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## Message from the President

Fellow Lost Bridge Villagers,

I hope this message finds you well. It is a great honor to serve as President of the Lost Bridge Village Community Association, and I am thrilled to connect with each of you on a more personal level.

Our community is more than just a place we call home; it's a network of neighbors, friends, and families that make Lost Bridge Village a special and thriving place. As your President, my commitment is to ensure that we maintain and enhance the quality of life in our community, and I want to take this opportunity to share some highlights of what's been happening and what's on the horizon.

First, I want to express my gratitude for your continued engagement and support.

Your participation in community events, your willingness to volunteer, and your active involvement in the decision-making process truly define the spirit of our niche community. It's this collaborative effort that allows us to grow and thrive.

In the upcoming months, we have exciting plans that will further enrich our community. These include improvements to our recreation facilities and common areas and new events to foster deeper connections within the Village. Your feedback and input are invaluable in shaping these initiatives, so please don't hesitate to reach out with your ideas and suggestions.

Our website remains a valuable resource for staying informed about upcoming events and accessing important community documents. Be sure to visit it regularly, and if you have any questions or need assistance navigating the website, our dedicated team is here to help.

As we move forward, let's continue to embrace the spirit of community, support one another, and work together to make Lost Bridge Village the best place it can be. Your involvement and contributions are what make our community unique, and I encourage you to share your thoughts and concerns with us so that we can better serve your needs.

Thank you for your trust in our leadership, your dedication to our community, and your commitment to making Lost Bridge Village a wonderful place to live. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that the future holds, and I am confident that, together, we can achieve great things.

Wishing you a wonderful summer season ahead, filled with joy, a deep sense of belonging, and good times with family, friends, and neighbors.

Warm regards,

Tom Capps

President, Lost Bridge Village Community Association



## “New” Lost Bridge Village Newsletter is Actually a “Blast From the Past”

The new newsletter layout and name is a reflection of our past. Throughout the 70’s and 80’s the Lost Bridge Village Gazebo was the go-to source of Village news and information for all property owners. Not only did it provide updates on events, Village business, and all local happenings; it also promoted our community to potential residents.

The newspaper originally marketed home sales for use as weekend retreats and rentals. Then in the early 80’s an increased number of full-time residents began moving to the Village. The Gazebo newspaper really showcased what a vibrant community Lost Bridge Village was and how both residents and visitors alike enjoyed everything this wonderful community on the shores of Beaver Lake has to offer.



## Villager Spotlight: Lori Lenz

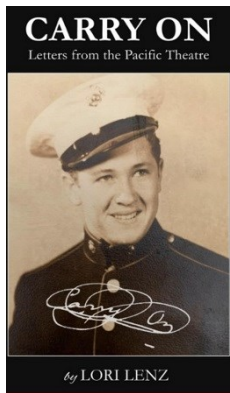
### Meet Lori Lenz: Noted Author of the Village

Lori Lenz and her husband Joel moved to Lost Bridge Village almost five years ago, originally from Enid, Oklahoma, where they raised three kids. Joel spent his professional career as a veterinarian, with his own practice for 32 years. In 2012, Joel retired, and they hit the road in their fifth wheel, traveling full time until grandkids and family obligations dictated the need for a home base. After visiting Lost Bridge Village, they decided this beautiful community was the perfect place to call home!

### Carry On, Letters from the Pacific Theatre:

“Carry On, Letters from the Pacific Theater” was written by Lori and recently released on Amazon. It is quickly becoming a popular non-fiction read telling the story of a valiant soldier during World War II. After finding letters from her father from during the war, the idea of putting them together as a tribute to him began.

Lori’s parents were in their 90’s and needing more care than Lori and Joel could provide, so they moved to an assisted living facility. During that time, Lori found an album her grandmother had put together filled with letters her father wrote home during his service in WWII. It had been in their attic for years. When her dad passed away in 2019, followed by her mother in 2020, she inherited the album. Last year she finally sat down and put those letters into a book. It was an incredible journey which led to her understanding her dad so much better.



In the book you will follow her dad through Navy boot camp and then to Marine boot camp during 1943. During his Marine boot camp at Camp Pendleton, he got to be an extra in the movie “The Fighting Seabees.” He also got to dance with Betty Grable and meet John Wayne, among many other celebrities. He was both a Navy Seabee and a Marine machine gunner and sniper. He was in the South Pacific during all of 1944 and 1945 with major beachheads on Guam, Saipan, and Tinian. He also fought for and defended the airfield on Guadalcanal and spent time on Bougainville. Her mother was his High School sweetheart, so this is their love story as well.

Her dad was one of the countless heroes of WWII and quietly carried the scars of the war his entire life. Even with all his military experience, she never even realized her dad was a veteran until late in his life. As with many others from the “Greatest Generation”, he never asked for recognition or even talked about his service. They just wanted to fight for their country then come home and forget. Lori wrote this book, so we won’t forget the sacrifices of her dad and all our veterans that have risked their lives fighting for our freedom. Every American owes them a tremendous debt. The name of the book is “Carry On”, and if you enjoy history, or just like a good true story, you will enjoy this book!

An open house and book signing at the Lost Bridge Village Library is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, from 10 am until 1 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Come for a conversation with our famous Village author, meet the new librarian, and enjoy socializing with fellow Villagers.

## Lost Bridge Village Cleanup Scheduled for May 4th

Our annual Lost Bridge Village Cleanup Dumpster Days is scheduled for Saturday May 4th, from 9am until 4pm, or until the dumpsters are full. There will be three trash dumpsters and one metal dumpster. This is a one day event, so be prepared by cleaning up your garage and property now. As always, donations are highly encouraged to help offset the cost associated with the event. This is only for members of the Village. Please ensure your annual assessment fees have been paid prior to the event. Visit the Lost Bridge Village website or click [here](#) for more information.

Interested in volunteering your time to assist with this event? Please contact Phil Williamson at (479) 721-7151.



## Lost Bridge Village Community Involvement

Regular meetings and clubs are not only a great way to engage with your fellow Villagers but also an opportunity to contribute to the vitality of our community. Whether you're interested in governance, leisure, or hobbies, there's something for everyone here in Lost Bridge Village.

We look forward to your active participation in these gatherings as we continue to strengthen our community bonds.

Please note that meeting times and locations are subject to change. Be sure to check the latest updates in our newsletter or on our website for any adjustments.

**Village Board Meetings:** Our Trustees convene on the third Monday of every month at the Village Hall, starting at 6 pm. We extend a warm welcome to property owners to join these important meetings.

**Architectural Control Committee:** For those interested in maintaining our Village's unique aesthetic, the Architectural Control Committee gathers on the first Monday of each month at the Village Hall at 6 pm.

**Yoga Sessions:** If relaxation and wellness are your interests, don't miss our Yoga sessions held every Tuesday at 8:30 am right at the Village Hall.

**Hobbits Club:** For a friendly and social gathering, the Hobbits Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Village Hall. It's an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow Villagers.

**Garden Club:** Green thumbs and plant enthusiasts, take note! The Garden Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 10 am in the Village Hall. Share your passion for gardening and learn from like-minded neighbors.

**Lost Bridge Book Club:** If you have a love for literature, don't miss the Lost Bridge Book Club, which convenes on the fourth Friday of each month at 1 pm. It's a wonderful forum for discussing captivating books and expanding your reading horizons.

**Pool Season:** Our community pool is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Enjoy refreshing water aerobics sessions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 11:30 am.

### How can I get Involved?

Our [Community Calendar](#) on the website has the most up to date information for clubs and events, or reach out to the office for more details.

Check it out and begin actively participating in our community.

### Have a Suggestion?

Have an idea for a community activity? Please share it with us; we're constantly seeking fresh and innovative suggestions.

[office@LBVCA.com](mailto:office@LBVCA.com)

**Lost Bridge Community Church:** Join your neighbors for spiritual gatherings at the Lost Bridge Community Church. Service begins at 9 am each Sunday at Whitney Mountain Chapel. Interdenominational, all are welcome. [www.lostbridgecommunitychurch.com](http://www.lostbridgecommunitychurch.com)



*"No one is a stranger here; only friends you haven't met yet." - W.B. Yeats*

## Airstrip Update



Steve Bray, Airport Manager, and the fantastic community members that volunteered during the January "crack party" finally caught up with the landing strip sanding project. We've now applied hot rubberized asphalt to slightly over half of the runway, starting from the maintenance building. To avoid falling behind again with the melter, we plan to host several smaller "crack parties" in the fall. More information will be provided once these events are planned.

Throughout the summer, we will be using herbicide to control any remaining weeds on the runway. Over the next few months, we plan to begin refreshing the stripes and numbers on the portion of the runway that has recently received crack repairs.

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and labor to assist with this project and all airstrip maintenance! Check the website and email updates for future airstrip volunteer opportunities.



## Library Open House: April 20th, 10am – 1pm

Visit the Lost Bridge Village Library open house and book signing on Saturday, April 20th, 10 am until 1 pm. Explore our extensive collection of books and DVD offerings while also meeting Lauri Sutton, our new librarian, and visiting with local author Lori Lenz.

Lori will be available with copies of her biography, centered around war-time letters sent home by her father.

Visit with fellow residents while enjoying the view and learning more about this wonderful amenity that Villagers can use to take pleasure in a good book while relaxing on a hot summer day.

### Did you know?

Whether you're contemplating a new construction, an extension, or the replacement, expansion, or enhancement off an existing structure, the ACC is your initial step in bringing your project to fruition.

The Architectural Control Committee exists to champion your cause, providing guidance and assistance throughout the process.

All it takes to get started is to contact the LBVCA Office to secure a spot on the agenda for one of our upcoming meetings. [office@LBVCA.com](mailto:office@LBVCA.com)

## Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees

Tom Capps: President  
Kim Lane: Vice-President  
Kati Hofstra: Secretary  
Jon Henak: Treasurer  
Jason Bailey  
Ed Oliver

## New Lost Bridge Village Librarian

Meet Lauri Sutton, our new Lost Bridge Village Librarian. Her passion is finding new perspectives of life through reading and writing. Ten years ago, she and her husband found this wonderful Village. Lake, beautiful weather, and her love of gardening are all right here. As a self-motivated person, Lauri now enjoys studying the natural flora and fauna that surrounds our community. Ask her about her favorite tomato varieties.

As an entrepreneur, Lauri is always on the lookout for exciting opportunities. She loves working with kids and supporting the local schools and homeschoolers. Community involvement is of utmost importance to her. Lauri said she feels the community is only as good as the respect and involvement each person puts into it. She noted that this is done by sharing our gifts and talents with one another.

Come out to the Lost Bridge Village Library to meet Lauri, and our local author Lori Lenz, during the Lost Bridge Village Library open house and book signing event. April 20th, 10 am until 1 pm. Visit the Lost Bridge Village website or click [here](#) for more info.



## Architectural Control Committee

The ACC has been diligently evaluating both new builds and home improvement projects to ensure they align with the community's design standards. We sincerely value residents' dedication to preserving the aesthetic harmony of our neighborhood. If you'd like to learn more about the ACC process or wish to submit a project for review, please visit our website or reach out to the office.



Our recent ACC meeting took place on Monday, April 1st. We currently have 27 new construction or home-improvement projects in process within the Village.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6th, at 6 pm. Whatever your project might entail, please know that your first step to successfully starting and eventually completing that project should begin with contacting the Architectural Control Committee. Our purpose is to guide & support you through this process

*"Alone, we can do so little; Together, we can do so much." - Helen Keller*

## Board Meeting Highlights

In our most recent board meeting held on March 18th, we discussed several important topics that directly impact our community. Some of the key decisions and discussions included:

- Announcement of new officers for the Board of Trustees.
- Further discussions and the formation of a committee to determine how to move forward with recreation facility enhancements.
- Approval of maintenance department expenditures for needed repairs and improvements.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 15th, at 6 pm, We welcome your participation and encourage your input on community matters. You can find detailed meeting minutes and other important documents on the Lost Bridge Village website.



## Community Updates

### Lost Bridge Village Community Association Office:

It is with great pleasure that we announce the addition of Cindy Crocker to the LBVCA office. Cindy will be serving as our Office Administrator and will be the friendly face you encounter each time you open the office door. She has been a Village resident for seven years and was recently married in August. Cindy has three grown kids and two grandchildren, as well as two spoiled fur babies. In her spare time she enjoys spending time on the lake with her family, friends, and puppies.



Stop by the office to introduce yourself or give her a call at (479) 359-3204. And as always, do not hesitate to reach out to her at the Village office with questions, she will gladly assist with anything you need.

### The Hobbits:

The Hobbits organization is experiencing a wonderful 2024! The Hobbits is a social and philanthropic group that has been a part of the Village since 1972. This year has included engaging informational speakers, delicious food, and cherished camaraderie with fellow members. Most importantly, they're actively involved in supporting various philanthropic endeavors within our community.

Gatherings take place on the first Wednesday of each month, from September through May, at the Village Hall. Membership is open to anyone in the area, not just Lost Bridge Village residents.

If you're curious to learn more about the Hobbits, feel free to reach out to Derinda Keiser, President, at (281) 620-1384

### NEBCO Fire/EMS:

Before hitting the lake on Memorial Day, come out for a delicious breakfast to show your support and thank the fire fighters and EMS teams that service our local community. NEBCO Fire/EMS will be hosting a full breakfast with extensive menu options.

Breakfast will be served from 7 am until 10 am on Monday, May 27th, at NEBCO Fire/EMS Station #1 - 14639 S Wimpy Jones Rd. Visit their website for more info.

[www.nebcofireems.org](http://www.nebcofireems.org)

## Did You Know?

Lost Bridge Village was the host of several Walmart annual meetings in the mid-70's. This event typically took place in late April and our little community on Beaver Lake hosted over 250 Walmart executives for their annual meeting, fishing tournament, and famous fish-fry. The article featured here is from their 20th annual meeting in 1975.



Sam Walton commented that "Beautiful Lost Bridge Village and the 70 degree weather were the major factors that made the 20th annual convention a success. There's been no fishing trip in the last 20 years equal to this one."



### Villager Spotlight Submission

The Villager Spotlight program is designed to celebrate residents that have dedicated numerous hours to the betterment of our Village, acts of kindness among neighbors, or interesting stories to tell. We invite you to submit your nominations to acknowledge those deserving recognition.

Please send us an email with your recommendations for our next Villager Spotlight article.

[VillageNews@LBVCA.com](mailto:VillageNews@LBVCA.com)

### Upcoming Village Events

#### Annual Community Cleanup:

- May 4th: LBV Maintenance Building at North End of Airstrip.

#### Independence Day Celebration:

- July 5th (Rain Date July 6th):
  - ◇ 4:30 pm: Parade (Begins at the Maintenance Building, Ends at Recreation Center).
  - ◇ 6 pm: Cookout, live music, and games for the kids at the Rec Center.
  - ◇ Dusk (approx. 9 pm): The best fireworks show on Beaver Lake.

#### Jessie Harvey Memorial Annual Fly-In :

- September 28th:
  - ◇ LBV Airstrip: 11 am until 2 pm.

### Glade Community Historical Society

#### Board Meeting:

- The Second Friday of each Month at 10 am. Visitors are welcome to attend.

#### General Meeting:

- Sunday, April 28th at 2 pm: Garfield City Hall.
  - ◇ Presenters: Kim Dennison and Julie Hall of the Benton County Election Commission

[www.gladehistory.org](http://www.gladehistory.org)

## Common Q&A

### Can I burn on my property?

If you're considering burning yard waste on your own property, it's essential to obtain a burn permit in advance from Benton County. Failing to do so and having a fire truck dispatched due to reported smoke on your property can result in charges for the fire service call. To secure your burn permit, please contact Benton County at (479) 273-5530. Please note that burning construction materials is strictly prohibited. Always ensure that fires are not left unattended.

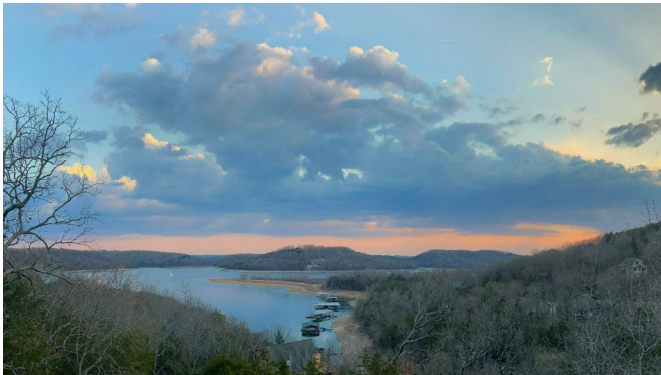
### What are some ways to be a considerate neighbor while taking care of my property?

When it comes to maintaining your property, we kindly ask that you be a responsible neighbor. Clear leaves and tree debris from your ditches and culverts to prevent water runoff issues. You can either burn them or arrange for proper disposal. If you hire someone to manage yard waste, please instruct them not to push it into ditches, culverts, or streets. Property owners can transport these materials to the Village collection site on Arabian Drive. A clean-up fee may apply if the Lost Bridge maintenance team needs to clear your ditches.

### A dead animal is on my property, what do I do?

For reporting injured or deceased animals, such as deer or raccoons, located on state roads or roadsides, please contact the Arkansas Game & Fish Department at (866) 253-2506. Provide them with the street address where the animal is situated. If you discover deceased animals or parts on your property left behind by hunters or coyotes, it is permissible to bury them but not burn them, in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality guidelines. If you have questions, contact Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality at (888) 233-0326.

Please be aware that the Benton County doesn't have a program for the collection of deceased animals.



### Where can I get updates on weather related road conditions?

Motorists seeking information on weather-related road conditions can access it through the Arkansas State Highway Department via their website: [www.iDriveArkansas.com](http://www.iDriveArkansas.com)

### Why are street signs throughout Lost Bridge Village different colors?

Regarding village roads, please note that roads with green and blue street signs fall under county jurisdiction. If your road has potholes or ruts that require attention, you can directly contact Benton County Roads at (479) 271-1052 for repairs, or submit a repair request via their [online portal](#). There's no need to contact the Village Office or wait for a board meeting to report road issues.

### Is there a general speed limit within the Lost Bridge Village community?

It's essential to adhere to the speed limits, which typically range from 20 to 25mph throughout the Village. The Benton County Sheriff's department enforces these speed limits. Please be aware that there is no on-street parking permitted within the Village.

## Lost Bridge Village Website

To stay updated on all the latest news, events, and important community updates, be sure to visit our website regularly. On our website, you'll find:

**Community Calendar:** Keep track of upcoming events, meetings, and gatherings.

**News and Announcements:** Stay in the loop with the latest happenings.

**Community Resources:** Access to important documents, guidelines, and helpful information.

Visit [www.lbvca.com](http://www.lbvca.com) to explore all that Lost Bridge Village has to offer. Your online community hub is just a click away!

## Lost Bridge Village Gazebo Gazette

This publication is released bi-monthly to report community news to all Villagers. We strive to include information regarding current events, social happenings, and interesting articles highlighting Village property owners.

We always welcome and appreciate feedback as well as suggestions for future issues.

Editor: Tyson Ashcraft

Please send us an email: [VillageNews@LBVCA.com](mailto:VillageNews@LBVCA.com)

## Lost Bridge Village Phonebook

Property owner information is currently being compiled for the Lost Bridge Village 2024 phone directory. Please contact the office at [office@LBVCA.com](mailto:office@LBVCA.com) to update your contact info and be included in the latest phone directory.

