

Resort Report

Klines Resort Sept. - Oct. 2022

(269)649-2514



**Walt Williams Jr.,
Scott & Nate Wiley**

Sun. Sept 4 @ 6:30pm

Freewill Offering

Ice Cream Social after Concert



LABOR DAY Sept. 5

Pancake Breakfast

8 - 10 am \$8 adult, \$5 ages 3-12

Enjoy great food and support our local non-profit group!

Carers & Sharers

**Pizza Dinner &
Meeting**



Thurs, Sept. 15 at 5:30 pm

Enjoy pizza & salad (donations please) and stay for elections and to hear about their upcoming plans! *No tickets needed.*

CALENDAR

- Sept 1: FOPL Picnic & Elections @ tent 5:30 pm
- Sept 3: Campfire & Popcorn 8:30 Kline's lakefront
- Sept 4: Gospel Concert: Walt Williams Jr. 6:30 pm
- Sept 4: Quilt of Appreciation drawing and Ice Cream Social after gospel concert
- Sept 5: C&S Pancake Breakfast 8-10 am
- Sept 10: Community Yard Sales: 8am -1pm
- Sept 15: C&S Pizza Dinner & Meeting 5:30pm
- *Sept 16: No COA lunch or BINGO today.*
- *Sept 18-24: St. Joseph County Grange Fair*
- Oct 3-4: Foot Clinic: Sign up CB
- Oct 10: Winter office hours begin: MWF 9-2.
- Oct 15: Winter billing surveys are due at office.
- Oct 18: Fred's Pharmacy Flu Shots 8 - 11am
- *Oct 22: Hazardous Waste Collection Fairgrounds*
- Oct 29: Golf Cart Halloween Parade: details tba
- Oct 31: Halloween: Turn on porch light if giving candy

Office Hours

thru Oct 8: Mon - Friday 9 -2. Sat 9-noon.

after Oct 10: Mon, Wed, and Fri 9-2



Appreciation Dinner Crew

Since its beginnings in the 1980's, the idea behind the Appreciation Dinner has been to have an event using no resort volunteers. Back then, Joyce recruited the Kline family to help. We have continued this tradition by recruiting family, friends, and school groups to help. We hope you enjoyed it!



Thank you volunteers! Chef Tim & Kim (Phil's niece), Three Rivers HS Volleyball team (incl Gabrielle Charvat), Mark & Lisa, Phil's biking buddies Bruce (& Amy), Scott (& Karen) and Joe (kids Evan, April Autumn, Noah), Joe's friends Shane, Jamie, & Josh, Phil's brother Kevin, DJ's Dale & Teresa

Fall Yard Sales Sept. 10



*Please call
office to be
listed on Resort
yard sale map.*

Clear out the clutter and add some cash to your Christmas fund! On Sept. 10 anyone who wants to may have a sale in their yard, driveway, carport or garage. We'll sell doughnuts & coffee and hand out maps across from office.

*Sorry - the
Resort cannot
provide tables
for your sale.*

Phil's Corner

Our August "marathon" is almost over. Joseph & I returned from an exhausting trip to Mount St. Helens and jumped into Kid's Fun Day, Appreciation Dinner, road work, and catching up. I won't kid you, August has not been an easy month! But at the "finish line" we look back with pride and appreciation. We are so blessed!

Fun Day: to the kids and families who came, and all those who helped with games, food, registration, and more: **THANK YOU!**

Appreciation Dinner: to all who came and the many helpers who made a memorable but chilly Hawaiian Luau: **THANK YOU!**

Park Patrol: for countless hours in the dead of night, for all you do to keep an eye out and deter problems: **THANK YOU!**

Resort Crew: for your eagerness to help, your sweat and hard work, for all your talents and abilities: **THANK YOU!**

Carers & Sharers: for all your efforts and contributions, for trying some new ideas and thinking outside the box: **THANK YOU!**

Friends of Portage Lake: for being good stewards of our resources and looking for solutions to increasingly difficult problems: **THANK YOU.**

COA: for the great meals and other services, for BINGO and more, and for those who work and volunteer: **THANK YOU!**

Resort Games & Activities: to all who participate and all those who help organize and support them: **THANK YOU!**

To all: Thanks for spending summer with us. Words cannot express our appreciation for all you do to make our work a joy.

God Bless,

Phil

P.S. I've been asked to serve on the COA Advisory Board. Please let me know your ideas, suggestions and concerns. Thanks!

THANK YOU PARK PATROL!

While the resort sleeps, these night owls are keeping an eye on things. Thank you to this year's volunteer crew:

Regulars: Bill DeDoes, Robin Glomski, Jim Martus, Larry & Bev Ketchbaw, Jim Norris, Bill Snyder, Rodger Yonkers,

Subs: Jim & Pam Richard, Chuck Norris, David Snyder, Chuck Sparks, Jeff & Kathy Stiver

Day Patrol: Paul Roberts, David Snyder, Sharon Oliver, Robert Barton

Fall is here so some of our volunteers head south soon. If you'd like to help, call Bill Snyder: 269-903-9177

At the Clubhouse

Weekly Activities

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| M W F | "G.M." Exercise | 9:30 am tent |
| M W | Beginners Pickleball | 9:00 am |
| Tu Th | Zumba Gold (basement) | 10:00 am |
| T Th S | Pickleball | 9:00 am |
| Monday: | Yoga (basement) | 8:00 am |
| | Bible Study | 2:30 pm |
| Tuesday: | Sew & Sews | 9:00 - noon |
| | Ripple/Golf | 10:00 am |
| | Hand & Foot | 1:00 pm |
| | Mexican Train | 6:30 pm |
| Thursday: | Bone Builders Exercise | 9:00 am tent |
| | Bocce Ball | 11:00 am |
| | "313" | 1:00 pm |
| | Potluck | 5:30 pm |
| | Ripple/Golf | 7:00 pm |
| Friday: | Knitting Club | 10:00 - noon |
| | COA Lunch (by reservation) | 12 noon |
| | COA BINGO | 12:30 pm |
| Saturday: | Coffee & Doughnuts | 8:00 am |

Please schedule all activities with office. Thanks!

Clubhouse Hours

7:30 am to 9 pm

Laundry - last load 1 hour before closing

Storage Lot Reminders

1. **Use only your assigned spot.** Only the office can assign a spot! No swapping or trading. If unsure, call office.
2. Back **squarely** into space, **centered** on # attached to fence.
3. **Put your lot number** on trailer tongue where visible.
4. Don't overload your space. **8' wide limit!** Your neighbors need room to get in and out!
5. **No freestanding shelters are allowed.**
6. **Improperly parked units may be moved or impounded.**
7. If someone is in your spot, **don't take another's spot.** Park in office lot until we can sort things out.
8. **Share the pontoon trailer!** 1 hour limit weekends. Inspect before using, report damage or problems to office. **Trailer may not leave the resort at any time!**
9. **License plates & boat tags** must be current.
10. **Tarps don't work!** They tear loose and may damage a neighbor's unit. Use shrink wrap or custom cover.
11. **Annual storage lot fees** are billed in October.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Ken Whitney | 22 Char Buckhout |
| 3 LouAnn Devries | 23 Charles Stowers |
| Bob DeYoung | Brenda McGowan |
| Bill Leger | 24 Diane DeYoung |
| Mark Wright | Dave Huff |
| 4 Art Mortimer | 25 Bev Ketchbaw |
| Deb Curtis | Jim Ackerman |
| 5 Mark Sutherland | 27 Dianne Pietras |
| 6 Johnna Leger | Judith Pollard |
| 8 Shirley Huff | MaryEllen Smith |
| 9 Gail Christensen | 29 Mike Labriola |
| Esther Munster | 30 John Lefever |
| Christine Field | Mel Kuis |
| 12 Don Boos | |
| Rodger Yonkers | |
| 13 Teri Hanchon | |
| 14 Robert Barton | |
| Gerri Weaver | |
| 16 David Fronczak | |
| Ron Sears | |
| 17 Duane Peekstok | |
| John Hill | |
| 18 Mary Bennett | |
| Mike Brink | |
| Phyllis Shrout | |
| 19 Karen Randall | |
| 20 Bob Peters | |
| Frank Kartch | |
| 21 Jerry Roosz | |
| James Martin | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Jeff & Polly Hollenbeck |
| Bob & Vicki Secrist |
| 3 Brent & Ann Bierma |
| 8 Dave & Linda DeGoede |
| Bob & Carol Jones |
| 11 Roger & Flo Stienbarger |
| 12 Wayne & Virginia Smith |
| 14 Jim & Barb Martus |
| 15 Duane & Fran Bushfield |
| 17 Bob & Lorraine Barton |
| 20 Glenn & Terri Furst |
| 23 Bob & Joan Cole |
| Todd & Karen VanMeekeren |
| 28 Michael & Susan Guzik |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Joyce Kline | 26 Carol Hogaboom |
| 3 Rebecca Roberts | Betty Lamons |
| 6 Dick Elias | 27 Tim Graber |
| Bob Rainwater | Renee Ross-Kramb |
| Steve VanHamersveld | 28 Jim Hamrick |
| 7 Mike Rose | 29 Joseph Kline |
| Bob Vogel | 30 Anne Horn |
| 8 Nancy Lefever | Martha Kisscorni |
| Fred McKenzie | |
| 10 Mike Charvat | |
| 11 Maria Mikulicz | |
| 13 Shelley Vogt | |
| 15 Tom Mandigo | |
| Larry Bryan | |
| Karen Dougherty | |
| 16 Carl Rienstra | |
| 17 Kent Fase | |
| 18 Leo Cook | |
| Lillian Arnold | |
| 19 John Depa | |
| 20 Rich Grevenstuk | |
| J R Medendorp | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 Jerome & Martha Kisscorni |
| George & Karen Sampley |
| 10 Jerry & Barb Skiba |
| 12 Rick & Teri Hanchon |
| 16 Teddy & Sharon Wright |
| 21 Jerry & Marty Hopkins |
| 24 John & Elda Hill |
| Dave & Jolaine Snyder |
| 24 Don & MaryAnn Ghisolf |
| 29 Brian & Jennifer Pierson |
| Brock & Leola Inglehart |

Welcome to the Lake!

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| Lot 112 | Audrey Gilbo | 978-930-1525 |
| Lot 113 | Randy Cavender, Melody Krusz | 720-987-6047 |
| Lot 118 | Gary Bunschoten | 616-638-6665 |
| Lot 295 | Bob & Christie Peters (moved from lot 113) | |



Veterans!

Your name has been entered in this year's Quilt of Appreciation drawing on Sept 4th after the gospel concert. *Need not be present to win.*

Jottings...

C&S Board: Applications are being accepted for 3 openings on the C&S Board. Elections will take place at the pizza dinner on Sept 15. Contact board members for info.

Friends of Portage Lake Fall Dinner: 5:30pm Sept 1 @ Resort tent. Bring table service & dessert if you are able.



COA Lunch: Volunteers needed for Friday food service this winter. Contact office if interested.

Mendon Township is requesting an increase of the special assessment for fire and ambulance from 1.38 mills to 2.501 mills. If approved, this will be assessed only to real property, so it will increase the Resort's property taxes, but will NOT add to your leasehold improvements taxes.

Winterize Requests will be in your paper tube soon.

Complete, sign & return at least 2 weeks before departure date, and make sure office has keys to your house.

Correction: Chris Yoder's phone # 269-684-1426

Time change: Mexican Train is Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Thank you to Dianne Kiewit and Bob & Mary Sipkema for helping with COA lunch this summer. Also to BINGO helpers Bob Rainwater, Bev Goodwin and Gail Bratt.

Hazardous Waste Collection: Oct. 22 8am - noon @ SJC Fairgrounds: Appliances, tires, paint, pesticides, fertilizer, chemicals, TV's, monitors, other electronics. Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers (fee).

Fred's Pharmacy Flu Shots
Klines Resort - Clubhouse Dining Room
Tuesday Oct 18: 8 am - 11 am
Sign up on CB Bulletin Board. Walk-ins as able.
We hope to have covid booster shots available.

Poems & Pie: Joyce's 90th Birthday Open House Oct. 1st



Pie before lunch? Only to celebrate mom's birthday! **You're invited to join us** for coffee, pie, and poems in the clubhouse dining room from **8:30 to 10 am Oct. 1.**

Can you write a poem using words that rhyme with "pie" and "mom?" Bonus if you include both! Put your poem in a card and bring it to the open house (or mail to lot 62). We will share as many as we can, and put them all in a memory book.



We hope you can help us celebrate mom's special day. Leftovers will be used for a pie eating contest &/or a pie throwing contest (just kidding; how can there be any leftovers?) Remember, poems about mom and pie! Art work optional. Got it??

Mount St. Helens Report

by Joseph Kline

I never imagined we'd take so many pictures of the same mountain, but Mount St. Helens was a beautiful centerpiece of the areas we explored.

Our camp was at the base of a winding gravel road that zigzagged down the mountainside. The Debris Avalanche Field, where the mountainside landed after the eruption, was miles of moss-covered rock, hummock hills, and alder tree forests. The research plots we helped with were far off the path, away from the public spaces. And above it all loomed the iconic mountain, Helen herself.



As part of a scientific survey, our day began with heading out right after breakfast. This meant 2 or 3 hours of hiking, and, for half of the plots, it demanded fording a rapid river. Only then could

we begin, with one team locating, marking, and taking samples of the plots, (each defined by a single piece of rebar, often hidden in the undergrowth) and another team methodically measuring the plants in a radius around it. We were most often with the plot teams; there were thorns and biting flies and all kinds of terrain to overcome, but I enjoyed the satisfaction in the hunt. By 3pm, it was time to turn around and repeat our long hike (partially) back out of the wilderness.

Camp had no electricity or running water. Only a lucky few had cell service. The mosquitos were never-ending. The only place to sleep was on hills of rocks. Bathroom? Don't ask.

But the nearby river could help cool the summer's heat. The sky at night was ablaze with stars. We found skeletons of elk and heard calls of coyotes. There were amazing people with us, and it was a privilege to get to know



them. The food was spectacular, defying all the limitations of the wilds. And the cause was a good one, studying the biological succession in the recovery of an area starting from nothing.

They've learned so much from watching the environment come so far, and I can only imagine what it's like for those who have watched it all grow from the nothingness of a barren plain.

In summary, it was an incredible experience. We hiked more than I thought possible and collected good data for the ongoing 42-year study. I'm very glad we were able to go, and very thankful we made it back safely.