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### **April President's Message by Ken Litke**

With many of us already having or soon-to-be-getting their Covid-19 shots and warmer weather permitting outside gatherings, I'm pleased to report we are ready to resume face-to-face HOA Monthly Socials! Our first 'live' social will be **April 13th at the Toqua Pavilion** – almost one full year since our last!

Attendance will be limited for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Social, so please sign up (using TellicoLife) in advance so we can +get an indication of attendance – if we have more attendees than can be safely accommodated, we'll schedule another social – back-to-back. Keep watching for more information on this highly anticipated meeting and an important step for HOA returning to more normal operations for its members.

On March 9 we held a 'virtual' Social as an interim step to going live in April and I want to thank those who attended as well as our invited speakers from Muddy Boots, Computer Users Club, and Our House. If you were not able to attend the live event, you can view a recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfUbIAMWfI4>

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> we'll have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Village Meeting of the year via Zoom (4-6pm) with the topic being "State of the County" which is good follow-up to our last meeting "State of the Village". We are planning to cover both Monroe and Loudon counties in this meeting. No need to sign up for this event in advance – just click on this [link](#) on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This link will also be available on TellicoLife and through other communications. Keep watching for further updates on the speakers/agenda.

In addition to the Social and the Open Village Meeting, HOA has scheduled other face-to-face social activities for April so please take advantage – details will be in the Social Update emails plus can be reviewed/booked on TellicoLife. In addition to in-person events, we're continuing to offer different online Zoom events – again these are all listed in the Social Updates and on TellicoLife.

Please take advantage of these and other events that have been planned. After some dark times the future definitely looks brighter!

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**Join this Zoom Webinar**  
**For more information Log on to**  
**The TellicoLife Event Calendar**

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Thank You to the following people who made our  
State of the Village meeting a success!



Teresa Harill, Director of Loudon  
County Health Department



Ken Litke, HOA President



Rick Blough, POA President



Winston Blazer, Tellico Village CEO

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Jerry Dougherty, TV Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Fire Chief



Carol DeForest, TV Library Manager



Dennis Dougherty, Program Moderator  
HOA VP of Programs



Christie Bruns, Question Monitor  
Welcome Orientation Moderator

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### Are you not seeing the Voice in your Inbox?

- If you are a Gmail user, this may be because Google is putting it into your 'Promotions' tab or your Spam folder. To see if you can solve this, follow these simple steps:
  - If you are using Inbox Tabs, check your 'Promotions' tab for HOA Voice emails. You can also click on the 'Promotions' category in your Gmail sidebar on the left. To stop Gmail from putting the HOA Voice into the 'Promotions' category in the future, open one of the emails and click on Not 'Promotions' in the upper left of the email. To find out more about inbox categories and tabs, read this [Gmail help article](#).
  - If you do not locate the Voice in your inbox or in your 'Promotions' folder, try checking your 'Spam' folder. If you find it there, open the email and click on the 'Report Not Spam' button to move it back to your inbox.
- If you are not a Gmail user or if you have followed the steps above and can't find your Voice, please check to make sure it is being sent to you from TellicoLife. The help article '[Email - Missing emails from TellicoLife](#)' in the 'Help for TellicoLife Users' may help you solve the issue.

### HOA Golf Registration

A flyer for HOA Golf registration. The left side features a green golf course background with a brown gopher holding a white golf ball. A speech bubble from the gopher says 'Registration Now Open'. In the top left corner, there is a small HOA logo with the text 'Be Engaged. Be Informed. Be Heard.' and 'Your Voice in the Village'. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for 'Tanasi Kanite' with a bird silhouette and the text 'Teague Tanasi Kanite'. At the bottom left, the text '2021 HOA GOLF SCRAMBLERS' is displayed above a QR code. The right side of the flyer has a dark blue background with white text: 'FOLLOW THE GOPHER TO TELLICOLIFE & REGISTER NOW\*'. Below this is a URL: 'HTTPS://WWW.TELLICOLIFE.ORG/HOA-HOME-PAGE'. Further down, it says 'HOA Golf begins April 14, 2021 @ Tanasi' followed by '1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month' in red text. Below that, it lists '13+ events including Cinco de Mayo, Red, White & Blue, Caddy Shack, Off-Campus Golf, the Mad Hatter, Luau Pig Roast, HOA vs NV Glow Golf Scramble and much more.' At the bottom right, it says '\*Must be a HOA Member to join.' and 'Watch for more 2021 HOA Golf information from the "Gopher"!'

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### FARMING IN LOUDON COUNTY

By Gail Link



WRITER'S NOTE: A huge THANK YOU to John Goddard, AG/CRD Agent, UT Loudon County Extension, and Van Shaver, Loudon County Commissioner – 5<sup>th</sup> District, for helping this non-farmer understand the challenges and joys of this lifestyle.

#### THE FACTS

- 1) 40% of Loudon County, or approximately 60,000 acres, is agricultural.
- 2) Loudon County has \$91 million per year in farm sales.
- 3) Loudon County is rated #1 in TN for dairy with 4,000 cattle.
- 4) The average size of a Loudon County farm is 85 acres. Some farmers have several farms with a different focus for each one.
- 5) 15,000 acres are forage, pasture for beef cattle.
- 6) Within Loudon County the SW is primarily dairy, Greenback and Philadelphia row crops, and Lenoir City beef.
- 7) Three of the largest dairy farms belong to the Harrison Brothers and Billy Bob Barr.
- 8) Mitchell Hyde doesn't "put all his eggs in one basket. He owns swine, beef cattle, and row crops (corn, wheat, soybeans).
- 9) Loudon County is home to 18 of the 273 Century Farms in eastern TN. [Loudon County | Tennessee Century Farms \(tncenturyfarms.org\)](#) To qualify as a Century Farm the owner must prove that the family has owned the farm for 100+ years. Although there are no economic benefits, owning a Century Farm is a source of pride and recognized commitment to the land. The 215-acre Hardin Farm owned by Van and Sarah Shaver plus Sarah's siblings and cousins, is a Century Farm of east TN. The Hardin's settled in Lenoir City before the Civil War and established the farm in 1912.
- 10) Tellico Village residents have opportunities to buy local farm products at – Sweetwater Valley Farms (love the cheese), Mayfield (ice cream anyone?), Wampler's (sausage), and Monterey Mushrooms (self-explanatory!), Hyde Farms (freezer meat, strawberries, pumpkins), Richesin Family Farm (berries), TN Valley Winery, Popes Plant Farm, Meadowview Greenhouse and Garden. Go to [Pick Tennessee Products - PickTNProducts.org](#) for a full list of 134 Loudon County and nearby producers.

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### THE CHALLENGES

- 1) When Mayfield and Dean Foods declared bankruptcy, farmers had to find a buyer for their milk. Dairy cattle are milked 2 – 3 times a day whether or not the farmers have a buyer. The farmers formed a coop, the Dairy Farmers of America, that now purchases the milk.
- 2) Eastern TN lacks slaughterhouses and people trained to work there. Slaughterhouses have filed bankruptcy and now farmers must reserve a time at a slaughterhouse 1-2 years in advance. Yes, that could be before the cow is pregnant with the future beef calf!  
Wampler's in Lenoir City is a business that is licensed to slaughter swine and is USDA inspected.
- 3) The cost of land, equipment, and feed has increased dramatically. The per pound selling price of beef is the same now as when John Goddard was in high school. Why?  
Beef cattle farmers are price takers and do not have the ability to ask for more money for their product. They buy everything retail and sell everything wholesale. They do not have a union or lobbyist to demand a higher price. The US imports a large supply of beef from other countries. In stores beef is not labeled US Beef versus Argentinian Beef, for example.
- 4) The average age of Loudon County farm owners is 60. Only 6% of the farmers are under 35 years old. Young people who are interested in agriculture focus on related fields in college, not farming. Van Shaver shared the concern that none of the children in the 6 Hardin families are interested in farming as a vocation.

### THE FUTURE

- 1) As with many industries, a change in government can bring welcome and unwelcome changes to farming. Loudon County farmers are wondering what tax law changes could affect their financial position. Capital gains, inheritance, and water rights are areas wherein changes can affect farms and farmers.
- 2) Tennessee's popularity as a retirement destination has caused a housing boom in the area. The natural place for developers to find land is farms. Based on whether farmers and their families plan to stay in the business, contact from developers is good or bad news. An uncomfortable situation exists when farmers sell their land to a developer, and then the new homeowners complain about the sight or smell of the farms next door.
- 3) The owners of the three largest farms in Loudon County are positive about their success and the profitability of their farms. Smaller farms are constantly worried about costs and low profits.
- 4) Van Shaver believes that with the lack of younger adults interested in farming and the pressure from developers to sell land, the smaller farms in Loudon County will disappear.
- 5) THE BIGGEST FACTOR

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Both John Goddard and Van Shaver are farmers. A most interesting point, at least to me, occurred when individually they both said, “To be a farmer above all else you must love the land, the animals, the outdoors, and watching things grow.” I can tell you from talking to both men their pride in what they do and love for farming is obvious.

### A PART-TIME FARMER’S DAY – VAN SHAVER

In 2006 Van decided to farm the family’s land himself in addition to continuing his home maintenance business. He cleared 90 acres and fenced 28. He now grows hay on 60 acres for his 29 head of cattle. Van mentioned that each of the 20 females produces 1 calf a year, each of which sells for about \$300.

Each day he walks the farm checking each animal for disease and wellbeing. By walking the land, he uncovers fencing needs and other maintenance issues. By late morning he changes his farmer’s hat for a maintenance hat and is off to respond to appointments primarily in Tellico Village. In a good year Van grows enough hay to feed his cattle and sell the surplus. In a bad year, the surplus disappears.

The main problem for Van and the entire Hardin Farm family – none of the children will farm. The amount of time, work, and energy do not justify the effort. The future holds selling off parcels of the farm hopefully to people who love the land.

## HOA 2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



**You can easily renew your 2021 HOA Membership by logging in to TellicoLife.**

HOA is **your voice** in important matters affecting Tellico Village property values, infrastructure, lifestyle and social environment. Your continued membership in the HOA provides you with the Voice to “**Be Engaged – Be Informed – Be Heard**” on matters within Tellico Village.

Significant benefits of HOA membership are:

- Homeowner advocacy on issues & concerns to the POA Board and POA committees.
- Monthly HOA Socials with over 100 sponsored activities and events in normal years
- Open Village meetings on pertinent topics – POA “Candidate Forum” coming soon in Oct!
- Monthly “HOA Voice of the Village” emails
- Special “Voice” emails on important topics to homeowners such as elections
- Neighborhood Watch program
- Surveys to express your opinion on important issues
- Liaisons to local government and TDOT to stay on top of issues that may affect Tellico Village.



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Membership continues to be a DEAL at \$10.00 per household when you sign up using TellicoLife and paying by credit card.

We appreciate your support during this difficult year – please renew and help HOA continue to carry on our important advocacy work in the coming year.

### **The Public Library at Tellico Village Hosts “Mysteries” Mini Book Sale, March 27th**

Once again, the tented courtyard at Tellico Village Public Library will become the venue for a series of mini book sales to take place in 2021. The Friends of the Library wish to invite its patrons and members of the surrounding community to these outdoor mini sales, featuring books, including Children’s Books and Cook Books, games, puzzles, Audio Books, and DVDs.

The first 2021 mini sale will be held on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon, in the tented courtyard. The featured genres will include the ever-popular Mysteries, along with Home & Garden, Natures & Plants, Travel, and books about Tennessee, and others. Most items will sell for \$2 or \$4, cash or check only. Visitors are required to wear face masks and social distancing will be observed. For more information, call (865) 458-5199 or visit [www.TVLibrary.org](http://www.TVLibrary.org)

### **HOA LIVE SOCIAL is Back!**

Please join us at Toqua Pavilion APRIL 13, 2021 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Get ready to socialize with your friends and learn about all the new upcoming events hosted by HOA. We will have appetizers and treats available for our members. Adult beverages will be available at the cash bar. Wonderful door prizes will be awarded through our raffles.

PLEASE Sign up on Tellico Life to attend the April 13th HOA Social. In keeping with guidelines, we may need to host two separate Socials based on the number of registrants.

Come join us and see how good an appetizer and beverage can taste when shared with friends. See you soon!

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### 62<sup>nd</sup> Academy Award Winners (1990)



Hosted by: Billy Crystal  
Best Picture: Driving Miss Daisy - Richard D. Zanuck and Lili Fini Zanuck Producers  
Best Director: Oliver Stone - Born on the Fourth of July  
Best Actor: Daniel Day-Lewis - My Left Foot as Christy Brown  
Best Actress: Jessica Tandy - Driving Miss Daisy as Daisy Werthan  
Best Supporting Actor: Denzel Washington - Glory as Pvt. Silas Trip

Best Supporting Actress: Brenda Fricker - My Left Foot as Bridget Fagan Brown

Best Screenplay Written Directly: Dead Poets Society - Tom Schulman  
for the Screen

Best Screenplay Based on Material: Driving Miss Daisy- Alfred Uhry, based on his play  
from Another Medium

Best Foreign Language Film: Cinema Paradiso (Italy) – Giuseppe Tornatore

Best Documentary Feature: Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt – Rob Epstein and Bill Couturie

Best Documentary Short Subject: The Johnstown Flood – Charles Guggenheim

Best Live Short Film: Work Experience – James Hendrie

Best Animated Short Film: Balance – Christoph Lauenstein and Wolfgang Lauenstein

Best Original Score: The Little Mermaid – Alan Menken

Best Original Song: “Under the Sea” from The Little Mermaid – Music by Alan Menken,  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Best Sound Effects Editing: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade – Richard Hymns and Ben Burt

Best Sound: Glory: Donald O. Mitchell, Gregg Rudolff, Elliot Tyson and Russell Williams II

Best Art Direction: Batman, Art Direction – Anton Furst, Set Direction – Peter Young

Best Cinematography: Glory – Freddie Francis

Best Makeup: Driving Miss Daisy – Maiilo Rocchetti, Lynn Barber and Kevin Haney

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Best Costume Design: Henry V – Phyllis Dalton

Best Film Editing: Born on the Fourth of July – David Brenner and Joe Hutshing

Best Visual Effects: The Abyss – Dennis Muren, Hoyt Yeatman, John Bruno and Dennis Skotak