



From President Rick Griffith --



Greetings, Lake Neighbors -

I hope all of you have had a great summer so far enjoying the beautiful resource we are blessed to have in Lake Mitchell. I am writing this note to you in mid-September. It's hard to believe that this year is three quarters of the way gone. By the time you read this, we will have had our lake draw down. I hope that all of you will have been able to work on your shoreline issues and get everything in good order for the next few years. I know that I have work to be done at my place. And I promise that no snails will be harmed in the process. We also will have a lake clean-up during the draw down period. I am hopeful that the

timing of this clean-up will give us access to some areas of the shoreline that we are not otherwise able to get to. Thanks to all our area reps for distributing trash bags and coordinating trash pickups from the piers in their areas.

Chan Aldridge, our area rep coordinator, is helping to facilitate the formation of "May Day" groups in each individual area to be able to respond to folks who need to be aided on the lake for any non-medical reason. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact your area rep to get on the list. This is a good way to help your neighbors on the lake.

As always, I am very appreciative of all our volunteers who make our organization successful. It takes a lot of people to make our events run smoothly and we can always use more. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help us out.

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting, which is set for Friday, November, 3rd at 6:00 at the Alabama Power Company office on Highway 31 in Clanton. Hope to see you there. As always, we will have some good "free stuff" to give away.

See ya'll on the lake!

AREA REP NEWS
(input from your representatives)

AREA 1A – The Ridge**Chan and Patsy Aldridge**

Fall on Lake Mitchell Looking at the number of boats and jet skis, it seems that summertime is the favorite time of the year on Lake Mitchell. But if you haven't tried it, I recommend an Autumn boat ride. When the air starts cooling off and the leaves begin to turn, it's the perfect time to take a slow boat ride and enjoy all God has blessed us with on our beautiful lake. I've heard it said that if you have a place on Lake Mitchell, you don't need to go to the mountains. This is no truer than in the Fall when the leaves begin to turn from the various shades of green to reds and gold. Autumn is a time for football, pumpkin carving, and bonfires, but it's also the perfect time to see the maples, dogwoods, oaks, hickories, and black gums in all their glory.

AREA 6 – Bird Creek**Durwood and Karen Brown**

First off - Help me offer "Welcome Wishes" to new HOBOS in Bird Creek. We greet Andy & Chrissy Pond along with their kids Caden and Raegan. The Ponds (from Prattville) are between the Turners and Morgans on the right approaching Bird. Next we Welcome Gary Fairly & Rick Gonzalez deep in the Creek on Co. Rd. 717 (formerly Whitney Jennings place.) Glad to have you all here loving the Lake Life with us.

Congratulations go to longtime HOBOS Cal & Dorothy Alred as construction of their new home is underway on the West Point (not the Academy 😊) entering the Creek. The Alreds new home replaces the original lake house that was there in 1934 !

Sad news we need to share is the passing of Nonie Swader on June 30. Our condolences go to her daughter "Little Nonie," the grandsons and to all of her family and friends. Nonie was between the Sims and the Jennings.

Several Mitchell Areas are initiating a "Mayday System" to assist stranded boaters. Would any of you Bird Creek Folks be willing to be on a "text thread" with me - so that one of us could bring a tow rope or gasoline to a neighbor in need ? Let me know.

Most of you are aware of the upcoming Drawdown (9/25 til 10/9) which coincides with our Lake Cleanup on 10/7. I hope this info reaches you before it's too late. If it doesn't ... then save these notes for the next Drawdown scheduled in 2028. Here goes- All Area Reps will have Trashbags to distribute (upon request) to their area people prior to the Lake receding. Also Lake Mitchell Grill, Graces Marina & Blue Creek will have trashbags for you. Thanks Aaron, Rebecca & Bill for your help. So anytime prior to 10/7 please bag the lake trash from your own shoreline; and then tie & place bags on your pier for pick up on or before Saturday 10/7 by 8 am. Also consider using one easily accessible pier for several neighbors' bags. Remember that the Lake will be low. Two Alabama Power Co. barges will be collecting the trashbags that morning. Thanks everyone for what you do to make Lake Mitchell great.

Tales from Dollar by Laura Perkins
(Narrated by Chip Gates, H.O.B.O. Historian)

Laura Perkins, originally from Childersburg, will be our Tour Guide Extraordinaire on this journey. Perhaps exploration is a better term because there are a great many discoveries to be made. Semantics aside, prepare yourself for a trip unavailable through any travel agency other than Perkins' Perambulations. It is through Laura's recollections of stories told by her ancestors and kin, documents, photographs and personal observations by her and her siblings, that will offer up a look at the way things were from prior to the Civil War on up to more modern times. Laura grew up in Childersburg but spent a lot of wonderful time with family and friends at Dollar, or at least that portion that wasn't covered by the lake. As you will see, her ancestors were prominent in the community that existed some 50 plus years before the building of Mitchell Dam. The whole story of Dollar is too detailed and fascinating to begin telling it here. To do it justice, below are some of the people, dates and places that will be mentioned in the first installment. In this chapter you will learn about early times just prior to and after Alabama became a state (1819), then you will be introduced to Richard Covington Hardy and family, the Mehearg's, Isaiah Pirkins [sic], and Joel Wamick, all while ending up in the lower portion of Weogufka Creek. To begin your exploration, on the web go to www.lakemitchellhobo.org, click on the **History** heading, select **Dollar** and then click on Installment 1. Check back about every three months for the next installment and, most importantly, enjoy!

REPORT FROM LAKE MITCHELL HOBO ASSOCIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Marie Butts, Charman

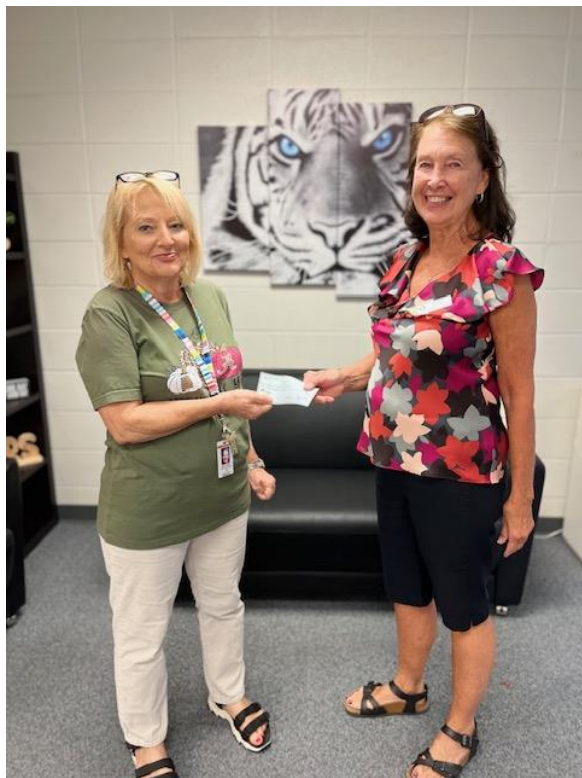
The 2023 Lake Mitchell Poker Run was a huge success. Not only was it great fun for all who participated, but over \$8,000 was raised to support educational endeavors in Chiton and Coosa counties.

In the fall of 2023, the association, with help from the poker run, funded two \$2,000 scholarships. In addition, the following educational grants are being funded:

Central High School of Coosa County
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Verbena High School
Verbena Annex
Jemison Elementary School
Clanton Intermediate School
Clanton Intermediate School

Growing a Garden
Measuring Motion
Indoor/Outdoor Casting Pack
New Playground Structure
Take-Home and Classroom Books
Life Cycle of Living Organisms Project
Animal Battle Book Series

On the following pages are photos of the grant presentations:





COOSA RIVERKEEPER REPORT

(submitted earlier this year)

With our sunlight being filtered through thick mountains of clouds and a heavy storm system on the way, a good opportunity managed to shine through, an opportunity we couldn't pass up. Our team loaded up our Canoe, threw on our rain jackets and began the journey down to Lake Mitchell. Our destination was an unassuming tributary named Blue Creek, small in size, but grand in its beauty. While Blue Creek turned out to be an unexpectedly beautiful, wild oasis in a land of development and concrete, a hidden problem only revealed when it rains was heavy on our minds. This problem was our motivation for the patrol and our justification for dealing with potential storms. In the prior weeks, we had received a number of reports that this "unassuming" creek was pumping out large volumes of sedimentation during rain events, and we were there to figure out why.

Despite studying topographical maps and droning the surrounding land the prior week, we still could not definitively point to any specific source that would be causing the sedimentation. This of course meant that it was time to try a more personal method, so we waited for rain and headed out. We waded up a couple miles of creek, finding unmapped sections, and searching for any obvious cause of the sedimentation. However, like most things in this field, and life, the problem was not so easy to spot. After another half mile, and no luck, the storm had finally arrived and we decided to head back to the canoe. However, during the wade back and following the flow of the creek now, we noticed some things and eventually came to some conclusions. The banks of blue creek appeared to be severely eroded in multiple different sections. This erosion was seemingly caused by the topography of the area and appeared to be completely natural. Given the amount of erosion visible and the lack of any other point source along the creek, this had to be the cause of the sedimentation. With our legs burning, our hair soaked, and our minds satisfied, we made the last leg of the journey back to the canoe. We loaded up our gear, and headed back for warm coffee and discussions on how we can restore this beautiful creek.

Since then, our Staff Riverkeeper has met with members of the Lake Mitchell HOB0 Board of Directors to discuss next steps, which could include reaching out to land owners and or contacting multiple agencies regarding the impact of excess sedimentation has on the rough horned snail.



(photo of Coosa Riverkeeper personnel onsite checking erosion status)

LAKE MITCHELL DRAWDOWN REMINDER: Drawdown will be September 25-27. Refill will begin Oct 9 with the lake back to full elevation on Oct 11. Make sure you have permits in place for any repairs or construction during this time.

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Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member			Optional Purchase Additional Phonebook \$10 each
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Home Land Line or N/A	Lake Land Line or N/A		Cell #1	Cell # 2	

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