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## Remembering Eddy Dean Oliver: A Pillar of Lost Bridge Village

Eddy Dean Oliver was a beacon of kindness and community spirit in Lost Bridge Village. His passing on April 30th has left a void in the hearts of many, but his legacy endures through the lives he touched and the community he helped shape.

Ed's devotion to his faith, family, and friends was evident to all who knew him. His love for his wife Dana, his children Derek and Lindsey, and his grandchildren was the cornerstone of his life. Ed's smile was a reflection of the joy he found in simple pleasures, like spending time with his loved ones and engaging in his favorite pastime, fishing for striper on Beaver Lake.

A man of action and dedication, Ed's contributions to Lost Bridge Village were manifold. As a member of the Board of Trustees and the Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee, he worked tirelessly to maintain and enhance the beauty and functionality of the community. His leadership in the Roads & Maintenance department showcased his commitment to service and his desire to make a tangible difference.

Ed and Dana's countless hours of volunteer work at the Recreation Center are a testament to their love for the community. Their efforts have significantly improved the facility, making it a hub of joy and activity for all residents. Ed's philosophy of being kind and doing everything possible to improve the Village has left an indelible mark on Lost Bridge Village.

In honor of Ed's memory, the family has graciously directed memorial contributions to the Lost Bridge Village Community Association. These funds will support further improvements and a memorial at the Recreation Center—a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much of himself to the place he called home.

As we bid farewell to Eddy Dean Oliver, we are reminded of the impact one individual can have on a community. His legacy of selflessness, joy, and unwavering commitment to making the world a better place continues to inspire us all. Ed's memory will forever be a guiding light for Lost Bridge Village, encouraging us to live with kindness and to contribute to our communities with passion and purpose.



## Eddy Oliver Memorial Recreation Complex



The Lost Bridge Village community has come together to pay tribute to a beloved figure, Ed Oliver, by dedicating the Village recreation area in his honor. The newly named Eddy Oliver Memorial Recreation Complex stands as a tribute to his lasting impact on the Village. This unanimous decision by the Board of Trustees reflects the deep appreciation and respect the community holds for Ed's contributions, ensuring his legacy will continue to be celebrated for generations to come. A dedication ceremony will be planned for a later date.

## Villager Spotlight

### Phil & Judy Williamson: A Half-Century of Memories in Lost Bridge Village

Nestled in the picturesque Ozarks, Beaver Lake has been a backdrop to the lives of Phil and Judy, a couple whose story intertwines with the history of Lost Bridge Village. Their journey began over five decades ago, marking the start of a legacy that would span generations.

In the early 1970s, Judy's parents, Bob and Peg Marshall, laid the foundation for what would become a family retreat by purchasing property in Lost Bridge Village. They built a vacation home entirely of redwood on Gainer Drive, a house that would witness many family milestones, including Phil and Judy's honeymoon in May 1973.

As time passed, the redwood house became a symbol of relaxation and family. When Bob and Peg retired, they continued the tradition by constructing their retirement home on Black Oak Drive, where they lived until 2001 before moving to Bella Vista.



Phil and Judy's sons, Travis and Jess, deeply connected to the lake's serene beauty, decided the family must continue their presence in Lost Bridge Village. In 2003, Phil and Judy built a vacation home, ensuring the family's bond with the lake endured. Phil's career transitioned from Arkansas National Bank to a managerial position at Walmart's home office, while Judy dedicated her time to the local Garfield elementary school as a volunteer and substitute teacher.

Retirement in 2015 marked a new chapter for Phil and Judy, allowing them to invest more time in community service. Phil's involvement with the Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees and his organization of the Annual Spring Clean-up are examples of their commitment to the community. Both Phil and Judy also contribute to the 127 Trash Pick-Up Crew and the Village Library, further embedding themselves in the fabric of the Village.

The legacy that began with Bob and Peg Marshall continues to flourish. Phil and Judy's grandchildren now visit Beaver Lake, creating memories in the same spaces where their parents once played. The cycle of family and community life at Beaver Lake, fostered by Phil and Judy's dedication, ensures that their story will be told for generations to come.

Beaver Lake and Lost Bridge Village have not only provided a scenic retreat but have also become a living memory book for the family. As Phil and Judy look out over the tranquil waters, they see not just a lake but a tapestry of memories, a testament to the enduring bonds of family and community. Their story is a reminder of the importance of preserving such places, where the simple act of being together becomes a treasure passed down through time.

## Dumpster Day a Success for Cleaning up our Village

The Lost Bridge Village Dumpster Day on May 4th is an indication of the community's commitment to neighborhood beautification. Villagers had the opportunity to dispose of bulky trash by utilizing the dumpsters provided. Three bulky trash bins and one metal bin were filled to capacity. This has been a two-day event in the past but limiting it to one day was very efficient and seemed to be well received by participants.

Such initiatives are crucial in fostering a sense of pride and collective responsibility among property owners. The coordination efforts by Phil Williamson and the invaluable assistance of the many volunteers are commendable, as they play a pivotal role in the smooth execution of this annual event.

## Community Spirit Ignites at the Annual Kickoff to Summer Cookout

The essence of community spirit was palpable at the recent Kickoff to Summer Community Cookout on May 24th in the Village. With a turnout that exceeded expectations, the event, hosted by the Overstreets and the Buhrs, was a demonstration of the close-knit fabric of the neighborhood. The air was filled with the aroma of grilled delights, music by Mike Gray & Marty Sauers, and the sound of laughter as residents mingled, sharing stories and creating memories.

Such gatherings are more than just a fun evening; they are a cornerstone of community building, providing a platform for residents to bond and foster a sense of belonging. For new residents, it's a warm welcome into the fold, and for the long-standing members, it's a time to reconnect and strengthen ties.

Missed out on the fun? Worry not, as the Village has another event lined up on July 5th. Mark your calendars for a day of patriotic celebration, complete with an Independence Day event and a fireworks display that promises to light up the night sky. It's an opportunity not to be missed, to gather with family, friends, and neighbors, and to partake in the vibrant community life that makes the Village a special place to call home.



## Lost Bridge Village Independence Day Event Scheduled for July 5th

Get ready for a day of fun, festivities, and patriotic pride at Lost Bridge Village's annual Independence Day event! This year's celebration promises to be a memorable one, with a lineup of activities that will bring the community together in a grand display of national spirit.

The event will commence with the much-anticipated patriotic parade, a vibrant procession that will weave its way through the heart of Lost Bridge Village. Spectators can expect a colorful array of decorated UTVs, golf carts, and other modes of transportation, all decked out in red, white, and blue. The parade sets off from the maintenance building at 4:30 pm, making its way down East Airport, Oak Leaf Drive, Black Oak Drive, Gainer, Dogwood, and White Oak, culminating at the Recreation Center at approximately 5:15 pm.

But the excitement doesn't end with the parade. The celebration continues with a variety of kids' events designed to entertain and engage the younger members of the community. From the cake walk to other various games, there's something for every child to enjoy.

As the evening progresses, the air will fill with the sounds of live music courtesy of the Second Wind Band. Their tunes will set the tone for an evening of family fun and enjoyment, while a DJ will keep the energy high, emceeding the event and ensuring everyone is having a great time.

And what's a celebration without good food? Mouthwatering hamburgers and hot dogs, accompanied by delicious sides and refreshing sodas, will be available for purchase. Not only will attendees be treating themselves to some classic American fare, but they'll also be contributing to a good cause. All proceeds from the food sales will go towards funding the spectacular fireworks show and other community events in Lost Bridge Village.

The evening concludes with the best fireworks show on Beaver Lake starting at dusk.



*"Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better." - Albert Camus*

## Multi-Use Court Construction to Begin Soon

The upcoming construction of a new multi-use recreation court is a significant addition to the local community's amenities. Approved by the Board of Trustees in their April meeting, this project reflects a growing trend in creating versatile sports facilities that cater to various interests and age groups.

Constructed by VersaSports Outdoor Recreation Company, the court will serve as both a tennis and a double pickleball court. The construction timeline is set to commence in the first week of June, with a projected completion by late July. This swift turnaround time is indicative of the efficient planning and execution capabilities of VersaSports, a company known for its expertise in outdoor recreational spaces.

The introduction of this multi-use court is more than just an expansion of physical infrastructure; it represents a commitment to fostering community spirit and promoting a healthy lifestyle. Pickleball, a sport that has seen a surge in popularity due to its accessibility and social nature, will be a key feature of this new facility. It offers a competitive yet friendly environment that encourages social interaction among residents, thereby strengthening community bonds.

This project is an indication of the proactive steps taken by the community leaders to enhance the quality of life for the Villagers. It underscores the importance of recreational spaces in bringing people together, providing a platform for both exercise and socialization. The anticipation for the completion of this court is noticeable, and it is poised to become a vibrant hub of activity in the community.

### Lost Bridge Independence Day Event Elite Sponsors

IWP Foundation Repair



Lost Bridge Marina



Beaver Lake Sail Club



### Would you like to donate?

Contact us if you'd like to help fund this annual event. Title sponsors are recognized throughout the evening and included in all marketing communications. All donations go to the fireworks show and event expenses.

Donations can also be made via our website at [www.lbvca.com](http://www.lbvca.com).

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### Village Damaged by Storm

The resilience of a community is often revealed in the aftermath of a storm. The Village's response to the tornado on May 26th exemplifies this strength. Despite the destruction that began near Decatur and wreaked havoc through downtown Rogers, the community's swift action and unity minimized the potential damage. The collective efforts of Villagers volunteering throughout the day and week following are a powerful reminder of what community spirit and helping neighbors overcome adversity is all about.

### Building or Remodeling?

Whether you're contemplating a new construction, an extension, or the replacement, expansion, or enhancement of 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

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## Pajama Storytime at the Library



Social committee member Trish Evans' dedication to organizing these gatherings creates lasting memories and encourages future participation. Keep an eye on the [lbvca.com](http://lbvca.com) website for updates on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

The Lost Bridge Village Library's "Pajama Storytime" event not only fostered a love for reading among the young attendees but also brought the community together for an evening of fun and learning. The success of such events highlights the importance of community engagement in promoting literacy.



## Lost Bridge Village Community Pool Opens

The community pool, a hub of summer fun and relaxation, has made a splash with its grand reopening on Friday, May 24th. After a series of extensive repairs in the off-season, the pool is now ready to welcome swimmers with open arms and upgraded facilities.

Key to the pool's revival was the replacement of the old pump with a state-of-the-art automated system, promising efficiency and energy savings. Additionally, the bottom drain received much-needed repairs to enhance water circulation, ensuring a better swimming experience for all. The pool heater has also been repaired for use as needed.

These successful upgrades were made possible by the dedication of numerous volunteers who lent their time and skills. Their tireless efforts not only expedited the reopening but also fostered a sense of community spirit and collaboration. Without their contribution, the pool's opening would have faced significant delays, potentially extending well into the peak of summer.



*"Summer means happy times and good sunshine." - Brian Wilson*

## Highway 127 Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Lost Bridge Village is a proud sponsor of the Arkansas Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program. Local Villagers coordinate the effort to pick up trash along the highway from Garfield to Lost Bridge Village. Although volunteers have managed to keep this stretch of highway clean for years, we officially began sponsoring this program in 2014. Patti French was pivotal in coordinating this and these responsibilities have since been transitioned to Kate O'Donnell.



The latest cleanup event was on April 15th. 15 volunteers picked up 22 large bags of trash.

A special thanks to these volunteers: Jerry & Mari Ann Retallick, Phil & Judy Williamson, Bruce & Mary Bakke, Don & Dianna Boothe, Terry & Debra Brock, Shirley Harder, Jeanette Edwards, Tim Klippert, and Kate O'Donnell.



## Community Updates

### Lost Bridge Village Breakfast Fundraiser, June 23rd:

Join friends, family, and neighbors in supporting Lost Bridge Village by raising funds for future 2024 social events. Every bite you enjoy will contribute to creating future community and social gatherings. There is no cost to attend, but donations are encouraged, these events would not be possible without you.

Location: Lost Bridge Village Hall

Date: Sunday, June 23rd

Time: 8:30am – 11:30am

Your participation helps fund important community projects and events. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support!

### Hobbits:

Hobbits, a local group of women who enjoy socializing and are philanthropic, are finishing up their 51st year in May 2024. The organization is excited for year 52 to begin in September and are going strong after all these years!

Hobbits conduct fundraising efforts, through their dues, Christmas luncheon and Spring event, so Hobbits can disburse funds each year to local non-profits. The April fundraising event was a Spring Style Show. Members were able to model the items they selected from Whitley Pharmacy's boutique.

Hobbits members and guests enjoyed delicious food, modeling and socializing with old and new friends. There were 53 women in attendance and the event was a success! The women of Hobbits are thrilled to be able to give back to the Garfield area community through their efforts.

Hobbits President Derinda Keiser, will be sharing information this summer, about the mission of Hobbits, more about Hobbits meetings with speakers, non-profit efforts and how you can join. If you're curious to learn more, feel free to reach out to Derinda at (281) 620-1384.



## Did You Know?



Mrs. Ruth Freeman of Springfield, Missouri proudly displays a 6 lbs. 6 oz. striped bass she boated in the Lost Bridge area of Beaver Lake. The fish is expected to set a new lake record for "Strippers." Area Fish and Game officials have weighed and measured the fish and official confirmation on the lake record is expected any day.

A Lost Bridge Village property owner, Mrs. Ruth Freeman, caught the first recorded lake record striper in August 1971.

The fish had an official weight of 6 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 25 1/4 inches in length with a 15 inch girth. She caught the fish trolling around point 5.

### 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.

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### Upcoming Village Events

#### 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.

[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.

