



Grand Valley Lakes News

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Saturday, September 4th!! Dinner: 5:00 – 6:30!! Live Auction 6:30 – ‘til it’s done!!

Admission: \$12.00 in advance per ticket / \$15.00 at the door

Jody Jackson has again volunteered to be our Auctioneer. He’s fun to watch! Remember the old saying, “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”! Take your donations to the POA Lodge,.

Dinners are available for eat-in or carry-out. Dessert is included with dinner courtesy of the members of the Grand Valley Lakes Ladies’ Club.

Great Food! Great Fun! Benefitting the Grand Valley Lakes Community!

Ladies' Club News

August was a busy month for the Club.

On the 7th, we hosted the second DIRTY BINGO night, which was a huge success and earned over \$3000 for the Spillway Fund.

The next afternoon we, along with members of her church, had a memorial service for our dear deceased member Dotty Fulgham . Since her death was in January at the height of the pandemic her service was delayed. It was a privilege to honor her courage, determination, faith and grace as she battled multiple cancers for so long.

Yard of the Month award went to Robert and Shelly Nelson, 320 Teton.

The Ladies' Club will be supporting the Men's Club Fish Fry by providing desserts.

We meet the Saturday after the POA Board meeting, usually the 2nd Saturday, at 10:30 at the Lodge. All the ladies in the Valley are welcome to join us.

Monthly Men's Club

The August Men's Club meeting brought final plans for the annual fish fry. David Parkinson has arranged for obtaining food, cooks and equipment. Other members are also involved in obtaining equipment and purchasing some food items. David also began assigning members to the various tasks necessary to successfully prepare and serve close to 400 meals. As of the meeting, the club had sold close to 300 of their 400 tickets sold goal.

Beginning Monday, August 30th residents are urged to bring auction items to the POA.

Optimistically the club also set their sights on various projects they will complete. Chief among those is completion of purchase and installation of all new street signs throughout the valley.

The club added 3 new members!! ALL men in the valley are invited to join in helping improve our community through the club's activities!

We enjoy breakfast and a meeting every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am. YOUR ideas and occasional physical effort are needed!

Your Calendar of Events for September/October

Thursday, Sept. 2nd @ 6:00 p.m. Line Dancing Class at the POA Lodge

Saturday, Sept. 4th @ 5:00 p.m. FISH FRY! Men's Club Fund Raiser at the POA Lodge. Dinner to be served from 5:00 p.m. til 6:30 p.m. Auction follows til all the items are gone!

Thursday, Sept 9th @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class with Kay McPhearson

Friday, Sept 10th @ 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the POA meet to do the business of the community. Come and find out what is going on in the neighborhood.

Saturday, Sept 11th @ 9:00 a.m. Men's Club meets in the POA Lodge Kitchen

Saturday, Sept 11th @ 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Club meets at the POA Lodge

Thursday, Sept 16th @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class with Kay McPhearson

Thursday, Sept 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class at the Lodge. Come get moving!

Thursday, Sept 30th @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class at the Lodge. Come get moving!

Thursday, Oct 7th @ 6:00 p.m. Line Dancing Class at the POA Lodge

Friday, Oct 8th @ 7:00 p.m. The Board of Directors of the POA meet to do the business of the community. Come and find out what is going on in the neighborhood.

Saturday, Oct 9th @ 9:00 p.m. Men's Club meets in the POA Lodge Kitchen

Saturday, Oct 9th @ 10:30 a.m. Ladies' Club meets at the POA Lodge

Thursday, Oct 14th @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class at the Lodge. Come get moving!

Thursday, Oct 21st @ 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi class with Kay McPhearson

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Fun night at the Lodge

Saturday night, Aug. 7th, was a busy night at the GVL Lodge.

The Ladies' Club hosted another night of Dirty Bingo (think Bingo mixed with Dirty Santa- lots of prize stealing). There was a large turn-out and everyone had a blast!

David Parkinson and Jim Cowan kept things rolling as the number callers. Sarah and Terry Surratt were kept busy as card dealers. Jean Harrison and Linda Parkhurst had "clean up duty" between games.

The kitchen was a popular place as Linda Parkinson, Linda Johnson, Debbi Bowden, Valerie Cowan and Nancy Burke did a brisk business in refreshments. Pizza, hamburgers, nachos, popcorn, sweet snacks and soft and "other" drinks were in high demand.

Many great prizes were won and Tiffany Ruston was the winner of the Gourmet Treat basket.

Because all the prizes, food and supplies were donated, there were NO expenses and ALL money earned went to the Spillway Fund- \$3,090. Many thanks to all those who donated food and prizes, worked or supported this event!!!

If you missed all the fun, don't worry- it will probably happen again.



Our Grand Prize Winner

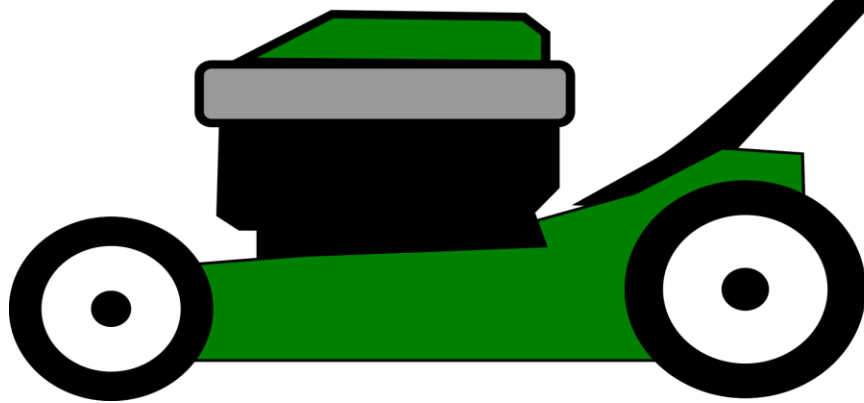
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This issue of the Grand Valley News is sponsored in part by the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club.

The Men's Club is a hardworking, fun-loving bunch of men who meet every second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the POA Lodge. These members have quickly become a creative force and a work force within our community.

The following is a reprint of an article written by SSG. Michael G. Kelly, who is the son of Ernie and Mike Kelly. This article was written while he was deployed in Iraq, but it speaks to and about our troops no matter where they are serving and reminds us that our troops need our prayer support at all times....

A battlefield is truly a unique type of mission field. There is a real connection among soldiers as they face similar fears. There's some exposure to local nationals working in our support and yet obviously a disconnect with enemy combatants. Though concern is with both, soldiers are frequently ministered to through access to chaplains, nightly Bible studies and spiritual programs of a great variety; and, most importantly, as they work along side Christians in peer and leadership positions.

This latter personal connection is where I have seen the most influence for relationship with Christ to develop. Also by the Grace of God, I have a small corps of prayer warriors that I get to meet with. We are each plugged into different areas of Christian worship and personal study, but we truly share a love of Christ and help each other feel encouraged to live it – despite the stress of our miserable life style.

Despite multi-national coalition force differences, crossing inter-denominational and inter-faith barriers, with every race, age or mission role in this Biblical land of Abraham also known as Ur.

I have found spiritual conversation welcomed. See, there we have a lot extreme circumstances to deal with together like frequent mortar and Iranian built rocket attacks, constant DUST storms, family separation problems, no freedoms, and 130 degree exhausting HEAT. Doesn't that just make you thirsty? Most of us really suffer through these conditions, often struggling to get along with each other in order to accomplish our mission.

Then there is this awesome fountain of cool water there (it literally can bring you back to life). It is so refreshing (you gotta see this if you never have). Only believers have found it there though – it's like an oasis, HOPE that truly satisfies. You know that guy.

The best guy you could ever meet (you know the kind that becomes a best friend in no time at all like a sudden answer to prayer). I know HIM too because He once shielded me with His own body and took the full effect of physical, emotional, spiritual punishment purposefully on Himself – once for all of time – dying on my cross and your cross to rescue each of us from sin so we might surrender a thankful life to Him.

He is our "Oasis of Hope", Jesus. Now you and I know our Creator has put into the heart of every person this thirst, this option for a right relationship with GO, Himself; is made simple and sharing this story is made simple for the believer if he is "prayed up" – like offering your buddy a cool drink off water, right?

Are you "thirsty" for more prayer now?

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In the IRAQ-1 war zone you have no control over your circumstances and reality! All of us stand together for justice with patriotic “love for freedom”, for national safety, for a continued nation built on Godly values, but, do we share such a love outside of extreme circumstances for others – in prayer or those we want God to bless our loved ones – the neighbors, friends, and associates of even those we love the least - our enemies by praying for them like we would a family member?

There is no better energy drink than prayer. Drink up!

While survival in war is in fact a selfless focus of soldiers (because we need each other so much); for as you know your chain is only as strong as your weakest link,, right?

I encourage you, as your brother in Christ, to consider what Christians in Iraq (and around the world) Have found to be so true: that is, we obviously share a responsibility to encourage one another as often as possible especially in their relationship with this world’s Savior, Jesus Christ.

As you pray, ask yourself are YOU like so many of brothers and sisters...who have shown us troops in Iraq the example of prayer warriorship?

Are you also encouraging each other spiritually (in secret or TOGETHER)? In other words, are you at least someone else’s “spiritual battle buddy” interceding for them?

We all have the SAME MISSION: to wear the spiritual armor of Ephesians 6, the need to meet over the Intel reports of Scripture, to “prepare the horses for battle while praying for God’s victory and each other’s deliverance – like soldiers in battle and to work out our love for Christ by exercising our faith in the Holy Spirit’s ability to give us that love for each other I we ask. Please keep asking...we are receiving it!

My soldiers and I have received many blessings and are blessed because of you. God has heard your prayers over us. I thank you so much for the difference you are making through personal and family prayers for your troops. You are our heroes and sheroes on the home front! May God show the riches of His Grace and make His face shine upon you.

-written by SSG. Michael G, Kelly to his home church of Como Methodist

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To GVL Property Owners:

The spillway gate, which regulates the water level in the lake, is not functioning and has to be replaced. If it were to fail, the lake would drain and there is the possibility that we would lose part of the levy, also, so it is important that it be replaced as soon as possible. On 2-23-21, the Board contracted with F&M Engineering in Savannah TN, based on their experience with spillways and water control systems. Their plan is to begin the work around June 15th of this year.

The current proposals for replacement total \$114,106 and \$149,860. A more precise number will be given to us by F&M Engineering before the work is started. Whatever amount we are given, we will be adding in 10% of the cost to attempt to cover unforeseen costs; that amount will be used to decide how much to pull from our accounts.

\$41,000 of the total cost will come from the PPP money that we received for COVID relief. Other options continue to be discussed, such as—select cutting some trees. The remainder of the money will come from our savings account. We will work out a repayment plan to ourselves with a 2% interest rate over the payback period.

In order to lessen the amount taken out of our savings, each Board member has committed to giving some amount of money. We are asking that everyone who can, please contribute some amount of money; no amount is too small.

These funds can be given to Lona Coffee or mailed to her at 240 Teton Dr., Saulsbury, TN 38067. You can also leave it with Margaret in the POA Office; Margaret can also take credit cards.

Your additional money would be appreciated as soon as possible so that we can pull less out of savings. However, if you can't make the early June timeframe, we'll still take it and put it back in savings.

Spillway Update:

Donations through August: 40,300!!!

Thank you to the Ladies' Club for their donation!

The new gate will be aluminum rather than steel per the recommendation from the engineering firm. The gate has been ordered and will require 16 weeks for completion. You may donate through the POA office!

Boat Parade brings out GVL's Imagination and Artisanship!!

Special thanks to Jim and Katie Lomax, Johnny and Tiffany Rustin, Madison Doyle, and Julie Townsend for serving as Judges for this years event!

There were nine entries this year and the artwork was stunning! This year's theme was "Decades of 60's, 70's, 80's".

First place went to "The VW Bus" (Captain Reisedge). Second place was "Surfing Safari" (Captain Benoit). Third place "That 70's Boat" (Captain Hope). The judges really had their work cut out for them!



This was the

First Place Winner!

Looking good for a Road Trip
To where the flowers grow!

Here is the Second Place Winner!

They look ready to hit the beach and
And surf ... into the jungle for that safari



Presenting the Third Place Winner!

That 70's boat and look at the boat load of characters
She brought with her... Wow!!





*Definitely
...Ooh! And Aah!
Worthy...*

GVL Fireworks Leads the Way....

As is always the 4th of July story, Grand Valley's fireworks display was without a doubt the best in Hardeman County! Thanks to Tom Wein for leading the way! Further thanks to Ken Wilson, Travis Solis, and Maurecio Belgarde for helping Tom organize and carry out the program! For those unable to attend here's a few pictures of what you missed!



Main points covered in the August Board Meeting:

The spillway gate: Things are moving smoothly. We are looking at an October/November completion. Spillway fund is now \$40,000 donations plus the \$40,900 PPP loan. Total so far \$80,000!

Tom Wein is now a Certified Diver! This should save GVL a great deal of money in the future based on past expenditures required to bring divers in for various needed projects. Tom is currently working on restoring the marina to its original “floating marina” design. He will be using nylon water rope.

GVL has a logging company cutting timber on association owned lots. The “Selective Cutting” is for trees over 14 inches in diameter only. The logger was able to harvest 17 loads in 3 days. This brought \$26,000 in new funds to the valley.

Stuart Farmer is conducting a survey of needed paving. He is using a system which identifies the roads most needing work. The system considers condition of the road, number of residents on the road, and volume of traffic. Paving will begin next spring at the earliest. There will be a minimum \$150,000 available for the project.

Ron Scott stated we need to discuss ATV/UTV safety rules. Rules are useless unless enforced. After much discussion it was decided to review this issue further. An informational meeting may be held in the near future. Tom Wein stated we do have a 9:00pm – 7:00 am curfew in effect.

Ladies’ Club Lakeside Yard of the Month for August was awarded to **Robert and Shelly Nelson**. Located at 320 Teton it appears the lawn has been “hand trimmed with scissors”! Wow! Is this not the essence of neat?



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