I have been in Texas majority of my life and would like to think I have built up a tolerance to the heat. This year it seems to be something different ! Even our chickens are feeling it.

Make sure to stay hydrated and wear some form of sun protection . Having had heat stroke before it is nothing to joke about.

According to WHO European code against cancer UV radia-

tion is strongest around noon and less strong during the early morning and late afternoon/ evening.

Try to plan outside work around that time if at all possible .

The normal water amount they tell you to drink is 1.5-2 liters a day or about 8 cups ... did you know during the summer months it increases to 2.7-3.7 liters a day.

I often neglect my water intake and suffer from muscle cramps and head aches .

For some reason the summer seems to be busier than the

rest of the year even with the kids back in school. I guess keeping them busy while also working does tend to pull me in many directions at once.

I hope everyone else remembers to relax and enjoy the summer. The days stay busy but you don't have redos . So live each day to the fullest and fill them up!

-Alexandria

CALL BEFORE YOU BURN

It is your responsibility to call the Bosque County Sheriff's office before beginning a controlled burn. This prevents confusion if smoke is reported in our area.

Bosque County Sheriff's Office number:

(254) 435-2362

Burn bans are enacted at the county level during drought conditions.

The Texas A&M Forest Service website has a burn ban map for information.

Sympathy

Sadly Anthony Santos passed away Saturday, June 17th . He has lived in the community for over 20 years and was well known. He loved the lake and enjoyed living in the Canyons. He will be missed.

Eugene Wendall Freeman died on June 20th. He lived in the Canyons for 13 years and owned J&G Machine Shop in Whitney.

Condolences to Lisa and Brenda and their families.

CANYON'S COMMUNITY

Community Center Yearly Cleanup

On April 22 we had our yearly Community Center Cleanup at the Community Center. Two trees were removed, we cleaned up the flower beds and bushes and all an all around cleanup of the grounds. Fire was going all day, burning brush. When all was done, the Community Grounds looked great. The weather was perfect, beautiful day. We do the cleanup once a year, so plan on helping next year. We are proud of our Community Center and Grounds. Bob Cox and Suzan Roper set up a perfect schedule. Suzan brought donuts and water. Volunteers this year were:

- Marsha and Murphy Webster Kevin McNamara
Caren and Mike Sanders Suzan Roper
Bob Cox Shelly Roaten
Brian Scott Clete Martin
Diane Innis Harry Bailey
Ray Innis Brian Smeiles
Mike Braudaway Wayne Turner
Chuck Monroe Laura Anderson
Fred and Jane Brown

We have been overwhelmed by the community response to our plea for donations. At this

time, we are only \$530 short of our goal of \$14,400. The installation of the system has now begun and, once completed, a celebration will be held for all to enjoy. If you haven't donated yet, it is not too late.

Our gathering place – the heart of our community, is now a better place because of the wonderful Canyon residents coming together for this cause.

Playing Cards

Some ladies play cards at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoon, 2:00. Right now, it's just women but we will take men also! We usually play the Community Center but for a couple of weeks we had to adjust since the air conditioning was out. We should be returning to normal shortly.

Call 817-240-7527 if you would like to join.

Community Center can be rented for any gatherings or functions for our residents.

Check it out, call 817-240-7527 for info and/or rental.

Successful HVAC Fundraiser

Thank you to the many donors who have made our Community Center HVAC System Campaign

a success! We sent out a letter to residents in early May explaining that our old, obsolete heat

and A/C system had crashed and was unrepairable.

Many quotes were received and installation of "mini splits" was determined to be the most

efficient and cost effective for our building. It seemed like an overwhelming task to raise the

necessary funds for the electrical service and installation of 4 mini split heat pump units. Our hope was for work to begin by September pending adequate funding.





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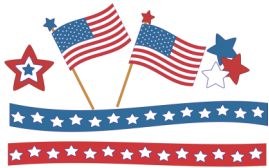
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The Canyons on Lake Whitney - “A Friendly Community”

July

July - 4 Independence Day
July- 8 Community Gathering



August

August 8- Watermelon day
August 12- Community Gathering



September



September 4- Labor day
September 9- Community Gathering

Cedar Shores Baptist Church



Everyone Welcome

Sunday School at 9:00
Church at 10:00
Come and join us on Sunday
Everyone Welcome

Easter Sunrise Service
April 9th at 7:00 AM
At the end of CR 1526
Everyone Invited

A Thought Worth Echoing!

When all else fails, take a vacation. –Betty Williams