

Simonton Says...

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Winter is here



"It's Ice" by Amy Matherly



"Seagulls in the Sunlight" by Randy Cooper



Photo by Adam Dexter

What good is the warmth
of summer, without the
cold of winter to give
it sweetness.

-John Steinbeck

INFORMATION & EVENTS

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SIMONTONLAKE HOA

Simonton Lake Area
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership:

Susie Broderick, Sue Ward

- New Neighbors
Frank and Kathy Stec
- Lake Calendar
Gina Hoff
- Garage Sale
- Memorial Day Boat Parade
- Dues
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- Weir
- Water Quality Concerns

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- DNR related issues
- "Lake Alerts" - Chris Toles,
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or loose buoys

Our Mission

The MISSION of the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association is to foster the safety and quality of life in our neighborhood. We strive to protect the value of our homes, the wildlife and the environment surrounding our lake, support local and state law enforcement for the safety of our families and lake visitors, and encourage active involvement in the northern Elkhart area growth and development.

EVENTS ON THE LAKE

JANUARY : Lake Association
Membership Drive 2022

FEBRUARY : Winter issue of
"Simonton Says"

FEBRUARY 19

6:00 - Conservancy Annual
Meeting, Elkhart Aquatic Center

MARCH 12, 13 : Sportsman's Club
Spring Turkey Shoot

APRIL 10 : Articles and photos
due for Spring issue of
"Simonton Says"

APRIL 16 : Sportsmen's Club
Casino Night

MAY 6, 7 : Spring Garage Sale

MAY : Spring "Simonton Says"

MAY 14: Stamp Out Hunger

MAY 18 : Lake Association
Annual Meeting

MAY 30 : Memorial Day Boat Parade

JULY 2 : POKER RUN

JULY 3 : FIREWORKS

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Simonton Lake Conservancy

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Contact the Conservancy for:

- Sewer issues
- Drainage issues
- Erosion issues
- Weed Control
- Public Landing
- Buoys
- Hazards in the Water

DNR

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EMERGENCIES-CALL 911

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ZONING REPORT - JANUARY 2022

by Amy Matherly

There were no issues presented to the Elkhart County Zoning Board of Appeals during the months of November and December in the Simonton Lake area.

UPDATE: PLANNED TRAILER PARK PROJECT CANCELED

A trailer park planned for the Heaton Lake area, just a little over five miles from Simonton Lake has been canceled. While this project was not in the immediate Simonton Lake area, the fact that such a large project was planned for an area so close to a lake was a concern. The Simonton Lake Homeowners Association Board was worried that approval by the Elkhart County Zoning Board of Appeals would set a precedent for future projects so close to other lakes.



Heaton Lake is approximately 5 miles southeast of Simonton Lake

In late October David Kelly, the developer, stated that he was unable to get support from the city/county zoning boards and had canceled the project.

A major hurdle to this project was attaching to a sewer system. The Simonton Lake Conservancy system was not willing to add these residents outside of their district. The other option was hooking on to the City of Elkhart.

Drainage was another issue. There was great concern over contaminants that might go into the watershed and leach into Heaton Lake from the large development.

Heaton Lake residents expressed thanks for the assistance they received from Simonton Lake residents. A special thanks was sent out to Bob Evans for his endless supply of resources and for representing Heaton Lake at the County Commissioner Board meeting and George Bryerton for setting up the use the Simonton Lake clubhouse for their steering committee meetings. The many letters and phone calls made by residents to county officials helped to tip the scales.

This just proves that regular citizens working together can have an impact.

We Simonton Lake Area residents need to protect our lake by keeping an eye on developments that might affect our lake.

Support the Lake Association with your 2022 Dues

Our annual Membership Drive begins each January. It is our goal to bring our membership to 100%. We can do good things together. Get your 2022 dues in today!

- Residents under the age of 70 pay \$30 per year
- Residents aged 70-79 pay only \$20 per year
- Residents over the age of 79 are Honorary

Your dues support the newsletter, website, Lake Alerts and other safety programs, New Neighbor program, Annual All-Lake Garage Sale, water quality, 4th of July Fireworks and so much more.

Dues reminders have been mailed. If you misplace your membership form, use the form at the bottom of the "Notes from the Board" page. The Lake Association address is listed at the bottom.

Remember, even if you are an honorary member and pay no dues, send in a completed form. Your membership counts!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR LAKE ASSOCIATION!



SIMONTON NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Winter 2022 Edition

Association Dues: This month we begin our annual membership drive. A letter and membership form will be mailed to you. You can also use the form at the bottom of this page.

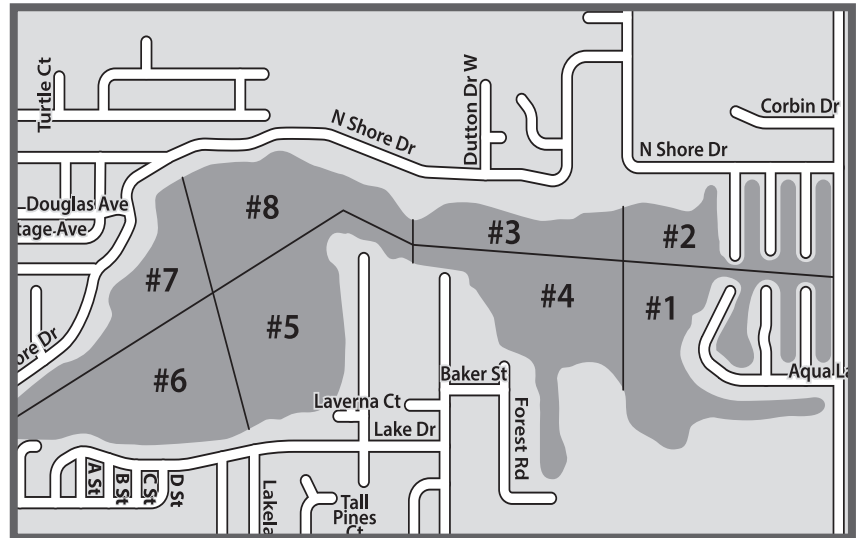
Remember that even if you are an Honorary Member and pay no money, your membership counts.

Contact your Area Rep. if you have questions about membership, volunteering, to let us know about a new neighbor or because you didn't receive your newsletter.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Area #1 Van Kessler	262-1685
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Sue Ward	596-2020
Area #3 Maria Hopman	262-1665
Area #4 Jon Hart	262-1404
Randy Hoff	596-8885
Area #5 Bob Meyers	675-0970
Cindy Nickell	262-3105
Area #6 Melissa Price	849-9995
Area #7 Dave VanZile	264-5201
Theresa Maier	361-0517
Area #8 Amy Matherly	262-4773

The Lake Association has divided the lake into 8 areas.
Check out your area in this map.



SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

DUES: PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR
JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

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PARTICIPATION INTEREST IN A CURRENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairpersons
are listed in Newsletter

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ASSUME ALL ICE OUT THERE IS THIN ICE

From the Safety Committee

These safety reminders come to us from the Indiana DNR:

1. Drill a test hole near shore. Your test hole should show at least a four-inch thickness of clear ice like the ice you get from your freezer.
2. Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.
3. Not all the ice on the lake is the same thickness.
4. Ice strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honey-combed ice or slushy ice is weak ice.
5. Wind, waterfowl, and beavers can also keep areas of ice from being thick.
6. The water in the area near Lily Creek may still be flowing into the creek. Flowing water under the ice makes the ice unreliable.
7. Water near an aerator may freeze with inconsistencies in the thickness.
8. Underground springs and wind can cause weakness in the ice.



ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES

ICE THICKNESS	WHAT TO DO
1" of ice-----	STAY OFF!!!
4" of ice-----	Needed for safe ice fishing
5" of ice-----	Needed for snowmobiling
8" of ice-----	Needed to support the weight of a car or light truck
10" of ice -----	Needed to support a medium weight truck



ICE FISHING REMINDERS

- Indiana law limits ice fishing holes to a diameter of twelve inches.
- Fishing shanties must have reflectors on each side so snowmobiles won't crash into them at dusk or during snowstorms.

If you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice, do not venture out after it. The ice may be able to support the pet or animal, but not you. Instead, contact local emergency response personnel, who are trained and equipped to make rescues on thin ice.

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RESULTS OF THE ELKHART COUNTY LEAF COLLECTION COMPETITION

At this time, we do not know the outcome of the Elkhart County Leaf Collection contest. As you may know we encouraged lake residents to contact James Wyly of SmokelessLeafs who was one of the contestants. Last year he finished sixth but got a portion of the \$50,000 prize money. Last year he collected leaves from just 6 people around the lake. This year he had 76 people! This was both good and bad. At the end of the contest, December 20 he thought he was in 2nd place. But the amount

of work took a toll on his equipment, and he was out of service for three weeks working only by hand.

Still, he kept on and was cleaning up his final piles of leaves working until after dark on that last day.

We did not do an official test of the air quality at the lake, but it sure did feel like there were a lot less days when that gray cloud of leaf smoke covered the lake.

TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE IT IS
NECESSARY TO STAND OUT IN THE COLD

— Aristotle —

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While it is cold and snowing outside, get ready for the
SIMONTON LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

Spring **GARAGE -SALE-** **FRI/SAT MAY 6 & 7**

- An ad in the Elkhart Truth will be paid for by the Lake Association -
- Signs will be placed at major crossroads -

**GET YOUR YARD SIGN OUT AND
SELL! SELL! SELL!**



ASKED and **ANSWERED**

QUESTION: Do we have Airbnb's on the lake? I'm pretty sure I saw a picture of a home that looked like one on North Shore Drive.

ANSWER: Yes, according to the Airbnb website there are at least two homes listed on Simonton Lake. On the VRBO website there are three homes listed. The owners of these homes are not in violation of any county code.



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STATE ROAD 19 DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Over 30 years ago, State Road 19 was reconfigured into a four-lane road where it bends around the west end of the lake. A drainage system was installed under the new road by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Several drains with grates were installed along the curbs as far north as Bell Avenue.

Across the highway from Flippin' Cow, a small retention pond was built. There is a sign near the highway identifying the land as INDOT property. Under the highway a pipe connected the drains. The system was supposed to allow the water from the curb drains to flow via the pipe under the road and into the retention pond away from the lake.

This may have worked for a while, but for many years the water simply flows across the highway towards the Flippin' Cow parking lot, across the asphalt and into the lake. The water carries with it dirt and other highway contaminants and they end up in our lake. This is not good for the lake or for the Flippin Cow owners and patrons.

This fall Conservancy Board members, Mark Lucas and Ryan Matherly did an onsite evaluation. Lake resident, Bob Evans directed them to an official at INDOT. That official sent them a diagram of the drainage system on State Road 19 from CR 4 to the State Line Road. It showed the drainage system under the road. But was

that system working? And when had it last been checked?

Bob Myers was consulted and directed the Conservancy to former state representative, Tim Neese. Tim put them in touch with our current state representative, Doug Miller.

Doug responded quickly and within two weeks an INDOT crew was at the site.



They found that the pipe under the highway was filled with debris and buried in dirt as it came out into the retention pond. The pond had filled in. Under the grates, curbside, debris blocked the flow of water.

Will this fix the problem? We'll see come spring rains.

It is clear that we need to monitor systems put in by the state and county. They only know something is not working when we tell them.



INDOT Crew across from the Flippin' Cow parking lot.



Retention Pond on the west side of State Road 19.
Note the drainage pipe.

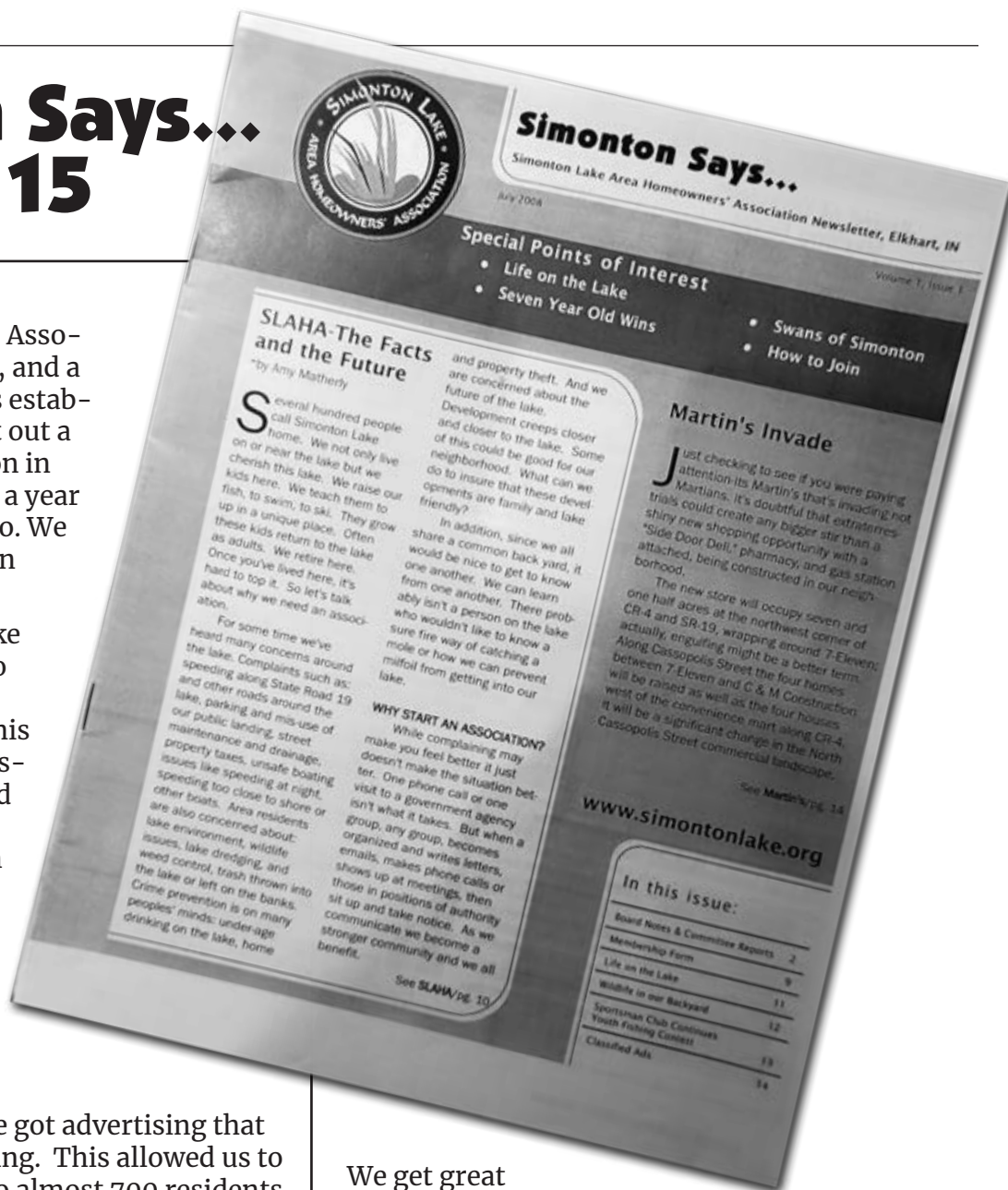
Simonton Says... Turns 15

Fifteen years ago, the Lake Association was re-established, and a Newsletter Committee was established. The idea was to put out a newsletter-type publication in black and white four times a year with maybe a picture or two. We decided to call it "Simonton Says."

We were lucky to have a lake resident, Dick Rhodes, who had worked in publishing and advertising as well as his wife, Kay, who was a professional graphic designer and could do layout. Bob Myers stepped up to help with advertising. To top it off, lake resident, Mike Smith owned a printing company. We were black and white in the beginning, and we had very few pictures.

Over the next few years, we got advertising that grew to cover cost of printing. This allowed us to deliver "Simonton Says" to almost 700 residents in the lake area for free. Just a few years later the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association website was launched, and we added a Facebook page.

Now, the humble black and white eight-page newsletter has become a color magazine with 36 pages. Jon Hart became our advertising manager and has gotten so many new ads that we increased the number of pages so that the magazine wouldn't be all advertisements. Mike Smith has sold his printing company, but the company still prints Simonton Says.



We get great articles and stunning photographs from people around the lake. We have so much sent in that we often have to hold something for the next issue. But don't let that hold you back. We encourage you to send us information that will become an article or even ideas for future articles.

Our job is to communicate and to help create a sense of community. We think we're on track. We hope you do too.

**Come Join Us! The Committee meets once a year at Re-Pete's.
Watch for announcements via "Lake Alerts"
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BLACK BEAR FOUND DEAD NEAR BRISTOL



DNR photo of a bear eating from a residential bird feeder

A dead black bear was found along Indiana 15, just north of the Indiana Toll Road, on Wednesday, August 18, the victim of a car accident, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Indiana DNR mammalogist Brad Westrich said a motorist noticed the bear just north of Bristol on Wednesday morning. It's unclear how long the animal had been dead, he said Friday.

It marked the first bear sighting in northern Indiana since 2015, when a black bear from Michigan wandered through Berrien, St. Joseph and LaPorte counties — at that time, the first wild bear sighting in Indiana in 144 years. Michigan DNR officials killed that bear in the spring of 2016 near Stevensville, saying it had become a threat to humans.

The body of the Bear killed near Bristol was taken to the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Purdue University to determine the exact cause of death. Large bones on its body were broken, which is typical of a vehicle collision, he said.

He said this “definitely” isn’t the black bear that was witnessed in southern Indiana earlier this summer. Reports of that bear have stopped recently, and Westrich said it’s possible that it has since moved on to Kentucky, based on reports in that state.

Black bears are native to Indiana and are listed as a species of special concern. They are protected under Indiana law, which prohibits the taking of a black bear except under certain conditions and by a permit issued only by the Indiana DNR.

BLACK BEAR CHARACTERISTICS

Color: Range in color from black to light blonde. Many black bears have a lighter patch on their chest, and reddish-colored bears are common in the west.

Size: Average 110-300 lbs. Large males can reach 400 lbs and be larger than a female grizzly.

Height: A little smaller, from 2.5-3 ft at the shoulder. Around 5 ft standing.

Shape: No hump like the grizzly.

Face: A straight line runs between the forehead and end of the nose. They have larger, pointed ears.

Claws: Shorter (around 1.5 in)

Prints: Look for a large toe arc, toe imprints will be further apart, and the claws usually don’t leave an impression.

To report a bear sighting, visit on.IN.gov/largemammal.

To learn more about black bears, including those that have visited Indiana, visit wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/black-bear.

CALENDAR SALES

—by Gina Hoff—

If you did not order a Lake Association 2022 Calendar, you are out of luck.

Seventy five copies were printed in a new larger format. Sixty-six were sold.

We save a few for our “New Neighbor” welcome bags. So, they are all gone!

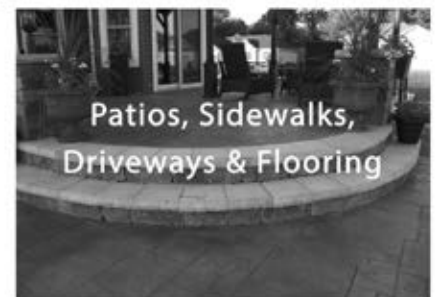
This year we offered payment online and found it to be very popular.

Thanks to everyone who submitted pictures.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
ENJOY YOUR CALENDAR!**

NOTABLE CALENDAR DATES

January 1 -----New Year's Day
January 17 -----Martin Luther King Day
January 24 -----Belly Laugh Day
February 2 -----Groundhog Day
February 12-----Lincoln's Birthday
February 14-----Valentine's Day
February 21-----Presidents Day
March 1-----Mardi Gras Carnival
March 13-----Daylight Saving
March 17-----St. Patrick's Day
April 1-----April Fool's Day
April 15-----Good Friday
April 17-----Easter SUnDay
April 18-----Easter Monday
April 22-----Earth Day
May 5-----Cinco de Mayo
May 8-----Mother's Day
May 21-----Armed Forces Day
May 30-----Memorial Day
June 14-----Flag Day
June 19-----Father's Day
July 4-----Independence Day
July 24-----Parents' Day



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FLAG BURNING CEREMONY CONTINUES

JULY 4, 2022

Bob and Georgia Evans Island



For many years Dwight and Linda Bowser held a flag burning ceremony on the 4th of July in their yard on the lake.

Dwight and Linda decided not to continue a couple of years ago. But last year Bob and Georgia Evans decided to revive the lake tradition and host it on their island. Dwight and Linda watched from their boat.

Dwight passed away on Oct. 23, 2021, but he will be remembered this year as Bob and Georgia continue to honor our flag on July 4th. Details will follow in our spring issue, via our Lake Alerts and on our Facebook page.

What does it mean to retire a flag?

When an American flag is worn beyond repair so that it is no longer a fitting em-

blem of display it should be destroyed in a dignified way.

Who is authorized to retire a U.S. Flag?

The U.S. Flag Code says, "The flag should be destroyed in a dignified way preferably by burning. The ceremony should be solemn and dignified."

How can I get my old worn flag to Bob and Georgia for the ceremony?

Bring your flag to any Lake Association Board Member or to your Area Representative (Newsletter Delivery Person). We'll take it from there.

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***If you are new to the lake, the island is in the southeast corner of Little Simonton. It's shallow there. Go slow.***



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# LAKE SHORTS

## Petie the Cat

In 2008 Petra Jane (Petie) a beautiful Calico cat, was picked out, at the Elkhart Humane Shelter by Sally Lindsey Shultz's Aunt, Jane Chapin. Aunt Jane was the only living sibling of her mother and longtime lake resident, Mary Wenger. She moved to Simonton Lake, from California, to live with her.

After Jane and Mary passed away "Petie" moved to town with Sally. Sally and her husband Tom Shultz built a new home on Simonton Lake in 2021 and "Petie" requiring insulin injections daily returned to live out her last days on the lake she loved.

"Petie" passed away December 10th and we miss her very much!  
REST IN PEACE "PETIE"

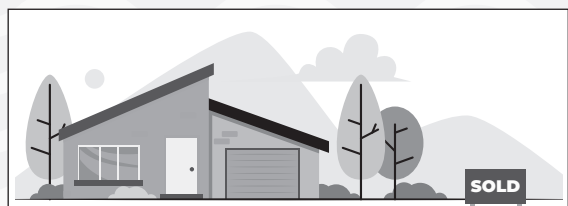


*Mary Wenger and her sister Jane Chapin with Petie*



## Beaver Damage

Susie and Bill Broderick have a really lovely tree with multiple trunks, five to be exact. Well, that was until a beaver came along and within one afternoon chopped down three of the five trunks.



## New Neighbors

- Patricia Gregory, Lakewood Drive
- Elisa Smith, North Shore Drive

## Leaving the Lake

- Marilyn Davidhizer, Lakewood Drive



### Leaves and more leaves!

North Shore Neighbors, Ryan and Amy Matherly and Torey Olds clean up the leaves at North Shore Neighborhood Park. All the leaves were bagged and turned over to James Wyly for the Elkhart County Leaf Collection Contest.

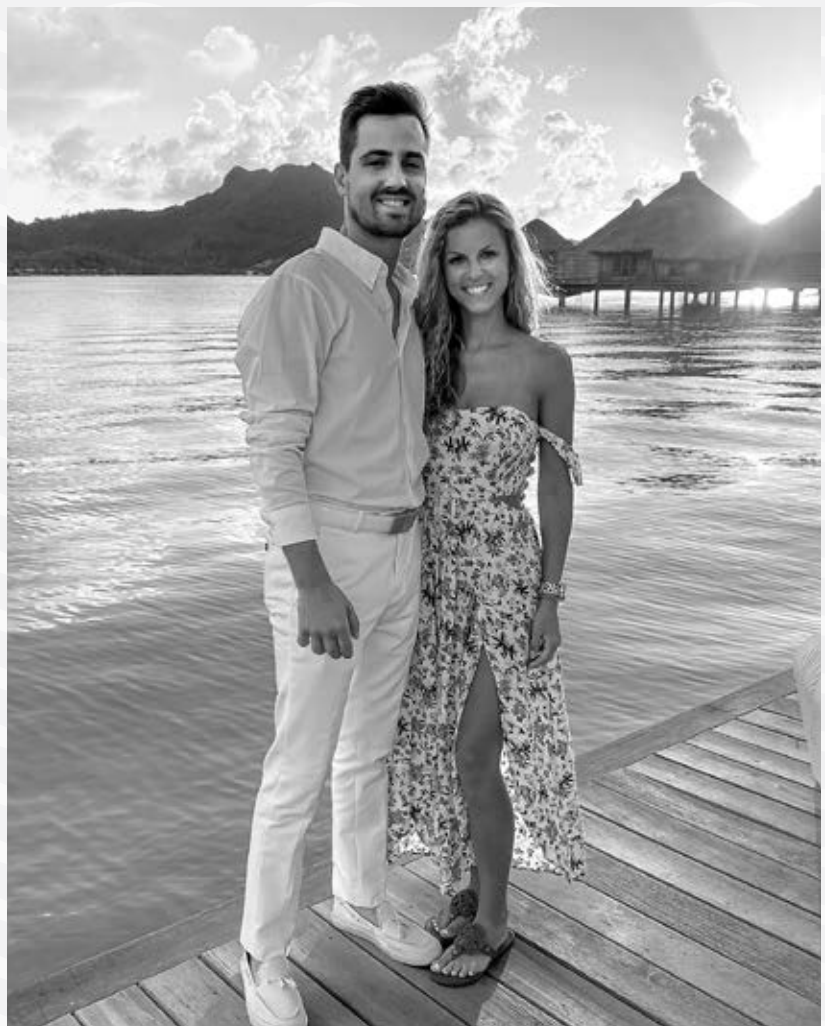
### Tate and Allison Wed

Tate and Allison Stetler had planned to be married last year but the pandemic forced them to delay. But, last summer on July 12, 2021, they were married on the lake. Then it was off to Bora Bora! Congratulations!



### Turkeys at the Hoff's

Gina and Randy Hoff had visitors. Wild turkeys were almost extinct in Indiana until the DNR put a plan in place to repopulate the breed. But the turkeys have come back with no help since 2004. Wonder if one of the birds graced the Hoff's Thanksgiving table.





# Farewells

## Jeri Rider

Jeri M. Reed-Rider, 78, of Simonton Lake, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021, at her residence in Elkhart. She was born April 17, 1943, in Elkhart, Indiana to K.C. and Adah (Erwin) Roscoe.

She married Rick W. Rider on April 25, 2005, in Las Vegas, NV. He survives along with her 2 daughters, Kellie Kyle, and Kristie (Patrick) Rosenogle both of Elkhart; two siblings, Gloria Thornton of Naples, FL, and Kenny (Judy) Roscoe of Simonton Lake. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, several step grandchildren, step great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a stepson, Richard P. Rider.

Jeri was a volunteer at Elkhart General Hospital and at the Wellfield Botanical Gardens. She enjoyed gardening, loved flowers, enjoyed going for boat rides, watching sunsets, and living on Simonton Lake. She dearly loved her Goldendoodle Cosmo. She worked for many years at D & M Glass in Elkhart as an office manager.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Wellfield Botanical Gardens. Jeri was a great friend to many, just the kind of person you hope for as a neighbor. She will be greatly missed.



Jeri Rider



## Dwight Bowser

Dwight B. Bowser, Jr., 85, of Elkhart, passed away peacefully but unexpectedly of natural causes at his Simonton Lake home on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at 8:30 am. He was born on July 2, 1936, in Goshen to the late Dwight B. and Vesta M. (Niccum) Bowser, Sr., and later married Linda M. Schmidt on June 22, 1968, in Mishawaka.

Also surviving Dwight are his children Brian D. Bowser of Chicago, Illinois, and Amy (Dale) Kehoe and Christina (Terry) Ottman, both of Elkhart; grandchildren Trevor, Elizabeth, Zachary and Kaleb Kehoe and Madison, Melodie and Macy Ottman, and a host of extended family, good friends and kindly and loving neighbors who checked in on Dwight and Linda over the years. Linda has always been thankful that so many good folks and their families lived nearby

Dwight retired from CTS after 38 years there working as a millwright. He was a 1955 graduate of Elkhart High School and was on the Elkhart basketball team during the 1954 state championships in Indianapolis. Milan's resulting victory inspired the movie "Hoosiers." He went on to receive an associate degree at Western Michigan University in printing and business administration. He served honorably in the United States Army where he was a topographical surveyor stationed in Iran. Dwight loved his country and often said that serving in the army was one of the best decisions he made. For many years on July 4th, he hosted a flag retirement ceremony lakeside to honor all local veterans.

Dwight was part of the Simonton Lake community for 50 years. He loved to give anyone, and everyone rides on his pontoon boat, and the summer months teemed with family and fun. He also loved family camping and going to Silver Lake to take his dune buggy out for a spin.

Dwight was an accomplished handyman. His years of experience as a millwright certainly gave him the skills needed to make things work again! He was a huge University of Notre Dame fan but appreciated all sports and teams. He had an eclectic taste in music; everything from polkas to marches to big bands of the 50's and 60's, and of course rock and roll. He also really liked to collect tools. If you were involved in a project that needed a left-handed retractable sun switcher, you could pretty much bet that Dwight probably had one.

Dwight was a wonderful and kind person. It will be a sad summer without Dwight out on the lake.



Dwight Bowser





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When you are outside, frost-bite and hypothermia are possible so you need to protect yourself.

1. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
2. Wear a hat. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.
3. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
4. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

## ICE SAFETY

Please visit this informative link <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/thickness.html>

To keep pipes from freezing on an outside wall:

1. Let hot and cold water trickle or drip at night from a faucet.
2. Open cabinet doors to allow more heat to get to un-insulated pipes under a sink or near an outer wall.
3. Make sure heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees.
4. If you plan to be away: (1) Have someone check your house daily to make sure the heat is still on to prevent freezing, or (2) drain and shut off the water system (except indoor sprinkler systems).

## IF PIPES FREEZE

1. Make sure you and your family knows how to shut off the water, in case pipes burst.
2. NEVER try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. Use a hair dryer instead.
3. Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.

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1. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
2. NEVER run generators indoors.
3. Open a window slightly when using a kerosene heater and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
4. NEVER use a gas oven to heat your home.
5. If your heat goes out, you can keep warm indoors by closing off rooms you do not need, dressing in layers of light-weight clothing, and wearing a cap.

## WOOD-BURNING STOVES, FIREPLACES AND HEATERS

1. Always keep a screen around an open flame.
2. NEVER use gasoline to start your fireplace.
3. NEVER burn charcoal indoors.
4. Do not close the damper when ashes are hot.
5. Use only safe sources of alternative heat such as a fireplace, small well-vented wood or coal stove or portable space heaters. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.

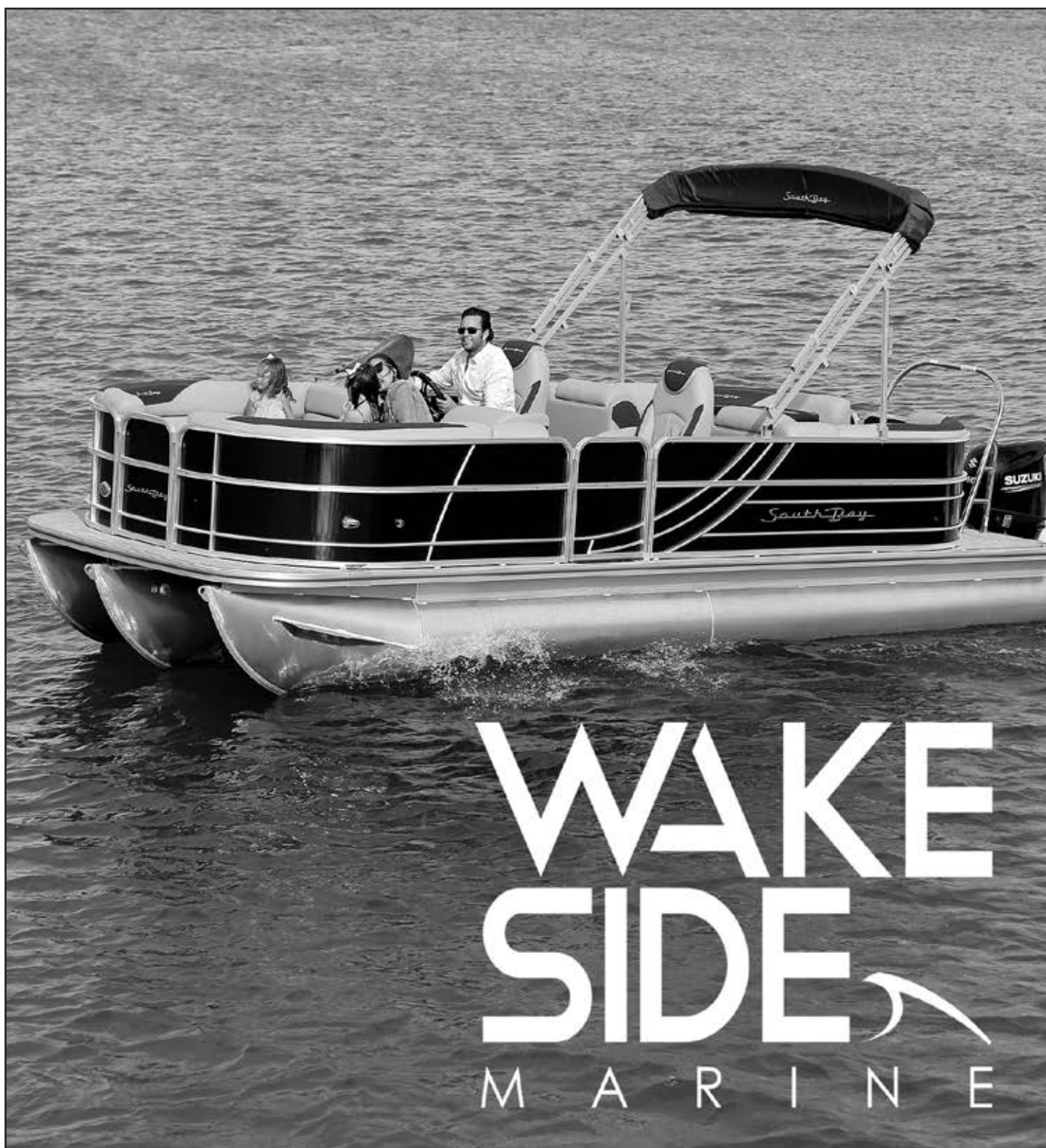
## ANIMAL AND PET SAFETY

1. Bring pets inside
2. Provide shelter and fresh water
3. Keep salt away from paws

## VEHICLE PREPARATION

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2. Check your fluids (coolant, wiper fluid, oil, etc)
3. Check your tires
4. Have jumper cables
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# **SIMONTON LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**



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Board Members: Randy Cooper,

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David VanZile and Randy Miller.

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## **2022 Sportsmen's Club Events**

### **Spring Events**

Sat/Sun March 12 & 13

Spring Turkey Shoot

Sat April 16

Spring Casino Night

Sat May 14 (tentative)

Firecracker Open Golf Outing



WINTER 2022

## **November Food Drive**

This November the Sportsmen's Club sponsored their annual food drive to benefit the Osolo Township EMS Food Pantry. Donations piled up at the Sportsmen's Club building prior to the event. Food was stuffed into an Osolo Ambulance.

By the end of the day, it was truly stuffed.

**Thanks for your donations.**



Tom Krueger, Jack Tucker, Randy Miller, Mark Esenwein

## **CORPORATE SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR FIREWORKS**

The Club is looking for corporate sponsorship to make this year's 4th of July Fireworks display the best one yet!!

If your company would be interested in being a partner in this, please reach out to us. This is a lake favorite event, and we are hoping to top all other years!!

## **Dues Reminder**

If you are currently a member of the Sportsmen's Club your dues should be paid before March. Thanks.

## **JOIN THE CLUB**

Founded in 1983 the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club is entering its 38th year. Over the years the club has sponsored many events highlighted by our 4th of July fireworks and done countless public service projects. In addition, they have a lot of fun together. This might be the place for you. If you are interested, see the information below:

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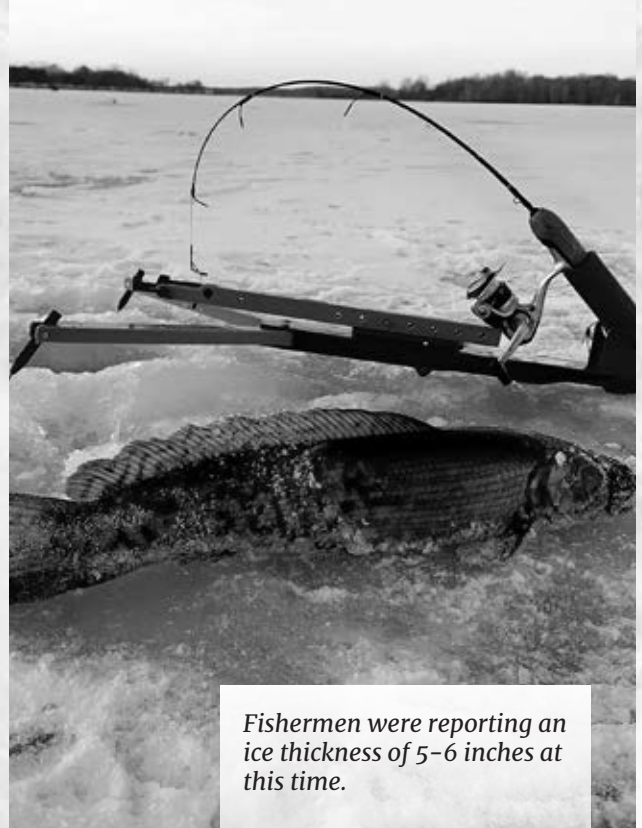


# ICE FISHING 2022

*You know it's winter when you see the ice fishermen on the lake.*



*Tyler Cahill, son of Bob and Jody Divjak, has been fishing near Aqua and Blue Ribbon and having some good luck*



*Fishermen were reporting an ice thickness of 5-6 inches at this time.*

***Stay warm and stay safe!***



*The lake was still open at Christmas and New Year's Day. Several times a thin layer of ice formed on the lake, but Big Simonton didn't freeze until mid-January.*



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# INDIANA DUCKS

Adapted from "OUTDOOR" magazine a publication of the Indiana DNR

There are four species of ducks that breed in Indiana. We occasionally see other ducks on the lake, but they are just "flying through." Several years ago, we printed pictures of pelicans who were around for a few days. But, again, there are just four species that are native.

Whether you like to shoot them with a camera or shoot them for dinner here they are:



## HOODED MERGANSER

- Smaller than wood ducks and mallards
- Males and females have distinctive "hoods"
- Females look like her hood feathers are spiked
- Male's hoods are black and white and are larger than the female



## WOOD DUCK

- Medium size duck that nests in trees
- Male has multicolored (red, black, green, and brown) plumage
- Female is less colorful and has a white eye-ring and throat



## BLUE WINGED TEAL

- One of the first to migrate south in the fall
- Female is a mottled brown and has white at the base of her bill
- Male has grayish blue head, white facial crescent, light brown body, and a black tail



## MALLARD

- Medium size duck
- Male has green head and white collar
- Female is mottled and brown
- Mallards are the most abundant duck on earth





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- 'This Magic Moment' by the Drifters
- 'Love Me Like You Do' by Ellie Goulding
- 'Unchained Melody' by the Righteous Brothers
- 'Slow Show' by the National
- 'At Last' by Etta James
- 'Let's Stay Together' by Al Green
- 'God Only Knows' by the Beach Boys
- 'Be My Baby' by the Ronettes
- 'Maps' by Yeah Yeah Yeahs
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### BIRTHDAYS

2/2 -----Cami Broderick Saleh  
2/5 -----Ron Glick  
2/10 ---Mike Lucchese  
2/12 ---Bob Shultz  
2/17 ---Sue Johnson  
2/17 ---Brian Walters  
2/18 ---Kathy Shewmaker  
2/19 ---Janie Friend  
2/19 ---Katie Lane  
*Daughter of Laura Byrns*  
2/20 ---Bob Evans  
2/23 ---Terry Shewmaker  
2/25 ---Vaughn Nickell  
2/28 ---Randy Weinley  
3/2 -----Dan West  
3/3 -----Jody Divjak  
3/3 -----Tony Espinas  
3/20 ---Cody Kalil and Colton Jesse Newkirk  
*Grandparents Dave & Carole Foutz*  
3/20 ---Karen Glick  
3/26 ---Eulah June Shewmaker  
*Grandparents Ryan & Amy Matherly,  
Terry & Kathy Shewmaker*  
3/27 ---Bill Broderick  
4/2 -----Ryan Matherly  
4/5 -----Cassandra Ulery  
4/8 -----Shirley Adams  
4/14 ---Ryan Harding  
4/19 ---Finley Alan Shewmaker  
*Grandparents Ryan & Amy Matherly,  
Terry & Kathy Shewmaker*  
4/20 ---Sean Broderick  
4/24 ---Preston Thomas Ryan  
*Grandparents Tim & Phyllis Nusbaum*  
4/26 ---Heidi Polizotto  
4/28 ---Michael Thomas Fix  
*Son of Katy Rutter & Ryan Fix;  
Grandparents Margot & Tom Rutter*  
4/28 ---Susan Banks  
4/30 ---Grant Brekke  
4/30 ---Nick Coleman

### ANNIVERSARY

2/19 ---Don & Carol Bradshaw  
3/23 ---Michelle & Nick Coleman  
4/4 -----Karen & Ron Glick  
4/14 ---Lonnie & Cari Waggoner  
4/21 ---Deb & Phil Jones  
4/26 ---Glenna & Doug Nickell  
4/30 ---Bob & Bobbi Meyers




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