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Community Calendar

September	1	Labor Day 2nd Half of Dues are Due Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 pm @ the Pavillion
	2	Fishing Tournament 6 pm– 9 pm
	4	Women's Club Meeting & Dinner 6 pm
	6	Raft up Miss Jackson's 4 pm- 7 pm Chateau Chardonnay
	8	Activities Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
	11	BOT Townhall 6 pm– 7 pm
	16	Fishing Tournament 6 pm– 8:30 pm
	18	Community Volunteer Committee Meeting 7 pm email pohlarlp@gmail.com for location
	20	LakeToberfest 5pm– 10 pm @ the Pavillion (Dinner @6)
October	2	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	3	Women's Club Yard Sale Members Only Preview
	4-5	Women's Club Yard Sale
	6	Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 pm @ the Pavillion
	12	Activities Committee Tailgate 1 pm- 9 pm @ the Pavillion WHO DEY!!!
	13	Activities Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Columbus Day
	16	Community Volunteer Committee Meeting 7 pm email pohlarlp@gmail.com for location
	18	BOT Quarterly Meeting 10 am– Noon @ River Hills Church
	22	The Legend Article & Advertising Deadline for the September/October Issue
	30	Trick-or-Treat in the Village of Fayetteville
November	31	Trunk & Treat 6 pm– 6:30 pm @ the Pavillion
	2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	4	Election Day
	6	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	10	Activities Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
	11	Veteran's Day
	15	Lake Valve Opens
	20	Community Volunteer Committee Meeting 7 pm email pohlarlp@gmail.com for location
	27	Thanksgiving

School Board Candidates



Hello, I am **Merri Kay Adkins**, and I am running for re-election for Fayetteville Perry-Local School Board. I would very much appreciate your vote.

I have lived in Fayetteville all my life, graduated from Fayetteville Perry Local High School (FPLS), my husband attended, and both my children graduated from FPLS, one grandson has already graduated from FPLS, and the other 8 grandchildren attend, one to graduate May of 2026.

I volunteered on the Fayetteville Fire Department and EMS for 18 years, worked as a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant for 34 years; worked at FPLS while my children attended; coached soccer for 13 years, four of those years as coach of the FPLS girls high school soccer team; a daisy, brownie, and Girl Scout leader; a member on the FPLS School Board in 2004-2007; and have held various other volunteer positions. When I retired, I wanted to continue giving back to our wonderful little community, I ran again for a position on the school board in 2022 and was elected. I would really like to continue serving the residents of Perry Township as a board member for the next four years. Please remember me with your vote in November.



Dear Neighbors,

I'm excited to share with you that I am officially running for a seat on our Fayetteville-Perry School Board. Thank you everyone who signed my petition to get on the ballot!

As a parent, a neighbor, and someone deeply committed to the future of our community, I'm stepping forward with a simple but strong purpose: to lead with integrity, offer a fresh perspective, and serve **every** child in our district.

Our schools are the heart of our community. They shape not just academic futures but the confidence, creativity, and character of the next generation. I believe every child deserves a safe, strong, and supportive education.

As a candidate, I bring:

- **Integrity** — I believe in transparency, accountability, and doing what's right, even when it's hard. I'll listen, learn, and lead with honesty.
- **A Fresh Perspective** — I will continue to learn more and more to understand the challenges and focus on the possibilities in today's schools. I bring energy, creativity, and a problem-solving mindset grounded in real-life experience as a working parent and community advocate.
- **A Heart for All Kids** — Every child matters. I'll advocate for policies and quality resources, making decisions that put students first—every single time.

I'd be honored to earn your support. You will hear more from me over the next few months! Please take a moment to check out my website and Facebook page. I share a little more about myself and my commitment to our students, teachers and community as well as ways you can share your thoughts and hopes for our schools, and how we can build a stronger future—together.

Let's do this with heart, with purpose, and with our kids at the center of it all.

Sincerely,

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I'm running for a seat on the Fayetteville-Perry Local

School Board because I believe in our kids, our community, and the power of public education. Advocacy and volunteering are more than just passions for me; they're part of who I am. I wear a lot of hats, and I genuinely love every one of them.

Currently, I serve as the School Board President for the Fayetteville-Perry Local School District. Beyond that, I represent our community on a broader scale through my work with the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA). I serve on the OSBA Southwest Regional Executive Committee, am an OSBA Cabinet Member, and I am one of two Congressional District 2 liaisons for the Federal Legislative Advocacy Group, representing Ohio both at the state level and in Washington, D.C.

In addition to my work in education, I'm deeply involved in local youth sports, not only as a coach, but as a board member. I serve as President of Softball for the Fayetteville Athletic Association and Vice-President for the Southern Ohio Softball League.

I've been honored to receive several recognitions for my service and leadership, including:

- The 2024 AL Kettlewell Award for Outstanding Boardsmanship
- The OSBA STAR Program completion and Master Board Member Award in 2025
- The upcoming OSBA All-Ohio Board Member Award this November

But titles and accolades aside, everything I do comes from one place: a deep love for children. Our students deserve the very best from all of us, and I'm committed to fighting for their future with everything I've got. Volunteering in our schools has shown me firsthand what our students need and where we, as parents, leaders, and community members, can do better.

Over the past 11 years, I've been actively involved in the Fayetteville-Perry PTO, organizing and chairing several events throughout the school year. Two of my favorites are the Book Fair and Santa's Workshop. You might call me a "chaos coordinator," but the snotty hugs and booger high-fives I get in the school hallways remind me why it's all worth it. In a world that can often feel heavy, I do my best to bring light to our smallest students every chance I get.

I'm asking for your support on November 4, 2025. Help me continue this journey of advocacy and **VOTE** Rachel Ray for School Board.

And if you're not already volunteering in our schools or community, give it a try. Find something you are passionate about and allow yourself to spend time offering aid to a cause that means something to you. You might be surprised how much it changes not only someone else's life... but your own.

Election Day is November 4, 2025 from 6:30 am—7:30 pm. Lake Lorelei residents vote at the Fayetteville-Perry Middle School.



Board of Trustees – President's Corner Bruce Simeone

As we reach the close of the 2025 summer season, we hope you and your family have enjoyed the lake and all our community has to offer. In this edition, I want to provide important updates on two areas of growing concern: **safety** and **enforcement**. Both areas were highlighted during our most recent Town Hall.

In 2024, the Board of Trustees initiated a formal partnership with the County Sheriff's Department to help improve safety on the water. This action was taken in response to an increase in lake violations and an inability to obtain sufficient volunteer participation. As of this season, **nine qualified deputies** are approved and qualified to patrol the lake, primarily on weekends but also at random times throughout the week. Their focus includes, but is not limited to:

- Enforcing lake safety and no-wake rules
- Conducting random safety checks (e.g., life jackets, vessel capacity)
- Verifying current lake stickers and boating licenses

This program has already had a positive impact and will continue into next year, with adjustments to improve its effectiveness as we discuss the season with the deputies.

PWC use, including Jet Skis and similar craft, was another major concern raised at the Town Hall. Several private lakes in Ohio have already banned PWCs due to safety issues. While we have not adopted such a policy, the BOT is currently evaluating options. Key concerns include:

- Speeding and reckless operation (top of the list)
- Wake-jumping with lake direction flow violations
- Wake creation in no-wake zones
- Unsafe towing practices

The Board expects to implement new regulations for the **2026 season**. Clearly, ongoing violations will be addressed and not ignored.

The broader topic of enforcement continues to be a priority. As of this writing, we have reached **93.2% MIGS compliance**, a significant improvement from 77.2% just four years ago. While the BOT does not aim to be punitive, enforcement is part of our responsibility under ORC 5312 and community expectations. Fines have been issued for:

- No-wake and watercraft violations
- Expired or missing lake stickers
- Property maintenance issues – "eye sores".
- Unsafe and underage golf cart usage and "overloading"
- Pets that are repeatedly loose or hazardous to others

In more serious cases, the BOT has pursued legal action, such as Lake property damage, especially at the gate, liens, and foreclosure-related enforcement. That effort continues through the court system as required by law. Despite legal hurdles, we've seen some positive outcomes.

Thank you to the many residents who continue to uphold the standards of our community. Through collaboration and shared responsibility, we can ensure our lake remains safe, enjoyable, and well-managed for all.

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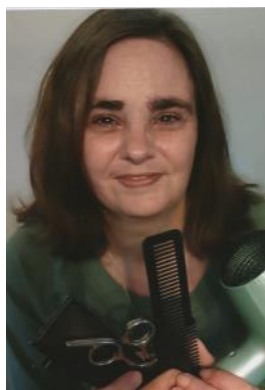
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BOT Vision Statement: To preserve and expand our community, its lifestyle, and the Association's assets through effective, transparent, and fiscally responsible management.

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BOT Meeting 10
am on 10/18 @
River Hills
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Jody Schenkel

Roads Committee Stephen Diacont

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! We are excited to have the **fall paving** done. We've spent the summer ditching and selecting culverts to be added or replaced in areas that are being paved this season. We also worked to correct a few problematic drainage areas. The major projects that were completed are **Stuttgart Cove** ditches and drainage reconstruction and a new culvert added under **Odenwald cul-de-sac** to help carry the farm field runoff so it doesn't flood over the roadway during heavy rain. We will be working on prioritizing our work for 2026 as we head into fall and winter. We are looking forward to what we can get done in 2026!



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Women's Club MaryBeth Cooper

Summer comes to a close as well as our calendar year for the Women's Club. I would like to take the opportunity to reach out and **THANK** all the members of our lake community for the gracious support to our many philanthropic ventures. The accomplishments are many and appreciated by all those who have benefited by doing or receiving. This group of women are outstanding in designing and working on solutions while building friendships among themselves, the lake community members and our surrounding Brown County.



We have just closed activities for this quarter. Let's shout out THANKS to **Chris Behm** for driving her golf cart in the fourth of July parade representing the Women's Club. Cindy Williams and her crew for the super response donations of food, cleaning supplies and cat and dog beds, collars and leashes for the Brown County Humane Society. Last, but not least, financial support for the children's fishing derby, a venture of **Tommy Isles**. The day of the derby the ladies turned on their ovens and prepared cookies and brownies to nourish the 49 participants as they reeled in their "catch of the day"! August was our fun night. Golf carts rolled along Lorelei searching for the scavenger clues from **Deb Shinkle** and **Celia McGee**. Our winners were Marcia **Greenwald** and **Cindy Williams**.



The fall yard sale will be October 4-5. The new board will be President- **Patty Pack**, Vice president- **Deb Shinkle**, Secretary- **Donna Murry**, and Treasurer- **Jayne Wyman**. Guests are always welcome.



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Women's Club YARD SALE

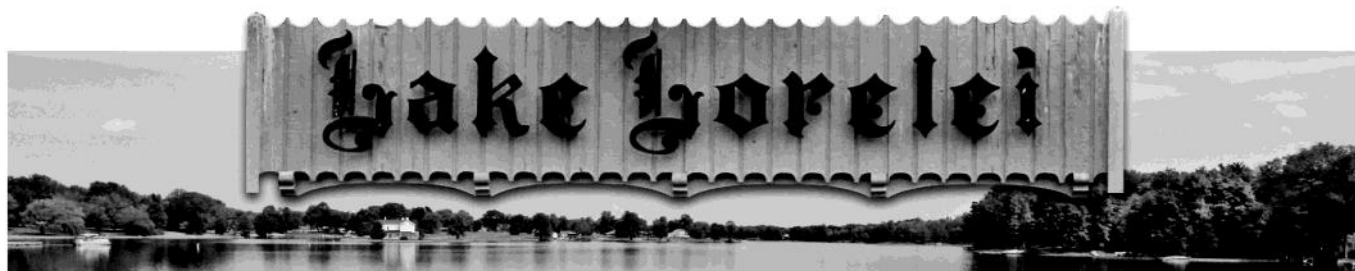
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Fish Committee Tom Iles



Tuesday Tournament Dates

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Fall Tournament - September 20th; 7:30am -3:30pm

Angler of the Year Points System

- Points will be awarded to individuals for each night of fishing.
- The end-of-the-year prize will be \$100.00 cash.
- Points will be awarded as follows:
 - * 5 points first place,
 - * 4 points second place,
 - * 3 points third place,
 - * 2 points for big bass. Both individuals will be awarded big bass points no matter who catches the fish.
 - * 1 point will be given for showing up if you do not place.

The Kids Fishing tournament 2025 was a huge success! We had more than **50 kids** and lots of parent and grandparent helpers. This year's winners were **Marli Newman, Jace Iles, Luke Hammergien, and Aidan Farrell.**

I want to thank the **Lake Lorelei Women's Club, John Farrell, Janet Moore, Marcia Greenwald, Patrick Pack, Ron Borton, and Ron and Linda Brown** for their monetary donations to the tournament. I'd also like to thank **Herb Messer** for the food and drink donations; **Ron Borton, Ron Brown, and the Women's Club** for desserts; and **Bob Kiley** for ice. **Dave Haskel, John Jones, John Scalf, Mike Reynolds, and Barry Denham** donated baits for all the tackle boxes!

The kids had a great time, and everyone left with a fishing rod/reel combo or a tackle box with baits!



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June Poker Run
June 13, 2026

Summer Music
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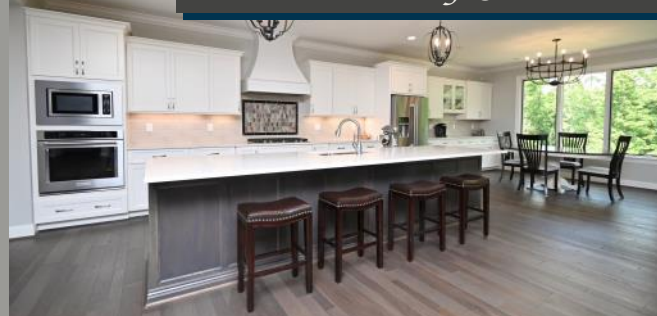
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Lake Life: Don't Lose Your Head Over It Lee Duncan

The other day my daughter texted me with a rather urgent concern: “Dad, have you heard of the **brain-eating amoeba**?!” I hadn’t, but the name alone is enough to make you want to drain the lake and salt the shoreline.

Yes, the creature is real. Its scientific name is **Naegleria fowleri**. It lives in warm freshwater, and in rare cases—if water goes forcefully up the nose—it can cause a very serious (usually fatal) brain infection. So, my daughter’s alarm wasn’t misplaced. But here’s the part you may not see in the headlines: the odds of encountering it are vanishingly small.

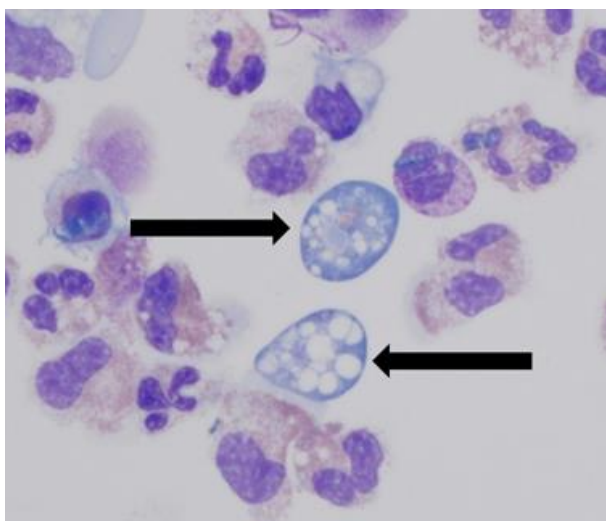
How small? In the entire United States, only 164 cases have been documented in the last 60 years. That’s **less than 3 per year**. To put that in perspective, you’re more than 600 times more likely to be struck by lightning. The risk is real, but it’s about as close to zero as nature gets.

So why are we hearing about it more often lately? Warmer summers and hotter stretches of weather give amoebas a little more room to thrive, especially in southern states. Scientists are keeping an eye on whether climate change may be nudging its range northward. But even with that in mind, the chance of getting sick remains microscopic.

If you’d like to be extra cautious, the guidance is simple: try not to let water rush up your nose when swimming in very warm, shallow spots. And if you want to go a step further, a **nose clip** can offer some extra peace of mind.

For the rest of us enjoying the lake, the bigger “threats” remain the usual suspects: tangled fishing lines, splinters from the dock, or the cloud of mosquitoes that always seems to find you first. The real gifts of summer—herons stalking breakfast in the shallows, the ripple of a pontoon wake, the relief of a swim on a hot afternoon—are still safe, steady companions.

So yes, the brain-eating amoeba exists. But it doesn’t deserve top billing in your summer story. Here at the lake, the season still belongs to us, our families, and all the small wonders the lake offers—plenty to feed our brains without anything eating them.



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Water Quality Committee Cindi Wetzel

Have you ever thought about why the signs say NO PETS???

Responsible pet ownership plays a key role in maintaining clean and healthy Water Quality.



Understanding E.coli and Water Quality

How does dog presence contribute?

Dogs, if not properly managed, can deposit waste into water bodies or beaches, increasing E. coli levels. This is especially true if pets are allowed in swimming areas or if waste isn't cleaned up promptly.

E. coli (Escherichia coli) is a type of bacteria commonly found in the intestines of humans and animals, including dogs. While most strains are harmless, certain types can cause illness if ingested.

Why is E. coli in water a concern?

High levels of E. coli indicate possible contamination from fecal matter, which can carry other harmful pathogens. Exposure to contaminated water can lead to gastrointestinal illnesses, skin infections, and other health issues.

Did you know?

Lake Lorelei Water Quality Volunteers collect water samples at the Main Beach and East Beach from May through September. The samples are taken to the Claremont County Water Lab to be tested for E. Coli bacteria. If high levels are found, a notice will be posted. In addition, Lake Lorelei has maintained a legal goose management program for the past thirteen years.

What can residents do?

- Always clean up after your pets and dispose of waste properly.
- Keep dogs out of designated swimming or water contact zones.
- Follow local guidelines and signage regarding pet access.

Maintaining water quality is a shared responsibility. Responsible pet ownership helps protect everyone's health and preserves the natural beauty of our beaches. By working together, residents can help reduce contamination risks, safeguard public health, and enjoy our beautiful lakes and beaches safely.

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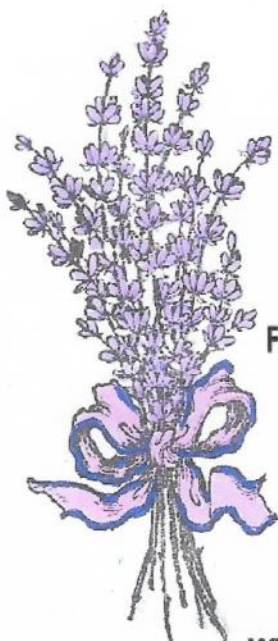
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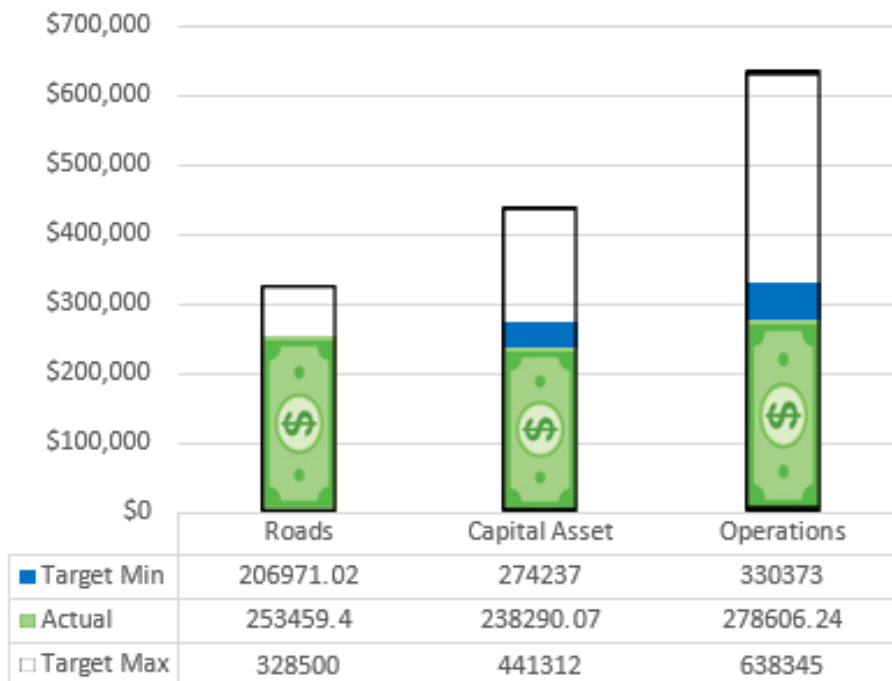
Income		Expenses	
Auto Decals	\$25,266.10	Administrative	\$18,895.04
Boat Inspection/ Decals	33,183.90	Community Events/ Projects	19,278.13
Building Permits	16,406.56	Computer, Internet, & Subscriptions	21,116.35
Collection Fees	941.75	Insurance	21,446.52
Community functions/ Projects	15,179.69	Lakes Fund Loan Repayments	105,170.52
Contributions Received	3,200.00	Lake Maintenance	12,295.00
Dock Rental	13,450.00	Legal Fees	12,739.27
Dues & Services	303,028.79	Merchant Service Fees	11,641.38
Fines	500.00	Personnel Wages	99,614.22
Initiation Fees	35,442.02	Payroll Taxes	26,524.58
Interest Earned	16,595.80	Property Tax	16,888.72
Mowing and Chipping Fees	6,697.00	Repairs & Maintenance	26,786.50
Miscellaneous	1,472.17	Roads Repair & Maintenance	28,579.81
Lake Maintenance Fund	121,623.93	Security, Outside Services	1,452.00
Rental Income	2,150.00	Spillway	10,875.00
Road Assessment Income	102,540.07	Subcontractors	9,705.99
Sale of Lots & Equipment	4,270.58	Utilities	17,956.76
Total Income	<u>\$701,948.36</u>	Clubhouse Reno Project	280.59
		Contribution Capital Asset/ Ops Reserve	60,000.00
		Total Expense	<u>\$521,246.38</u>
		Net Income	<u>\$180,701.98</u>

Note: Information is based of the most current data available.
Detailed reports are available in the Lake Lorelei Office.

RESERVE ACCOUNTS June 30st

Operations Reserves	\$278,606.24
Capital Asset Fund	\$38,290.07
Roads Reserve (Money Market)	\$253,459.40
Total	<u>\$770,355.71</u>

Reserves as of June 30, 2025



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