POA Meetings and Events (red denotes irregularity of time, day, and/or location):

- April 27, 9:30 a.m., Long Range Planning is cancelled.
- April 27, 12:30 p.m., Rec 101, Wellness Center
- April 28, 9 a.m., Golf 101, Tanasi Pro Shop
- The May Recreation Advisory Committee meeting has been rescheduled for May 11 at 9 a.m. in the Wellness Center.

Tellico Village Employees Recognized for Going Above and Beyond By Winston Blazer, General Manager

Recently, a Tellico Village property owner was in the process of being scammed by a complete stranger. In this scam, he received a phone call and was told that his grandson was in jail. He was then told that he needed to immediately purchase \$6,000 in Wal-Mart gift cards to have his grandson released from jail. The resident proceeded to go to a local Wal-Mart and purchased six \$1,000 gift cards.

A Wal-Mart employee noticed that something wasn't right when the property owner explained his situation. She questioned him and he was adamant that he needed to purchase the gift cards. The Wal-Mart employee immediately contacted two TVPOA staff members and alerted them of this situation. Vicki Klatt and Adam Jacob then got on the phone with the property owner and they gave an in-depth explanation as to how this specific scam works. The property owner did not believe them. The Wal-Mart employee spoke with Vicki and Adam again and decided to have the cash transferred to other gift cards so that the property owner could not give the scammers the gift cards that had money on them.

Once the property owner was back in Tellico Village, Adam took the gift cards and locked them in a safe. He called the Loudon County Sherriff and the Sherriff also tried to explain what was happening to the property owner, but the property owner still didn't believe anyone. After much discussion with the property owner, Vicki and Adam were able to get ahold of his son and his son was able to explain that the property owner's grandson was not in jail. Adam proceeded to take him back to Wal-Mart to return the gift cards and to get his cash back. Adam then took the property owner to the bank to return the money to the property owner's account. Because of their dedication in helping this resident, Vicki and Adam are being recognized as going "Above and Beyond". Their knowledge and quick-thinking saved this specific resident from spending thousands of dollars and their actions are very much appreciated. The TVPOA staff is happy to help our residents – in any capacity. I commend Vicki and Adam for their help in this ordeal. Please continue to read on below for some common scams that specifically target retirees.

Popular Scams and How to Protect Yourself

With the evolution of technology, we are more susceptible to scams than ever before. Below, you will find three popular scams and how to protect yourself from becoming a victim:

• The IRS Scam – This scam has become very popular in recent years. Usually, a person will receive a phone call and the caller will say that they work for the IRS. They may provide some details that they know about you (such as your name and address). They will say that you owe the IRS money, demand immediate payment, and if you don't comply, they will threaten arrest. If you get a call like this, hang up. The IRS will never call and threaten you. If there is a tax issue, they will alert you via mail. For more information on tax scams, visit www.irs.gov.

- The Grandchild Scam Many Tellico Village residents are grandparents. Unfortunately, there is a scam directed towards this demographic. Scammers will call pretending to be a grandchild or great-grandchild, trying to get money from their grandparents. They will use Facebook or other social media sites to figure out details of their life and will use this information to get the grandparents to open up in conversation. If you don't recognize the phone number or the voice, make sure you ask questions that only your grandchild would know. If they cannot answer or hesitate, hang up. Do not send them any money.
- The Obituary Scam Scammers will read obituaries from a local newspaper and often target recent widows/widowers. They will email or call the widow/widower and tell them that their spouse had an outstanding debt and will demand money. The scammer may know some minor details pulled from the obituary and will sound convincing. It's important to keep in mind that legitimate companies will not intimidate or threaten you. Do not give any personal or financial information over the phone. If they claim to be a bank, hang up and go to your local bank to see if the call was legitimate.

These are just a few scams that specifically target retirees. Always be aware of the information that you put on the Internet. Educate yourself and keep in mind that if something doesn't seem right in an email or phone call, it's likely a scam.

RECENT PROPERTY OWNERS: PLEASE PARTICIPATE

Recent home or lot purchasers - The Tellico Village Property Owners Association marketing team is conducting a survey. The team needs feedback on how recent property owners learned about Tellico Village; what they like about the community and what areas of the Village need improvement. Postcards were sent with link information on how to access this five-minute electronic survey. If this information has been misplaced, please contact Jessica Miles at: JMiles@tvpoa.org. She will provide the link to eligible participants. Recent property owners, (first home/lot closed in 2014 through March 1, 2017) please participate. Your comments are valuable. One completed survey is allowed per household. The survey closes: Friday, May 5 at midnight.

Trails Committee and Public Works Answer Your Questions on May 1

Next Monday, May 1 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., the Trails Committee and Public Works will be at the entrance to Coyatee Trail right off of Coyatee Road. They will allow people to see and ask questions about the dead trees that will be removed in the next couple of weeks.

Trail Building Volunteer Opportunity

Join Recreation Director, Simon Bradbury, every Wednesday from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center to build walking trails. No experience is needed and the equipment will be provided. Sign up or call the Wellness Center before 9 p.m. Tuesday evening to reserve your spot. Come learn about trail building!

Some Other Stuff You Need to Know...

Soggy Bottom Kayak Club Warm-Up Paddles April 24 — April 28

The Soggy Bottom Kayak Club is offering a series of warm-up paddles to start the year. These paddles will start Monday, April 24 and run through Friday, April 28. Ease into the 2017 paddling season with a 3.5 mile relaxed paddle (3.2-3.5 miles per hour) hugging the shoreline from Poplar Springs, under the bridge, to the end of the cove and back. For everybody who rested during winter, and for those new to paddling, this outing is a way to prepare for longer trips and more strenuous paddling. No long drives, no car shuttle, and as always, plenty of help (if you need it) getting in and out of your kayak. Come one day, come every day, but do join us to get started this year. We will meet 9 a.m. at Poplar Springs Boat Ramp, and the round trip should be about an hour and 15 minutes. For more information, contact Barry Brandt at barrybrandt3@hotmail.com

Porter's Creek Hike April 26

It would be hard to find a better spring hike than this one. For wildflower lovers, this is it. There's fringed phacelia, bishop's cap, several trillium and violet species, mayapple, blue cohosh, geranium, Fraser's sedge, toothwort and phlox. If the flowers aren't enough, there's Fern Branch Falls, a surprisingly high waterfall which tumbles over mossy rocks and logs.

Depart at 8 a.m. from the Chota Center. Distance is 7.2 miles; this is rated as a moderate hike. Driving time will be 90 minutes. Contact George Zola at 614-937-0767 for more information. Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Bring water and a snack. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike. Carpooling is recommended, passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas. Check out the website at www.tvhikers.com

Summer Move Nights are Back!

The summer movies are starting on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference room of the Tellico Village Library. "Houdini" opens the series. Narrated by David Copperfield, we meet the world-famous showman who was raised in poverty, defied death making daring escapes, but died in a freak accident he could not control. We will offer popcorn, water, and soft drinks for a small fee.

Jim Brady Trio Concert April 28

The Jim Brady Trio will be returning to Christ Our Savior for a concert on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. The Trio features Jim and Melissa Brady along with new tenor Layke Jones. Come and hear the Gospel Message in Song presented by this exciting group. You can find more info on their web-site: www.jimbradytrio.com. While admission is free, a love offering will be collected. Christ Our Savior is located at 260 Wade Road West, Loudon.

Annual Tellico Lake Blessing of the Fleet April 29

Sponsored by the Tellico Cruising club, the Blessing of the Fleet will take place on Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. Interested vessels will gather beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Mile Marker 8.4 (the Sinking Creek inlet) and will follow the lead boat to the blessing at the Yacht Club visitor's dock. After the ceremony, join the revelry at the Tellico Village Pavilion on Tugaloo Lane for food, drinks, and friendship at 12 p.m. The cost is \$5 per boat. This is a pot luck so please remember to bring a dish to share with others, and your own beverage of choice. For additional information, contact Pat Ezell at 513-257-5279 or ipezell@aol.com.

Retirement Income & Investment Planning Presentation May 2

Join Mark Zinder and Todd Williams for an informational evening discussing Retirement Income & Investment Planning. Mark's vast knowledge of market history has made him one of the most sought after speakers in the industry. This dynamic duo will present at The Yacht Club Gallery on Tuesday, May 2 from 5:30-6:30pm. This presentation is a free event. The first 50 to RSVP will receive a free voucher for dinner. The voucher is only good for that evening. You can RSVP by calling Lisa McCray at 865.458.5408 extension 4131. To learn more, visit www.markzinder.com.

Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show May 3

Join us Wednesday, May 3 for lunch and to view fashions provided by Janice Ann's Fashions. Music will be provided by Peggy Bastien and vendors will include American Commissary, Jim Farmer/Books, Sock Shop, Wood Turnings and table centerpieces by Sharing Joy Gifts. Doors open at 10 a.m. for your shopping convenience with lunch serving at 11:30 a.m. Charity baker is Sandi Jorgensen, benefiting the Tellico Village Public Library. Menu is mixed greens topped with grilled chicken, fresh mozzarella, heirloom tomatoes and fresh basil finished with balsamic reduction. No Substitutions. Rolls, coffee, tea and water. Reservations \$15 pp cash or check can be made at New Villager & HOA Socials or at the Yacht Club by April 26 deadline.

TV Astronomy Club Meets May 3

The Tellico Village Astronomy Club will meet May 3 at Chota Rec Center, Room D at 7:00 p.m. Contact Roy Morrow, 865 293-2860, rmorrowb44@gmail.com for more information.

New Beginner Tai Chi Class Starting May 4

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA will offer a beginner Tai Chi class 10:30 a.m. – Noon on Thursdays, starting May 4 in the Wellness Center. You do not need to be a member of the Wellness Center to attend. This four-month class covers a 108-move Tai Chi set. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese internal martial art – widely known for its health benefits. Tai Chi can be practiced by people of all ages

and physical abilities. The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA is a tax-exempt, charitable organization whose accredited volunteer instructors donate their time in order to share the health-giving benefits of Taoist Tai Chi arts. For more information, contact Gail Eades at 865–599–6785 or visit www.taoist.org.

New Villager's Club Social May 4

The New Villagers Club holds a social 5-6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Yacht Club. The next social will be 5 p.m. Thursday, May 4th, in the Yacht Club. New members should arrive at 4:30 PM. Visit the New Villagers Club website for more information: www.telliconewvillagers.com.

TV Woodworkers Club Meets May 4

The TV Woodworkers Club will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 6:45 p.m. on the top floor of the Yacht Club. This month's meeting will feature a presentation from Dennis Stanczuk who will discuss the construction of his desk table that included a beautiful veneer top. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, go to www.tvwoodworkers.com.

Tellico Community Players *The Fox on the Fairway* opens May 4

Tellico Community Players production of *The Fox on the Fairway*, a comedy by Ken Ludwig, opens Thursday, May 4 at the Tellico Community Playhouse, Patricia Smith Theater, located at 304 Lakeside Plaza, Loudon. Playdates are May 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. and May 11-14 at 1:30 p.m. Reserved seating at \$21 available via www.tellicocommunityplayhouse.org as well as at the Playhouse box office, open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. This delightful and lively farce is a furiously-paced madcap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with golf. For more information, contact Dave Hudgens at 865-406-5967.

T-BART Tellico Lake Orientation May 6

T-BART will be offering a free orientation for all who want to learn more about the lake and the recreational activities that it provides. It will be on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on the top floor of the Yacht Club. Members of T-BART will discuss the following: lake characteristics and features, lake activities, boating safety tips, boater courtesy, and more! Bring your Tellico Lake Map if you have one, if not, maps will be on sale at the event. For more information, contact Pete Young at 865-408-1033 or Bill Fink at 865-458-3295.

19th Annual Spring Art Show May 5-May 7

Members of the Art Guild of Tellico Village will exhibit a new art collection May 5 to May 7 at the Tellico Village Community Church Life Center, located at 130 Chota Center in Loudon, TN. Visitors will be treated to a wide variety of new original works, celebrating the artistic diversity of both emerging and established guild members. Both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork will be on display—from painting, drawing and photography to sculpture, jewelry, pottery and fabric art.

Carl Gombert, PhD, a professor of art at Maryville College, will be the juror for the show. In addition, all attendees are invited to vote for their three favorite pieces of artwork, and the "People's Choice" awards will be presented on Sunday afternoon. The public is invited to the opening reception on Friday, May 5, 7-9 p.m. Refreshments and live music enhance the evening, while guests have the opportunity to interact with the artists. The exhibit continues on Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. There is no charge to attend the opening reception or the exhibition.

VFW Veteran's Appreciation Picnic

The Tellico Village VFW Post 12135 is hosting a veteran's appreciation picnic on Saturday May 6 at the Tellico Village Tugaloo Beach Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a free cookout for all Loudon County veterans and their families!

9th Annual Tellico Village Fire Department Fundraiser May 6

Come join your friends and neighbors on Saturday May 6 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Fire Station (210 Chota Rd.), for our "Neighbors helping Neighbors" fundraising campaign kick-off open house. Our Volunteers will be on hand to greet you with a warn handshake and friendly smile. There will be equipment displays and demonstrations, along with safety information, treats and fire hats for the kids. Safety items and information will also be available. Also, you can test your skills at handling a truck mounted fire nozzle. See if you got what it takes to hit the bucket and move it up the line.

Our new Fire Engine, which was delivered in February, will be on display. This Engine is a direct result of your generous support over the past eight years. The Volunteers are excited to explain the Engines advantages and capabilities.

A "thank you" lunch and refreshments will be available as our way of saying thank you for your support. Last year over 700 residents attended the Open House fundraiser and about 50% of the Villages residents contributed to support the Fire Department. This year we are looking to increase that attendance and support, so come out and meet the men and women who give their time and energy to protect your life and property.

Knoxville Symphony Orchestra at the Yacht Club May 7

The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will return to the Tellico Village Yacht Club on Sunday, May 7, 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for a casual and fun evening - passed appetizers, complimentary wine, fine dining selections by Chef William Minkert, orchestra conducted by KSO Music Director Aram Demirjian and the fireworks finale, over the Little Tennessee River. For reservations and/or information regarding this benefit, contact Mary Sue Greiner, KSO office, at 865-521-2304 by 4/28/17. \$150 per person - Resort attire.

T-BART Bratfest May 8

Tickets are sold out for Bratfest but if you purchased tickets, remember to mark your calendars for the date! It will be occurring on Monday, May 8 from 3:30-7 p.m. at the Yacht Club.

New Villagers Muddy Boots Hike: Metcalf Bottom and Little Brier May 9

Join us on Tuesday, May 9 for an easy 4 mile hike. We will meet at Chota Center (across from Marathon gas station) and depart at 8 a.m.; it is about 60 miles from Chota Center. Hike leader ill be Sue and Bob Lehman. Bring water, snack, picnic lunch, tennis shoes or hiking boots, poles, and \$5 for your carpool driver.

Tellico Cruising Club Monthly Meeting May 10

The Tellico Cruising Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. with the meeting starting promptly at 6 p.m. All Tellico Lake boaters are welcome. Any questions should be directed to Commander Tom Morgan at 865-657-9380.

Tellico Village Fishing Club Meeting May 10

The Tellico Village Fishing Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10 on the top floor of the Yacht Club. The Club promotes fellowship, learning fishing techniques and knowledge of local lakes, as well as presentations by various speakers on topics related to fishing in the area. Guests are welcome. For further information, please contact 2017 President Chip Young at 614-562-9310 or crtsyoung@gmail.com.

Tellico Village Ladies Book Club May 11

The Tellico Village Ladies Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 11 at the Tanasi Club House.

11:30 am - Lunch, 12:15 pm – Discussion. Fiction Book Discussion: "The Third Wife" by Lisa Jewel. Discussion Leaders will be Donna Knoerl & Kathy Crowley.

Tellico Village Garden Club Annual Garden Walk May 11

When: Thursday, May 11 (Rain date: May 12)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Free self-guided tour of three Tellico Village Gardens. Tour guides available after May 6 at Chota Rec Center, TV Welcome Center, and Kahite Clubhouse, and online at www.tvgardenclub.org. Please carpool if possible.

Tellico Village Hiking Club Hike May 12

Join us on Friday, May 12 as we hike Bob Stratton Bald (moderate hike). We will have lunch at the Bald. After lunch, we are planning for many hikers to turn around. For those that want to continue, we will have an optional extended hike to Hangover Lead (difficult hike). We will depart from the Chota Center at 8 a.m. and driving time will be 1.5 hours. Depending on the hike, the distance will be 6 or 12 miles roundtrip. The leader will be John Winn. Contact John for more information: 865-824-6200 or john.winn@gmail.com.

Join the Tellico Village University Team

Tellico Village University is growing, now offering 18 or more courses per semester; and we offer two semesters per year. If you have attended a TVU event, you know how valuable our Class Coordinators are in setting up the room, ensuring that the instructor has all media and materials on hand, making introductions, and handling thank you's at the end of the course. We could use a few more coordinators to work with our fantastic team. This is a very simple, but important role that serves our villagers. Coordinators select courses and are assigned courses to work that suit their availability. We know that many Villagers enjoy traveling and we do not interrupt the travel plans of our coordinators. For most courses, our coordinators work in pairs. Coordinators may attend most TVU courses tuition-free as long as they are active with us. To learn more and to be invited to an orientation, contact TVU Director Cindy Solomon through the TVU website at www.tvuniversity.org. Use the "Contact Us" page to express your interest and we will contact you.

TV Lions Golf Scramble May 13

The TV Lions annual Golf-for-Sight outing will be held on Saturday, May 13 at the Toqua Golf Course commencing with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. This is a premier fundraising event for the TV Lions contributing significant funds that support a variety of Lions service activities in Loudon County and East Tennessee. Entry fees are \$45/person plus cart fees for TV property owners, \$85/person for non-property owners. Entry fees include a continental breakfast, lunch, goody bag, and range balls. Format is four person teams that can be all male, all female, or mixed. Prizes will be awarded.

Registrations are currently being accepted. There are entry forms at all the TV clubhouses. Once completed, they should be mailed to Howard Higby, 107 Tuhdegwa Way, Loudon, TN 37774. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Howard at 865-458-9356 or by e-mail to h-m-bowl@charter.net.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Tellico Lake Boating Classes

All classes will be held at the Tellico Village Yacht Club in the top floor meeting room unless otherwise indicated.

May 9 and May 11 - About Boating Safely, 1-5 p.m. each day

May 23 - Pontoon Fun and Family Safety, 1-4 p.m.

June 6 - Now in Command, 1-4 p.m.

June 20 and June 22 - GPS for Tennessee Boaters, 1-4 p.m. each day

For complete course descriptions and other details, visit www.flotilla-12-2-tellico-

<u>village.blogspot.com</u>. Contact Dennis Beard at 865-657-3080 or email djbeard3@gmail.com or Mike Colacone at 52-804-8257 or email mc195@aol.com for reservations.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Free Vessel Safety Check

A free check of your vessel's compliance with federal and state requirements is scheduled for:

• Saturday, May 20 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

• Sunday, May 21 - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

This will take place at the Fort Loudon Marina and Lenoir City Park Boat Ramp.

RSVP to avoid long waits. Call: 865-964-5558 or 865-335-8084

Library Corner

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale April 27-29

Location: Community Church at Tellico Village

Dates: April 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and April 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Items for sale are hardback and paperback books, CDs-on-Tape, CDs, DVDs, Cookbooks, Children's Books, Games & Puzzles. Most items are \$1-\$3, with special buy coupons 20 Items for \$25. A very special preview night for Friends Members only will be held Thursday, April 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with refreshments as you browse and buy. To become a Friends Member, download a form from the Library website www.tvlibrary.org and go to the 'Friends' tab, or stop by the Library. The book sale is the major fundraiser for the Friends of the Tellico Village Public Library. Volunteers have spent hundreds of hours sorting thousands of books into categories (mystery, history, romance, westerns and more) making it easy to find exactly what you're looking for. Call the Library for more information (865) 458-5199.

First Friday Author for May: Jim Farmer, a retired Vice President of a national financial corporation who also served with the Dollywood Marketing Division. A long-time resident of Knoxville, he served as MC for the Dogwood Arts Festival Band Competition during the first 25 years. His writing career began with The Long Tale Mouse and he is now writing his fifth humorous work of fiction. Meet Mr. Farmer at the Tellico Village Library Friday, May 5 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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The Faces of Rescue - Monroe County Friends of Animals Gala May 19

Join us on May 19 for the Monroe County Friends of Animals Gala. Tickets are \$75 and the Gala includes Champagne Welcome, Cash Bar Happy Hour, Pianist, Dinner, and Silent and Live Auction. The Gala will take place from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Tellico Village Yacht Club. Attire is smart casual. Funds raised from the Gala directly support the activities of the Monroe County Friends of Animals which include: assisting in the funding for the care of the animals at the Monroe County Animal Shelter, Barn Cats, 2nd Chance Pals, Food Pantry, Microchip Now, Pets for Patriots, SNAP, and Sponsor A Rescue.

Through its various activities Monroe County Friends of Animals has helped save the lives of

more than 22,000 animals through rescue and adoption efforts. In addition to this, it has been instrumental in reducing the euthanasia rate of adoptable animals in Monroe County from over 60 percent to around 4 percent. The Gala is one of the major fund raising events of the year. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Susan Kimball at 248-534-0340

Have you purchased your 30th Anniversary Tellico Village License plate?

This year, Tellico Village turns 30! If you haven't purchased your 30th Anniversary Tellico Village license plate, make sure you stop by the Welcome Center and get one. They are only \$5 and make a great addition to any car!

Tiki Fridays at the Yacht Club!

Head to the Yacht Club every Friday in April for Tiki Fridays! Below, you'll find the lineup for the month:

• April 28 - Kudzu Band

For more information, contact the Yacht Club at 865-458-4363.

TV Yacht Club Presents: Wine & Canvas!

On Wednesday, May 24, drink wine, paint with friends, and have a fun time! An instructor will be there for step-by-step instructions. Sign up at www.wineandcanvas.com

Date: May 24

Time: 6 p.m.– 9 p.m. Phone: 865-356-9179

Mothers Day Brunch, May 14 - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Make your reservations today! Buffet is \$25

plus tax and gratuity, \$12.50 for children (6-12), call 865-458-4363

Celebrating Kahite Culture

Kindness, caring, fun, and volunteering are often the words used to describe Kahite's culture. The Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser and Kahite Community Day certainly proved that special culture. It was a wonderful day with a lot of Kahite fun in the air. It is amazing to see what a community can do when everyone is focused on the right thing. From the street captains to the clubhouse/PUB workers to the Par 3 hole watchers, there were over 50 people pitching in to make it happen. Street captains play a massive role in stuffing newspaper boxes, reminding neighbors and collecting the important donations to help Hopewell maintain their fire department. The club house team managed the menu, golf registration, mulligans, door prizes, Hole #3 observers, desserts, goody bag stuffing and silent auction tracking. Our team this was led by Pat Dent and Dee Russo, they did a tremendous job coordinating a wide variety of activities and volunteers. The signage team has to ensure all appropriate signs are created both for commercial and personal designation and place them at the proper hole/street locations. This team was lead by Todd Phipps. Todd also filled all the "goody bags" with the freebies. The Commercial Collection team went door-to-door in Vonore and Madisonville soliciting funds, door prizes and auction items from various businesses. There were over 20+ silent auction and 5 live auction items. There were 60+ organizations make contributions. Mini-Putt Masters created a challenging putting contest at the Practice Green. This extra event for golfers and non-golfers added a special touch to the day. Life Star Helicopter landing was coordinated by Joan Mulliner and Jolyne Thoreson. What an experience to see this medical lifesaver land at the tennis courts and listen to the individuals discuss their capabilities. We are lucky to work with Jeff Harrington, he was an outstanding professional to work with in the details around the tournament and generating the fun day! Casey collected over \$600 in the long drive on #18. A special thanks to the Pro Shop Staff who accurately tracked payments & registrations for the event: Dave, Denny, Jim and Harold. Make sure everyone takes the time to thank your neighbors for their contributions; we need to feel proud not only for living in Kahite but for the kinds of people who make this place special.