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Did you know, our private lake community boasts of its very own Sun Valley Sports Plex? Members and their guests can play pickle ball, enjoy tennis or basketball, and now a new shuffleboard court. For your convenience, SVILA has provided paddles and balls, located in a storage box courtside. These are limited quantities, so please use responsibly.



Equipment for shuffleboard play is also available, but must be coordinated through the SVILA Office.

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SVILA Board President Perspective

Twenty-Seven inches of snow in January. Seventy-Five degrees in February. As I write this article at the end of February, it's anyone's guess what March will bring! If nothing else, let's all hope for moisture. Our lake is still twelve inches below a normal pool.

The fall and winter months have been a busy time at Sun Valley Lake, as your SVILA Board prepares for another busy and hopefully fun-filled summer season. The Board kicked off the fall with a Strategic Planning Workshop on 11/13/23. Included in this session were Board Directors, Staff, and Committee Leaders. Four main areas of focus evolved from this discussion:

- 1. Preserving and enhancing our natural resources.**
- 2. Strengthening safety and security measures in and around Sun Valley Lake.**
- 3. Staffing and improving office efficiencies.**
- 4. Investing in our financial resources, as well as exercising our fiduciary responsibilities.**

For this article I want to focus on objectives #3: **Staffing and improving office efficiencies.**

Hopefully, recently you have seen the SVILA "Help Wanted Ad". Staffing at SVL has always been a challenge due to location and seasonality. This year the SVILA Board has pledged an extra focus in this area. Concerns and objectives driving this focus follow:

- Enhance our succession planning process.
- Build on continuity.
- Staff to meet the needs of a growing member base with increased needs.
- Embrace and take advantage of new and developing technology in the office and how we do business.
- With increased boating traffic on the lake as well as vehicle traffic on our roads, enhance measures to improve safety and security.

Your SVILA Board provides much thought as we consider adding to staff. Our Staff has reached out to Lake Viking and Lake Panorama to better understand their method of operation. The three operations exchange ideas on "Best Practices" and how we can learn from each other. SVILA with two full time Staff is clearly at the low end of the staffing model. As you consider our current staff, consider the reality of the following:

- Our SVL community is the second largest city in Ringgold County.
- On holidays and very busy weekends it is not uncommon to have 4,000 to 5,000 members and guests enjoying SVILA property, making it the second largest city in a 5-county area!

The above challenges, with increased expectations by many, place a huge burden on our current staff.

Our community is comprised of many talented and experienced members. Please consider getting involved, whether as a volunteer or as a part-time paid employee. We need you!

Here's hoping for a safe, fun, and enjoyable summer.

Bill Breckenridge
President, SVILA Board of Directors



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Lake Season 2024: A Message from the Manager



A VERY mild winter season (punctuated by a brutal storm in January) is making many members anxious to get out on the lake early this year. Sorry ice fishermen, the relatively few days you had probably didn't satisfy, but we'll keep a good thought for next winter!



As the main season comes on, our water conditions remain challenging. While water quality remains high, lake levels continue to hover 12"-18" below normal. Low rainfall and snowfall amount(s) over the winter helped some, but not enough to get us back to where we should be in April-May. We're hoping for a wet, spring season. Again, this year, members are encouraged to pay close attention during boat launch and docking operations. This will be especially true at the main boat ramp next to the beach. As many of you will remember, we had some 5" stone placed at the end of the ramp, to help reduce the potential for trailer 'drop off'. Please be very careful as you launch and recover your boats at this location. We continue to highly encourage the use of the West End boat ramp. Updates

on the condition and use of our main boat ramp will be posted to our website, as necessary.

Several of you have been asking questions about the changes and increases in staffing we're working on for 2024. Our Board has recognized the need to begin building some depth and continuity for the key positions related to operating our Association. We believe members have a strong desire for a safe lake and grounds, efficient and friendly administration, and effective management of the many resources that go into making Sun Valley Lake the premier, private lake of Iowa. Achieving those outcomes means finding high-caliber talent and developing their knowledge, skills, and abilities. We're continuing to look for a few more of the 'best', with the goal of providing every member an environment and an investment that they will be proud to own and use for years to come.

There are many improvements to come in 2024, despite the challenges we've been forced to address in the last year. With your support, we hope to continue a strong pattern of developing our amenities and keeping our lake clean and safe for all Sun Valley members. We look forward to seeing all of you "at the lake" very soon!

Gene Smith
SVILA Manager

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Winter 2024 photos by Wendy Schwery, January (top) and Linda Wells, February (bottom).

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For those who may have missed it... and for those that lived it... the January week that was winter at SVL.



Feet of snow
Frigid temps....
Gusting winds...
Thanks to all that helped with clearing.
Cooperation and teamwork prevailed.



Photos by Wendy Schwery



Safe Boating and Road Use Committee

We are all looking forward to another wonderful summer season at Sun Valley Lake. As always, the Safe Boating and Road Use Committee has been working to ensure that safety is foremost in our committee's work at the lake.

The Committee's mission is to seek a safe boating and road use environment at Sun Valley Lake. We continue to consider safety on our roads and lake as being paramount. As such, we ask that all members of the lake community become familiar with the Safe Boating and Road Use Rules and follow them. These rules have been posted on our website for your convenience.

While we continually review our safety rules, including soliciting member input, no major revisions for the current year have occurred.

In recent years, it's become evident that many of the violations recorded at the lake involve a lack of awareness of the rules. As we continue to welcome new homeowners and guests to the lake, our goal is to ensure that every person operating a vehicle on our lake or roads understands the rules and abides by them. As a deterrent to unsafe boating practices, an increased focus will be placed on education vs. enforcement this year. Our Lake Patrol will be offering educational orientation classes this spring for those that would like to become familiar with the rules or brush up on them. Please check out the website for the timing of these classes.

We will also be adding new Lake Patrol associates for the season. Brenna Young leads our Lake Patrol effort and she and Gene Smith, the Lake Manager, have created a training program for our lake staff. Over the winter months, they have scrutinized and standardized the current operating procedures to allow for consistency in approach as well as a smooth transition for any future employee turnover.

Balancing enjoyment of all the lake has to offer while having reasonable regulations to keep our community safe is our goal. We are working to make sure that the regulations are straightforward, reasonable, and easy to understand. Easy access to the rules along with emphasis on education and clear understanding and buy in of the membership are also in the scope of our work. We continue to have productive, meaningful interactions with many of our members and are appreciative of the input and guidance.

Our committee is comprised of six members, Diane Petty, Mike Farrell, Rudy Lucia, Chris Nelson, Tom Ellis and myself.

Looking forward to a wonderful and Safe 2024 at Sun Valley Lake.

Doug Pearson
Chairman, Safe Boating and Roads Committee



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“At a house concert you get to listen in an intimate setting, interact with the artist, and then get to shake their hand and get to know them after the show. It’s a unique experience.”

The Key Mid West venue is a part of Melana and Todd Beuse’s private Sun Valley Lake retreat - it is not a commercial business. There is no ticketing for the events - instead each guest makes a suggested \$30 contribution at the gate - ALL OF WHICH GOES DIRECTLY TO THE ARTIST. Key Mid West is a real bargain. The artist contribution is less than the cost of gas and parking alone (let alone concert tickets, drink costs, drive time, etc.) for attending concerts in nearby larger markets.

The Beuses personally curate the lineup of artists - most of whom are personal acquaintances. These artists are national level talent - from Nashville, Texas, Key West, Mobile and Muscle Shoals (AL), and other music hotbeds. The design of the Key Mid West venue provides fans and artists the opportunity to connect in a “listening room” setting that is unlike any other. The intimate connection between the fans and artists, amazingly talented performers, and a unique venue combine to keep Key Mid West guests coming back for more!

Key Mid West concert events are BYOB and also feature a third party food truck (or equivalent food service) at the event. Because the private concert space is limited in capacity, RSVPs are required (max. capacity 125) for the concerts.

KEY MID WEST 2024 HOUSE CONCERT SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 2 - Peter & Brendan Mayer (Jimmy Buffett band mates)

Thursday, June 6 - Jesse Rice

Thursday, June 27 - Eric Erdman

Thursday, July 11 - John Frinzi

Thursday, August 15 - Donny Brewer

Thursday, August 29 - Pending (“Labor Day Weekend Show” celebrating the life of Jimmy Buffett)

Thursday, September 19 - Mike Nash

Stay updated re: KEY MID WEST events by joining the Facebook group KEY MID WEST. Their new web page, www.KeyMidWest.Rocks will be launching in May. RSVPs and other inquiries can be directed to (text) 515-867-1645; or (email) key.mid.west.svl@gmail.com.



Location & Date TBD!

SUN VALLEY LAKE Aquapalooza

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The Family Cancer Network was the non-profit chosen for the end of the summer Backyard Bash proceeds this past year. Their organization is dedicated to raising money and providing support for Iowa families dealing with blood and pediatric cancers. More information can be found at:

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Stoney Oak Properties chose to match the raised funds from that evening and donated an additional \$5,000 to The Family Cancer Network! Thank you to all that participated in the event and donated. Your contribution makes a difference!



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Springtime at Sun Valley Lake!!

As the spring appears and the grass turns green, folks head back to enjoy the lake. This season, we are thrilled to announce our Sewer Upgrade Project is nearly complete with new lift stations at Bunker and Frontier, new controls at all three lift stations, and a new low-pressure system for Linford Lane. Our Contractors, Page Construction and CL Carroll will be putting the finishing touch on the projects and will be complete by June 1, 2024! No more worries about catastrophic lift station failures, especially at Bunker!!

As discussed in the Fall Views and News, the board met with representatives from the e/One Pump Company regarding the frozen check valve failures. Their solution was to install foam insulation discs in the e/One sewer basin to protect the check valve. I'm pleased to announce this solution appears to have worked. During the frigid January weather, we experienced only 3 check valve failures as compared to over 40 the prior year. We will continue to monitor the success over the next several years, but if this year is any indication, we have a success story!

Every spring, the board reviews operating expenses and projects future costs of operating and maintaining the district. We also review our reserve funds to ensure we have adequate funds, so we are prepared for the unexpected. We then prepare our operating budget for the fiscal year which starts annually on July 1st. Over the past couple of years, we have been able to hold the monthly sewer charges at \$55 per month. However, with the inflation we have experienced over the past couple of years, our operating costs have risen, and our reserve fund is starting to shrink. Therefore, we find it necessary to raise the monthly sewer rate to \$60 per month. This rate increase will be reflected on your July SIRWA invoice.

Most homes have an e/One lift station in the yard. Each lift station has an audible alarm and flashing red light to notify homeowners of e/One pump failure or the need for service. Please do not ignore the alarm or warning light. If you see or hear the alarms, or smell sewer at any lift station, please call our service line immediately 641-234-2099. REMEMBER ONLY HUMAN WASTE GOES IN THE SEWER SYSTEM.

On June 30, 2024, John (Pete) Petersen will retire from the Sun Valley Sanitary District Board of Trustees. Pete has been on our board since 2019 and played an integral role in the transformation of our district. A huge thank you to Pete, we wish you all the BEST! With Pete's retirement and looking toward the future, the Board has decided to add two "At Large" non-voting Directors to the board. The idea is to have the At Large members spend some time on our board learning about the district and its operation and then move into Trustee roles as Board members retire. Therefore, I'm pleased to announce the addition of Bill Havekost and Mike Mahoney to our board as At Large members. It's the board's intention to elect Bill Havekost to the Board of Trustees as Treasurer effective July 1, 2024. Bill has an extensive background in finance and business and will do an excellent job in this role. Mike Mahoney will replace John Bednarz when his term ends in 2025. Additionally, we will be looking for candidates to replace myself as President when my term ends in 2026. We are currently looking for additional people to fill the open At Large positions and eventually step into leadership roles, so if you're interested, please let us know.

When I reflect on the state of the Sun Valley Sanitary District when the current board took over in October of 2020 to where it is today, there is a dramatic difference. Today we are financially sound, we have a sewer collection and wastewater lagoon system that has been upgraded to meet the needs of our growing community for the next 20 years; we have collaborated with SIRWA to perform our monthly sewer billings and collections; we have a great staff in Carrie Christensen and Dion Giles and we've armed them with the equipment and tools they need to do their jobs properly; we've tackled nagging issues such as the check valve failures and won! So, thank you to John Bednarz, Pete Petersen, Judy and Carrie Christensen, Dion Giles, Austin Smith, the Sun Valley Iowa Lake Association Board and staff, and the members who helped along the way; we couldn't have done it without you!

If you have any questions regarding the district, please feel free to reach out to Carrie, Dion, or any Board member.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Gassmann, President

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Your RIZ Board's present main project continues to be improving the watershed west of the lake. Our engineers have developed plans which have been shown to the property owners involved and have been approved by them. We now await government approvals and permits. We hope to get started on this project in 2024. In addition to this large project, we have several smaller projects planned around the lake to stop erosion. If you are aware of projects that need to be done, please contact us and we will look at them to see if they come under our project guidelines.

There is, of course, much concern about the low water level. Hopefully when you read this, we will have had significant Spring rains in addition to the snowmelt. Some concern has been expressed to us about the silt ponds stopping water from entering the lake. There is some truth to this, but these ponds that were built along with the lake are one of the main reasons for our tremendous water quality. Not much water was taken out of the lake during dredging. Water has replaced some of the dredge material removed which would temporarily lower the water level, but also allows access to some properties that in the past could not be accessed during times of low water levels including the west end boat ramp. In the over 40 years that I have been a property owner there have been several times when the lake level has been this low and lower. It has always come back, and it will again.

The Sun Valley Rural Improvement Zone was made possible by State of Iowa Legislative Action. The purpose is to bring economic growth and increased property taxes to rural counties with private lake developments. The Legislation has certainly worked for Ringgold County as Sun Valley Lake properties are now paying about 40% of the total county property taxes. RIZ receives a percentage of the increased property taxes paid by Sun Valley property owners. The amount is now nearly one million dollars a year. RIZ receiving this money does not affect your property taxes. If RIZ was not in existence your property taxes would be the same. The funds RIZ now receives would go to other county expenses. It is similar to buying a washing machine with a rebate. If you don't apply for the rebate the washing machine company keeps the offered rebate money. RIZ money can only be spent on Sun Valley Lake water quality issues. Iowa law only allows full time Sun Valley residents registered to vote in Ringgold County to serve on the RIZ Board and vote in RIZ elections.

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THE CLUBHOUSE BAR + GRILLE UPDATE

Wow! Hard to believe that winter is over and our 4th season is right around the corner. The Clubhouse was open on Fridays and Saturdays all winter with Tyler behind the bar, Nick in the kitchen, and Lynn on the floor as the host. We spent quite a bit of time experimenting with new menu items and dinner specials and are excited to launch the new summer menu this spring.



The biggest addition to the kitchen was a resurrected chicken Broaster. Like a kid at Christmas, Nick locked himself in the kitchen to play with his new toy and launched broasted chicken in January. Delicious is the word that comes to mind. Whether you want 2 pieces or 200, we can handle any request. Stay tuned as we are still figuring out what we can make in this amazing machine. This year's menu will also feature Pasta Night, Chicken Night, Friday Night Specials and Prime Rib on Saturday night.

In addition to an expanded menu, you'll see expanded days and hours of operation too. Here is the schedule:

March:	Friday and Saturday from 4-10pm
April:	Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 4-10pm
May:	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 4-10pm Saturday, May 25 th 11am-10pm
June, July, August:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 4-10pm Saturdays 11am-10pm

With the expanded menu and hours, we'll be expanding our staff too. We are looking for a part-time bartender and a part-time cook. If interested, email us at contact@thehalldsm.com.

On to what we are cooking up for the upcoming season. Save these dates and invite your family and friends:

MARCH 16 th	St. Patty's Party featuring Corned Beef and Cabbage and Guinness + regular menu. All are welcome!
APRIL 27 th	Join the Parrot Heads to clean up around the lake, then stop by The Clubhouse to get a free BOGO card. Clean-up starts at 1pm and drinks at 4pm.
MAY 4 th	Derby Day + Cinco De Mayo Party- Wear your best derby hat and enjoy a taco bar + margaritas.
MAY 22 nd	Women Who Wine
MAY 25 th	Yoga with Jessi (10am) + Annual Summer Kickoff Concert (7pm)
JUNE 26 th	Women Who Wine
JUNE 29 th	Yoga with Jessi (10am) + Concert (7pm)
JULY 31 st	Women Who Wine
AUG 3 rd	Annual Lobster Boil
AUG 28 th	Women Who Wine
AUG 31 st	Yoga with Jessi (10am) + Concert (7pm)

A few reminders...

If you ever need food for the whole gang, especially on a long weekend, just let us know. We can help. Watch our FB page and your inbox for To-Go Specials that will keep everybody fed and happy.

Running low on beverages? God forbid! We can provide wine, liquor, beer, and batched cocktails to go.

Special thanks to everybody who came to enjoy food, drinks, and conversations all winter long. It was so great to see your warm smiles on those cold nights. Thank you!!!

It's going to be a fun and tasty summer at The Clubhouse Bar + Grille! Watch FB and your inbox for updates.

Cheers and see you soon!

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Greetings from the Fish and Water Quality Committee Spring 2024

First, as promised, I have info on the “Mat options” for controlling weeds around docks and swim areas and supporting the lake bottom on your shorelines. The two main options are: 1) mats that can be ordered through Aquatic Controls (AQ)—Muck Mat and Lake Mat, and 2) Lake Bottom Blanket ordered on your own (no bulk orders). We will get the AC bulk price for Muck and Lake Mats. The Muck Mat is designed to control weeds and provide a stable lake bottom more at the shore level to be able to walk on in mucky/soft areas. This has a peripheral frame with a heavy mesh netting on the backside for strength and stability. It will have a peripheral frame and heavy membrane to control weeds in deeper areas (>4-5 feet depth where walking on it is not a concern). The Lake Bottom Blanket is a 3-ply mat with loop folds every 5 feet and uses 3/8” re-rod in 10-foot lengths in these folds to lay this down on the bottom and is an excellent way to control weeds in deeper areas (like the ends of docks or deeper swim areas). Costs are as follows:

Muck Mat Pro	retail	AC base price	AC bulk order price
12' x 14'	437	402	371
12' x 19'	497	457	422
12' x 24'	567	521	481
Lake Mat Pro			
12' x 14'	347	319	294
12' x 19'	397	365	337
12' x 24'	447	411	379

Aquatic controls will install the above for \$300 for first and \$125 for additional mats. Text or email Grant Greenman with questions/ orders: cell: 515.473.2397 Email: grantg@aquaticcontrol.com

Lake Bottom Blanket		Approx total price w shipping
10' x 20'	170	need 5 rebar 240
10' x 30'	225	need 7 rebar 310
10' x 40'	275	need 9 rebar 375

Rebar (3/8" x 10') are approx. \$5-8 depending where you buy. Shipping is an additional \$40-50.

NOTE: Please remember that shore structures/docks are limited to 40' from your shoreline out into the lake.

Second, we will continue habitat restoration work and plan on placement of more of the synthetic structures as well as more submerged trees, doing this as carefully as possible with Board and Lake Manager approval. We will limit this so as not to affect boating or swimming areas. If anyone would like to help with this work, please contact me.

Third, fishing tournaments will continue as per previous years. The Spring Largemouth Bass Tournament will occur on April 27. Entry forms and rules are on the website and in the association office. The popular Kids' Tournament will occur on June 29. Fish in the morning and lunch/awards at the Beach Shelter. Many thanks to Darla Turner and her team and Nick for frying fish!

Fourth, Fish management efforts will continue with stocking Red Ear Sunfish (10,000), Walleye (3000), and Perch (2000). We will add more Crawfish if we can get them in a cost-effective way. Remember, there is **no commercial guiding** on the lake. NO real fish (alive or dead) are to be used for bait, for the whole year. Fishing committee members will participate in Lake Patrolling this year. This will help us monitor the lake usage AND ALSO understand more fully the use of the lake. We look forward to talking to the people who fish to understand your needs better. The daily limits are adjusted a bit and noted below. We are limiting Walleye possession to 3 per homeowner and 6 per household per day total. So, additional family and guests count in these daily limits.

2024 Daily fishing limits. See the separate page in this issue, as well as on the website, for specifics.

Fifth, we will be doing some supervised weed control with chemicals at the two boat ramps. This will improve swimming at the beach and quality of water for boat access (especially controlling the Naiad weeds—the heavy horsehair type weed—which damage props and impellers).

Lastly, the attached picture is of our grandkids on a family winter ski trip. Caption should read: “We love the snow and skiing BUT when do we get to swim and play down at the lake?” We are all looking forward to another great summer at the lake. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Text me at: 515.681.3572. Thanks to all of you who help our beautiful lake!



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Daily Catch & Length Limits – See Fishing Penalties

General Rules

- NO REAL FISH (such as minnows – alive or dead) TO BE POSSESSED AND/OR USED AS BAIT.
- Remains of dressed fish shall never be disposed of in the lake.
- No one shall seine or net or trap fish from the lake for any purpose.
- No one shall introduce or stock any fish into the lake without prior written approval of the Board of Directors and the Fish and Water Quality Committee.
- No fishing tournaments are allowed without prior written approval of the Board of Directors and the Fish and Water Quality Committee.
- No unattended fishing lines shall be used in the lake. Unattended fishing lines are subject to confiscation.
- No Commercial Guiding is allowed on the lake.

Authorized Persons

Only property owners/association members and their children, and their guests, have permission to fish the lake.

"Persons" includes a member-lot owner, an owner's spouse, and an owner's children.

"Persons" does not include guests, children's spouses, grandchildren, other family members or In-Law relations. Either a property owner or their children **must** accompany all guests on the lake. Guests are allowed to remove fish from the lake, but the guest's fish are included in the property owner's or their children's limits for each species of fish caught.

Ice Fishing

All rules and limits apply. All fish caught while ice fishing shall be immediately returned to the lake unless you plan to dress them. All property owners and their children who are ice fishing must be registered with the Association and must have on their person a SVILA-issued fishing permit. Ice shelters that are left on the ice unattended overnight shall be removed from the lake by February 28th or ice melt, whichever occurs first.

Enforcement

Employees and Board-approved representatives of the Association may, at any time, board and inspect a boat for suspected violations of the fishing rules and regulations and issuance of citations. Failure or refusal to grant boarding and inspection will result in immediate loss of fishing privileges for the remainder of the current year.

SUN VALLEY LAKE FISHING REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2024

DAILY CATCH LIMITS

FISH SPECIES	QUANTITY	LENGTH LIMIT
Bass	20	Must not measure more than 15.0" inches
Walleye	3	Must measure 16.0" or longer
Catfish	3	None
Crappie	12	None
Bluegill	20	None
RedEars	0	None
Muskies	0	Possession is prohibited. Immediate release is required. Intentionally fishing for Muskies is prohibited from July 1 to August 31.
Yellow Perch	6	None

ATTENTION:

- Guest's fish are counted toward the *property owner's* daily catch limit.
- Each household (2 authorized persons) may catch no more than 6 Walleye per day.

VIOLATIONS AND FINES

Violations include:

- Catching fish over and/or under size limits
- Catching excessive numbers of fish per the above limits
- Use of any real fish (live or dead) for bait

First Violation: Fine of \$150

Second Violation: Fine of \$300

Third Violation: Suspension of fishing privileges for one full year from date of violation

NOTE 1: Violations committed by guests will be assessed against the *property owner*.

NOTE 2: If fines are not paid, a lien will be filed against the owner's property, and the owner will be responsible for all attorney fees and court costs in addition to the fines.

A graphic for 'Spring Clean-Up' featuring a dark wood fence background. A wooden ladder leans against the fence. In the foreground, there is a yellow wheelbarrow with green plants, a white watering can, and a shovel. The text 'SPRING CLEAN-UP' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the left side of the image.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



Karr and Joan Van Nordstrand purchased a home at Sun Valley Lake on Hornet Hollow Lane with close friends Darren and Marna Hanson in 1992. They were strictly weekenders, as at the time, they still worked full time in the Des Moines area and their children were still in school. In the fall of 1993, their lake home caught on fire, and it was a complete loss, so they had to rebuild. In 2012, they semi-retired and found themselves able to spend more time at the lake, so they decided to build a larger home at 1289 Hornet Hollow Lane. While they spend most of their time in the summer months at the lake, they still own a home in Pleasant Hill.

They inherited a golf cart from Joan's mom when she passed away and decided to become members at the Sun Valley Golf Course in 2003. Karr was asked to be on the golf board and one of his primary volunteer responsibilities was to help plan the golf tournaments. At the time, they had never played in a tournament at the lake and didn't really know what planning one would entail. Fast forward to today, Joan still helps to organize and plan most of the tournaments and can be found volunteering on Friday mornings at the pro shop. If you are looking for Karr, he is usually at the golf course —

either on a fairway mower or under a mower doing maintenance.

Joan volunteered to help on the Beautification Committee in 2020 when the chairman at the time, moved away. Unfortunately, the incoming chairman incurred some serious health issues and before Joan knew it, she was leading the group of 8 wonderful volunteers (plus their husbands who didn't know they were going to be involved, too) in cleaning up the plant beds and flowering pots in addition to some other beautification projects around the lake. The committee also helped when it came time for the face lift at the restaurant which included a new back deck on the association office building. Joan feels that one of the best things they have accomplished is the installation of a drip system for the deck ferns, the shrubs on the front of the association building and the plants at the entrance signage. In the near future, the committee hopes to fix up the front of the beach house.

Attached is a picture of Karr and Joan volunteering at the Sun Valley Parrot Head State Fair that was held on the deck and lawns of the association building when the Iowa State Fair had to be canceled due to Covid. The Parrot Heads decided to celebrate anyway! Karr belongs to the Altoona Lions Club, and they have a Spin Art booth at the fair every year so he was able to borrow one of the portable booths to bring down to the lake for kids and adults to enjoy a free chance to paint a picture. This will be the Altoona Lions Club's 60th year at the fair. Karr and Joan have found being a part of the Sun Valley Parrot Head Club one of the best and most rewarding things at SVL because they help the community while having fun doing it!

Karr and Joan would like to thank the board for all they do and all that they have accomplished in the 32 years that they have been fortunate to be at Sun Valley Lake!

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I'm looking forward to another summer of Parrot Head fun [aka PHUN!] at the lake with family and friends, and I hope that will include you! The Sun Valley Parrot Heads have planned several events for the 2024 season:



As always, we'll be partying with a purpose. That means everything we do is volunteer led so your dues can directly benefit our neighbors in Ringgold, Decatur, Union and Clarke counties. Last year, we gave away \$16,222! Our dollars helped our neighbors with several important projects, including:

- repairing the Grand River fire station
- improving the Ringgold and Union county fairgrounds
- repairing the Beaconsfield shelter house
- providing snacks and funds to school kids and senior adults in the ET Readers after-school program so they could make blankets for area hospitals



Sun Valley Parrot Head Club

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Welcome fellow Parrot Heads! The Sun Valley Parrot Head Club is a member club of Parrot Heads in Paradise, Inc. (a non-profit corporation) – the official international network of Parrot Head Clubs.

The purpose of all Parrot Head Clubs is to promote friendships and organize social activities for people with similar interests including enjoyment of the tropical spirit of Jimmy Buffett's music. In the process of making new friends and having fun, we believe in leaving something positive behind. The Sun Valley Parrot Head Club is open to anyone with the tropical spirit and a desire to contribute to the betterment of their communities. Sun Valley Parrot Head Club activities will include numerous social activities throughout the year as well as a variety of charitable events in the local community supporting local, regional and national social and environmental causes.

MEMBERSHIP FORM: (Check One) **New Member**

Renewal

Annual Membership: (Check One) **Single \$50**

Family \$100 (2 adults & minor children)

New members will receive a Sun Valley Parrot Head Club T-Shirt (One for Single; Two for Family)

(All other membership proceeds will be used to promote Sun Valley Parrot Head Club charitable activities)

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LAKE ADDRESS (if applicable) _____

May we include your information in a SVPHC directory? Yes No

The Obligatory Fine Print:

Each member of Sun Valley Parrot Head Club is responsible for his or her own actions and behavior and shall treat fellow members, guests and hosts and their personal property, with respect. Members agree to abide by all local, state, and federal laws. Members agree to abide by all the By-Laws of the Sun Valley Parrot Head Club. Membership in the club does not give the member permission to use Jimmy Buffett's name, song titles, lyrics, names of businesses or other trademarked, copyrighted or reserved material owned by Jimmy Buffett; nor can any member use the logos of Sun Valley Parrot Head Club or Parrot Heads In Paradise, Inc. Since Parrot Heads are known to enjoy a cold one, we support **using a designated driver**. The Sun Valley Parrot Head Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Membership in, and contributions to, the SVPHC are **tax deductible**.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Revised March 2014

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Dues: _____ T-shirt(s): _____ Master List: _____



Women Who Wine Returns in 2024



It was May 2023, and some gals were sitting around together. “Let’s do something fun just for the women of Sun Valley Lake!” they said.

“Let’s have drinks!”

“And let’s play games!”

“And let’s not just do it once, but let’s do something EVERY month!”

And just like that, a few gals sitting around talking hatched “Women Who Wine.”

The 4th Wednesday of each month May through September women, excited to have one night with friends to giggle and enjoy a night of games and fun, gathered at the Clubhouse Grille. A buffet was prepared, the women enjoyed socializing, drinking wine, playing games, and eating.

AND... Women Who Wine returns for the 2024 season! The food returns...wine returns...drink specials return...and games return...even some new ones! And of course, there’s the opportunity returning to gather with old friends of Sun Valley, meet more women of Sun Valley, make new friends, and have some fun! (Plus...there’s the promise that Leroy will be back!)

If you didn’t attend last year, don’t be shy; come join the fun! Mark your calendars and plan to join in whether you live on the lake full-time, you’re a weekender, or part-timer you are welcome!

The Wednesday dates for 2024 Women Who Wine:

May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25

The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. each month, concluding at 8:30 p.m.

Looking forward to our first Women who Wine event in May.

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Wednesday - Saturday

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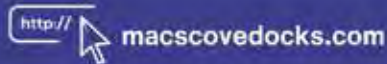
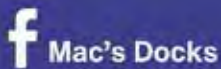
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As we proceed through winter and spring, we hope to build an even stronger SVILA team to support our membership and the coming lake season!

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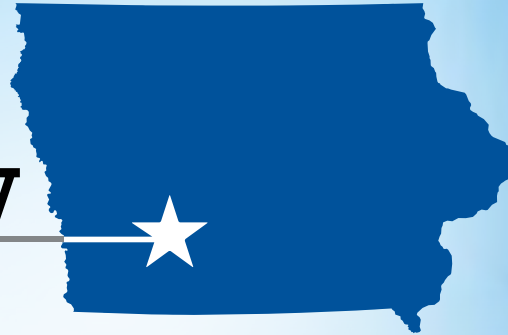
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9 a.m., Worship;
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Presbyterian Church-Platte Center

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Regular Baptist Church

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9:30 a.m., Sunday School;
10:30 a.m., Morning Worship Service;
6:30 p.m. Evening Service;

7 p.m. Wednesday, Bible Study/Prayer

7 p.m. Youth Service

St. Edward Catholic Church

104 W Union St., Afton
10:45 a.m. Sunday Mass;
9:00 a.m. Tuesday Mass

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

100 N. Polk, Mount Ayr
8 a.m. Sunday Mass

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

460 Wabonsy Street, Grand River, IA;
5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

Tent Chapel Church of Christ

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Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.;
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Bible study

The Church of Jesus Christ, Lamoni

9:45 a.m. Restoration Branch Church
School; 11 a.m., Worship; 5:30
p.m. Fellowship and Potluck;
7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service

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16773 State Hwy 2, Decatur, IA;
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9:30 a.m., Sunday School;
10:45 a.m., Late Worship;

Wednesday Services:

6:30 p.m., Kids and adult Bible study

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United Methodist Churches-Larger Parish;

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Beaconsfield United Methodist Church

Sunday, 9 a.m., Morning Worship

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Davis City United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship

Kellerton United Methodist Church

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10:30 a.m., Worship

Lamoni United Methodist Church

10 a.m., Church School;
11:10 a.m., Worship.

Tingley United Methodist Church

9 a.m. Worship

Wishard Chapel Community Church

1796 US Hwy 169, Mount Ayr, IA
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10:30 a.m., Worship Service
WOW 1st Wednesday of each month;
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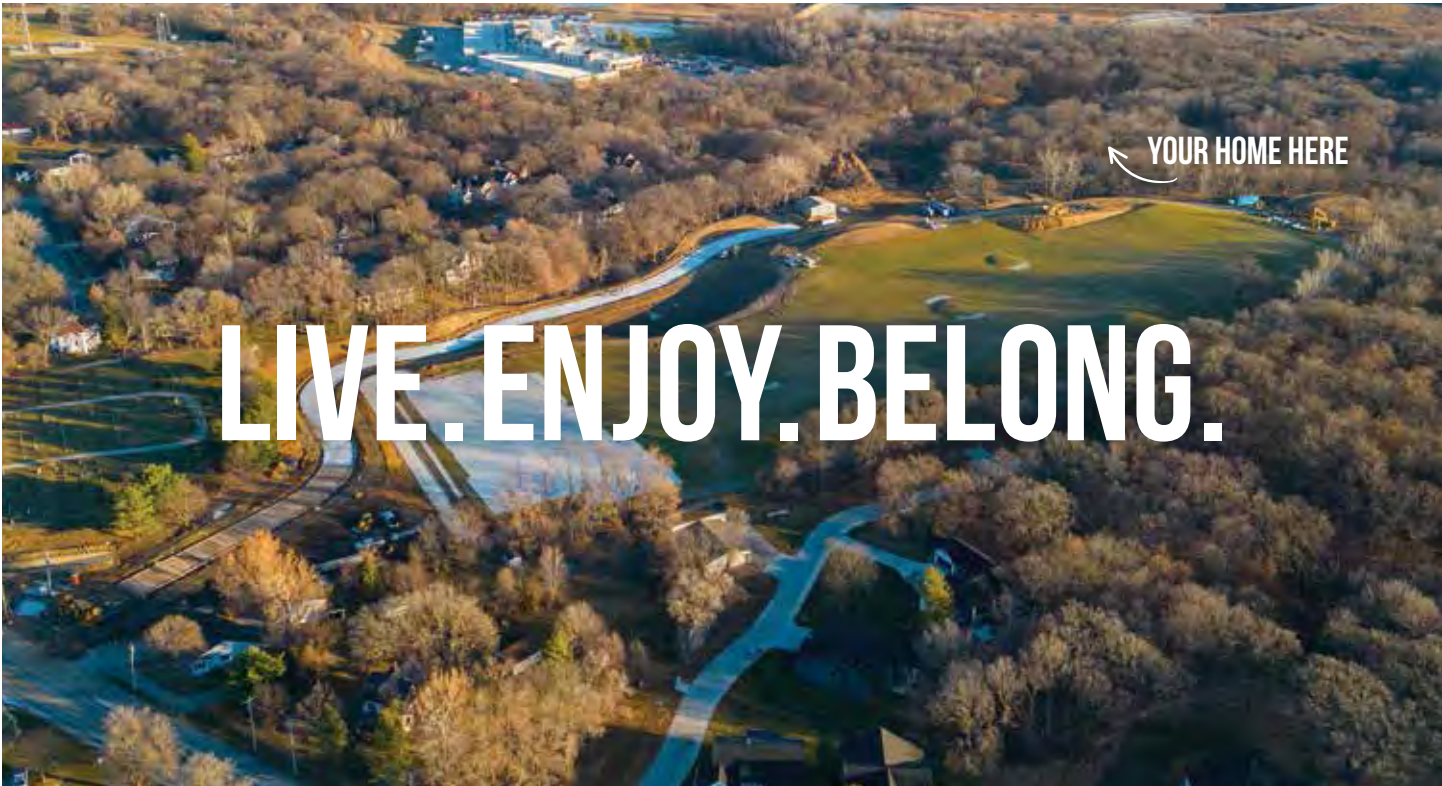
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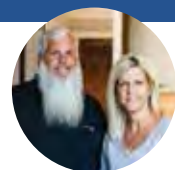
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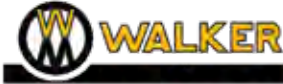
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