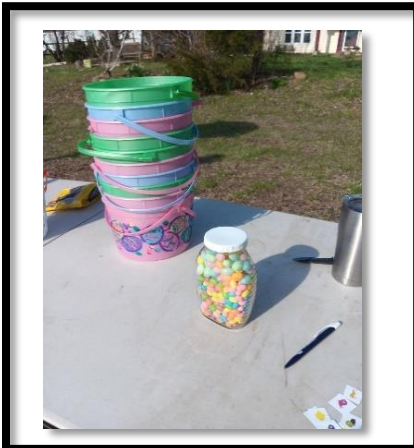


# THE LAKE DABINAWA NEWS

**EGG HUNT FUN!**



The Egg Hunt was a big hit for the children at Lake Dabinawa this year. Residents remember The Lake Dabinawa Egg Hunt taking place for about the last 20 years and it has always been popular. However, egg hunts began long before the Lake Dabinawa Egg Hunt. Throughout history, people worldwide have given each other eggs at spring festivals to mark the seasons. Eggs represent new life and rebirth, and it's thought that this ancient custom was absorbed into Easter celebrations. Eggs were hard-boiled hen, duck, or goose eggs with colorful shells. The hard-boiled eggs were submerged in dye baths made of wine vinegar and turmeric (yellow), cochineal (red), or onion skins (orange). Various traditions and superstitions sprang up around the egg at Easter. Eggs laid on Good Friday were said to turn into diamonds if they were kept for 100 years. Some thought that eggs cooked on Good Friday and eaten on Easter would promote fertility and prevent sudden death. It became the custom to have your eggs blessed before you ate them. It was also said that if your egg had



two yolks, you'd soon become rich. The modern-day egg hunts remain popular. They include artificial eggs filled with candies or other small gifts. and offers recreation for families and children. Congratulations to Cameron who guessed closest to the number of jellybeans in the jar!



## *Meet Your Neighbors Cory and Andy Sullivan*

Meet your neighbors Cory and Andy Sullivan, E 25. Fond teenage memories of the lake brought Cory and Andy back to Lake Dabinawa to live about 5 years ago. Cory and Andy grew up in the McLouth area and came to Lake Dabinawa as teenagers with friends. Cory lived at Lake Dabinawa for about a year during her junior high years. She remembers her dad built a home on the west side near the boat ramp, and she and her mom fished for catfish almost every night. The Sullivans remember the summer magic of being out on the water all day tubing, canoeing into quiet secluded coves, swimming, and scooting around on a moped. They wanted their own family to have these great memories too. Today, Cory and Andy have 3 children, one daughter and two sons, and 3 grandchildren. The Sullivan family is making more memories! Cory and Andy's 6-year-old granddaughter loves to fish more than anything! The extended family lives nearby and enjoys the lake when they visit. Kayaking, watching the eagles, and sleeping in the hammock on their dock are favorite activities that have been added to that summertime magic list.

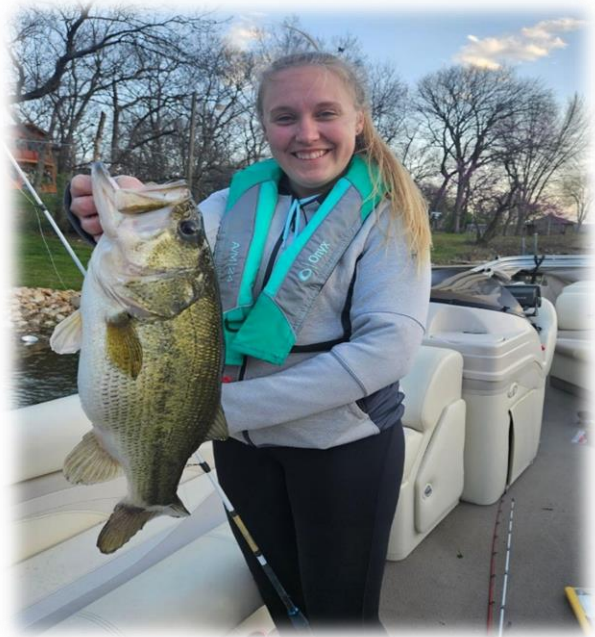
Cory and Andy work full-time. Andy has worked for 15 years at ICL, a global specialty minerals company in Lawrence. Andy is the phosphate manager. Phosphates are added to many products we use including food products. Cory, after working 21 years as a Food Service Director for McLouth schools, has realized a dream by recently opening Coco's Coffee and Café in McLouth. This café is open 6a-2p Monday through Saturday and is located at 215 S Union St. McLouth. The menu includes wonderful coffees, breakfast foods including great biscuits and gravy, sandwiches, and a comfort food daily special. Coco is the nickname Cory's dad gave her when she was little. The menu selections at her café also reflect family names.

The Sullivans have a heart for their McLouth community, and its youth, and strongly support them. They have served on the McLouth school board, coached multiple teams, and are huge McLouth Bulldog Fans. The Sullivans welcome community children and teens to their lake home as well. The Sullivans say that living at Lake Dabinawa is a little bit like being at a vacation destination and are very pleased to be here. Lake Dabinawa is so happy to have them too!



## ***FISH NEWS!***

A 6-pound bass and a 12-pound catfish were recently caught on the lake. Both were released back into the lake. Crappies have been a good size as reported by several lake residents. Stay tuned for updates and up-and-coming news from the fish committee.



## ***This and That***

### **Garage Sales**

Some of the residents are having garage sales/tag sales around the Lake on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Board has approved the retention of a dumpster for community use during this time just in case cleaning turns up items that need a different kind of purging! Please no tires, household waste, or paint in the dumpster, and do not fill above the sides. The dumpster is located at the community garage at the corner of Cherokee Ln and Dabinawa Dr. Here is to Spring cleaning!

**Just a reminder, it's planting season at the community garden. If you would like to know more about acquiring a plot to plant your own garden please send an email to Debbie Bettinger, [deborahbettinger@gmail.com](mailto:deborahbettinger@gmail.com)**

**Spring is in the air as is evident by the beautiful flowering pear, redbud and dogwood trees around the lake. Also, the many daffodils, irises, tulips and other flowers in the yards of our neighbors. As you read this newsletter we hope you slow down to enjoy life around the lake.**

Also-It is time to change out keys and boat stickers....See the following info

## Key & Boat Stickers 2024

**Padlocks on Boat ramp and Burn pile will be switched out after 7pm on April 24th.**

At least 2 board members will be available on-site at the community building during the following times to assist residents with the key pickup exchange and boat sticker process.

Day/Date	Time:
Wednesday, April 24th	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 25th	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, April 26th	5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 27th	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**NOTE: Lost keys will require a \$50 fee to be paid to Lake Dabinawa HOA in order to receive a new key.**

### To obtain a Key you will need:

- Previous year's key
- Completed paperwork (see links **in the April 14<sup>th</sup> LDA email**) or paperwork will also be provided on-site for those who do not have a printer.
- Dues and late fees must be current and paid.

If you are unable to make any of the times listed, you can email [lakedabinawa@gmail.com](mailto:lakedabinawa@gmail.com) any time after Saturday, April 27th in order to coordinate key and sticker exchange/pickup.

**Jamie Anderson, Safety Committee Chair**

## FAVORITE RECIPES

### Tri Level Brownies

#### Bottom layer

- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup quick oatmeal
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 6 tablespoons melted butter

\*Mix dry ingredients, then stir in melted butter. Pat mixture in 7" x 11" baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

#### Middle layer

- 1 square (1 oz) unsweetened chocolate
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup sifted flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

#### Top layer:

- 1 square (1 oz) unsweetened chocolate
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- About 2 tablespoons hot water



\*Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Combine chocolate, butter and sugar in a pan over low heat and cook until chocolate and butter are melted. Remove from heat. Add egg and beat well. Alternately add flour mixture, milk, and vanilla to the chocolate mixture. Fold in nuts. Spread batter over baked bottom layer. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

\* Place chocolate square and butter in a pan over low heat and cook until melted. Remove from heat and add powdered sugar and vanilla. Blend in enough hot water to make the frosting almost pourable. Spread on brownies. Enjoy!

# APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THE	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 LDA Board Mtg. 7 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  Pick up	25  keys & boat	26 Garage  permits	27 Sales
28	29	30				

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

May 8, 7 p.m. Board Meeting

May 25, 8 a.m. FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST, Community Building: All proceeds will go to the fireworks display at the lake. The Lake Dabinawa Fireworks show will be on Friday, July 5th (yes, you read it correctly, July 5th). There are more meeting dates listed on the Facebook page under "Events".

## *Do you know the history of Lake Dabinawa?*

The five original incorporators of the lake development were Howard F. Heck, O. L. Miller, Clarence A. Miller, Orville H. Midyett, and Norman R. Harm. In February 1959, the Articles of Incorporation for the Lake Developers, Inc., were filed with the Secretary of State. The west side of the lake was developed first. The east side was developed the following year. The west side consisting of a total of 150 lots was platted and recorded with the Register of Deeds, Oskaloosa, effective July 8, 1959. The east side consisting of a total of 76 lots was platted and recorded with the Register of Deeds in Oskaloosa, effective February 26, 1960. Stay tuned for more history next time!



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