



From President Rick Griffith --



Hey Lake Neighbors,
Hope you are well. It's the first week of March and my spring allergies seem to be arriving early. Something out there is blooming for sure, and boy have we had a lot of rain the last two months. Maybe we will have an early spring. Speaking of "spring", next week we get to "spring forward" to daylight savings time. You will get that extra hour of daylight to get all of your spring projects done at the lake.

This year we would like to focus on increasing our HOB O Membership. We have close to 900 households on the lake, but for some reason we can't seem to even get to 50%. Our goal is to get to at least 500 members this year.

So can you help us out by; (1) If you have been a member but for whatever reason you haven't paid your dues for a couple of years, we need you back and (2) If you have never been a member, we would like for you to consider investing \$25 in our organization. Our dues have never increased in over 25 years, and we need your help to keep all of our good work going strong. And we do it all with 100% volunteers who give of their time each year to keep this great organization running smoothly.

Our first event of the season will be our lake wide clean-up which will happen on May 4th. Please plan on joining us at Higgins Ferry to help clean up your lake. It's amazing how much trash we "harvest" out of the lake. It's a fun event and you get to meet a lot of nice folks and you get a free hot dog lunch.

Be careful out there and "be nice to each other".

See you soon on the lake!

Rick

AREA REP NEWS

AREA 1-A – The Ridge

Chan and Patsy Aldridge

What is special about Lake Mitchell?

Lake Mitchell has the friendliest people I've ever met. Whether it's meeting new people at the picnic, lake cleanup, Poker Run, or just out for a boat ride, they are some of the nicest people you'll ever meet.

On Lake Mitchell we are blessed with miles of wilderness shorelines. We are situated at the foothills of the Appalachian mountains and in the Autumn, there are so many beautiful trees, changing colors. There are maples in brilliant multiple colors, beautiful yellow hickories, Red Oaks turn a beautiful purple, Sweet Gums with rainbow colors. Even the Dogwoods and Crepe Myrtle's show off in the Fall.

In the Springtime, the wildflowers are second to none. We have Wild Azaleas, Wild Rhododendrons, and Wild Honeysuckles. The hillside turns shades of pinks that only God can create. And the only place I've ever seen the Cucumber Tree (Wild Magnolia) is Lake Mitchell. It has leaves and blooms larger than any you've ever seen! In the Spring the hillside has a spectrum of different shades of greens as the new leaves appear.

If you're blessed enough to have a place on Lake Mitchell, you are truly blessed!

AREA 1-C – Blue Creek

Bill and Fran Pinson

As we approach Memorial Day, that official start to the summer, we wish everyone a safe and happy summer on the beautiful lake. Take the time to slow down and explore everything Lake Mitchell has to offer. Take long rides on the lake and see the south end, north end, and all that is west of the main channel and east of the lilies.

We, the Pinson's, have been on Lake Mitchell full-time since May 2006, but have been visiting the lake since the seventies. As owners of Blue Creek Marina since 2016, we have enjoyed getting to meet the residents and visitors of Lake Mitchell.

We welcome you to stop in at Blue Creek Marina for a visit. Ice cream, boiled peanuts and a cold drink always hit the spot when you are having a fun day on the water. We have a great porch to sit and enjoy ice cream and drinks in the shade or avoiding the rain while re-fueling for more water fun.

It is time to pay your HOB0 dues which you can do online here [Join Lake Mitchell HOB0 - Lake Mitchell HOB0](#) or come by the Marina --we have forms you can fill out and mail your check in.

Area 4 – Cargile North**Vickie Griffith and Susie Orr**

Can you believe spring 2024 is here?!? The trees and daffodils are blooming, fishing boats are out, and it won't be long until other signs of new life begin to pop up on our beautiful lake. 🏞️🐟🌻

We are happy to welcome a **new family** to Cargile Creek~~☀️☀️☀️ **Wayne & Debbie Howell!** Hopefully, as the weather warms and we're outside and on the water more, we can meet our new neighbors and visit with everyone! Plan on stopping by Memorial Day weekend, **Sat. May 25**, 2:00-4:00 p.m. for our annual Cargile Creek Area 4 **Ice Cream Social**. More details soon!

Mark these **special event dates** on your calendars:

May 4, Spring lake cleanup--8:00 a.m., Higgins Ferry

May 25, Sat., 2:00-4:00, Area 4 Ice Cream Party for the whole family 🍦

June 1, Annual HOB0 picnic for all--4:00 p.m. Higgins Ferry 🍴🍓🍷🍰

June 15, Poker Run--10:00 a.m.--scholarship fundraiser and great family FUN!!! ♠️♦️♣️♥️

July 5, Fireworks--9:00 p.m. Cargile Creek 🌟🌟

We encourage any & all adult families to become HOB0 members each year. Your \$25 annual dues underwrite scholarships, water testing, fireboat expenses, quarterly newsletters, annual handbook, as well as events like those listed above. ***And remember, your nominal HOB0 membership fee and any additional donations are entirely tax deductible!!!***

If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues yet for 2024, TEXT or EMAIL one of us and we can check the database to see if you are current for 2024. I feel sure AREA 4 Cargile N can have the most new or renewed members at Lake Mitchell!
See you on the lake!

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

We want you to be aware of several construction improvements concerning Higgins Ferry Park.

A new 30 x 30 wheelchair accessible pavilion was built just north of the boat launch. Additionally, a new designated swimming area exists that is a safe distance from the boat launch.

Also, a brand new 220 foot concrete seawall now spans the HFP shoreline. The seawall looks nice and will substantially diminish erosion.

The main John Trobaugh Pavilion now has a new metal roof and fascia to match that of the weigh station and boathouse.

Lastly, the park manager's residence now has an expanded deck, new roof, doors, windows, and flooring. These improvements are well-deserved for Donald and Kathy. The Giles have consistently and tirelessly taking ownership of HFPs services and the Parks appeal to Chilton Co. for the past 5 years. Our park is attractive, safer, and more welcoming due to their dedication to the Park, the Campers and our community.

Finally, we wish to express our condolences to Andy Pond and his family due to the recent passing of Andy's mother.

Karen and I hope you have had a pleasant winter; and we all look forward to the warmer weather spring brings. We hope to see you on the water before long. If the Browns may be of service to you – please don't hesitate to call us.

Long-running cleanup campaign will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2024.

Grand totals are in for the [Renew Our Rivers](#) (ROR) 2023 cleanup campaign: During 31 cleanups all across Alabama, 2,900 volunteers removed 123 tons of garbage from lakes and waterways. The refreshed, pristine shores and sparkling clean waterways "owe a debt of thanks" to thousands of dedicated ROR volunteers who come out year after year to help in cleanup efforts, said Mike Clelland, ROR coordinator in Alabama Power's Environmental Affairs group.

"Renew Our Rivers is a well-oiled machine," said Clelland, who worked alongside volunteers in all but two of the scheduled events. "It's been a great season and we accomplished so much. It makes everyone proud to see how good the lakes look after each cleanup."

Members of Lake Homeowner and Boat Owner groups and other organizations, such as local Boy Scout troops, neighborhood and college organizations, turn out at every cleanup to help remove trash and restore the waterways. Many individual volunteers also come, including Alabama Power employees. Before every event, Clelland supplies volunteers with ROR T-shirts, trash bags and grabbers.

(adapted from an article in Alabama Power Company's "Shorelines" magazines)

Tales from Dollar by Laura Perkins

Laura Perkins returns with the second installment of her family's history in the Coosa County town of Dollar. Earlier when we parted, Isaiah was in big trouble by Old Man Hardy and the elopement plans were brought to a wet halt. But Isaiah was a good man and he couldn't be kept down. His and Dollar's story continues on the HOB0 website at www.lakemitchellhobo.org. Under the main menu click on the **History** heading and select **Dollar**. Go down to the second heading, unless you want to refresh your memory or are just now joining us. As always, enjoy!

2024 LAKE MITCHELL HOBO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SELECTED

Sidney Thornton is the 2024 Lake Mitchell HOBO scholarship recipient. She will graduate in May from Central High School in Coosa County. Sidney plans to attend the University of South Alabama in Mobile and major in Radiologic Science / Radiation Therapy.



(Additional note from the Lake Mitchell HOBO Scholarship Committee):

Beginning with the graduating class of 2025, the HOBO scholarship will be expanded to include seniors in Chilton and Coosa Counties planning to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or vocational/trade school. One of the requirements for this scholarship is to participate in a Lake Mitchell Clean-Up Day. The dates for these are Saturday, May 4, 2024, and Saturday, October 5, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Higgins Ferry Park.

For additional information, contact Marie Butte at 334-546-2888.

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