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Starry Stonewort

INVADES OUR LAKE

- **FAST-GROWING INVASIVE WEED COVERED 10% OF SIMONTON LAKE IN FALL 2016**
- **SWIMMING AND BOATING THREATENED**

PLEASE READ THE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE!

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STEAM RISES FROM THE LAKE AS FALL TURNS TO WINTER



Late October 2016 at Simonton Lake

Taken by Maria Hopman

Today's forecast:

A high of 'I can't feel my face' degrees.



INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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- Lake Events

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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

February	Blue Ball Open Golf Tournament At "Flippin' Cow" (Pending Ice)
March 10	Pictures/Articles Due for spring newsletter
April	"Simonton Says" Spring issue
Feb 4, Mar. 4 and April 1	Garage Sale Drop Off 1-3 (See Article for details)
May 5 and 6 May 17	Garage Sale Annual Lake Assoc. Meeting & Dinner
May 28	Luminaria Night

Community Contacts

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Starry Stonewort Found in Simonton Lake

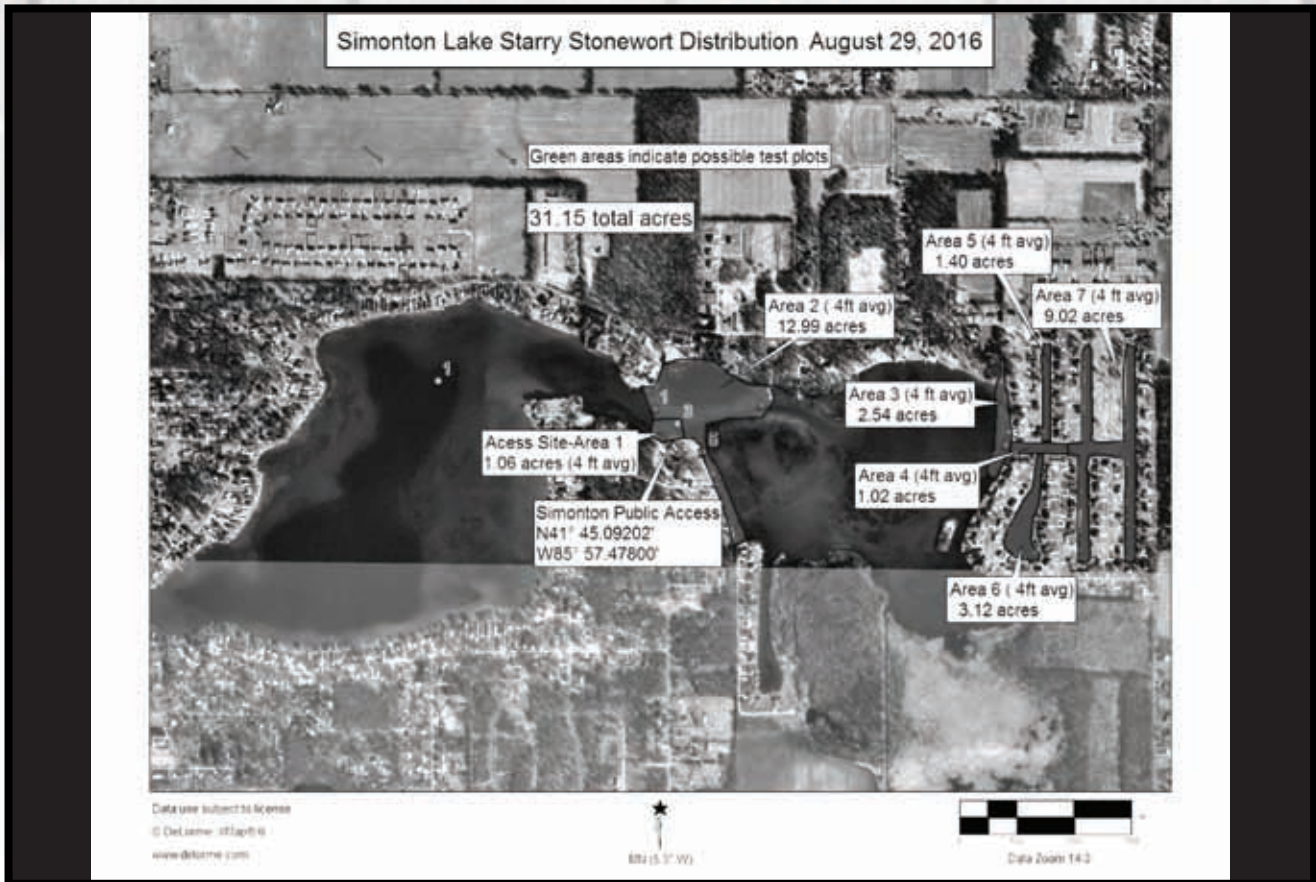
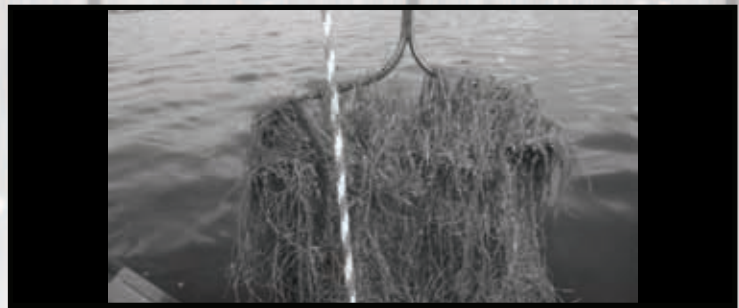
By Jim Donahoe of Aquatic Weed Control and lake residents Paul Wilson and Bob Kelsey

Starry Stonewort is a very aggressive invasive aquatic plant that is moving into Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana. It forms dense mats that can reach the surface in 6 to 8 feet of water and severely impact lake use and beneficial native vegetation. It was first found in Indiana in Lake Wawasee in 2009, with about 20 acres being present. Today, starry stonewort distribution has expanded in Lake Wawasee to 238 acres.

This species was found in Simonton Lake during a vegetation survey conducted by Aquatic Weed Control on August 29, 2016. Starry Stonewort is present in approximately 31 acres in Simonton Lake and will likely become the dominant aquatic plant species in many shallow water areas. It is important to note that managing starry stonewort will not eradicate the plant from Simonton Lake nor will it stop the plant from spreading. However, aggressively managing starry stonewort should help to slow its spread and control its density. Aggressive treatment of this plant can provide effective seasonal control that allows lake residents to use areas of the lake that might otherwise become unusable or un navigable because of severe starry stonewort infestations.

Lake Residents: Watch for information on a presentation later this winter or spring.

Starry Stonewort



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GROUNDHOG DAY NOT JUST A MOVIE ANYMORE

by Bob Myers

Every February 2 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, it's most famous citizen, Punxsutawney Phil, emerges from his winter quarters to determine the upcoming weather. Nancy Franger asked, "How did this start, this Groundhog Day? And why in Punxsutawney?" Nancy, we're glad you asked those questions.

According to folklore if, when a groundhog pops out of his burrow on February 2nd, the weather is cloudy, spring will arrive early, sometime before the vernal equinox. If it's sunny, the groundhog will see his shadow and retreat back into his den, and winter will persist for six more weeks.

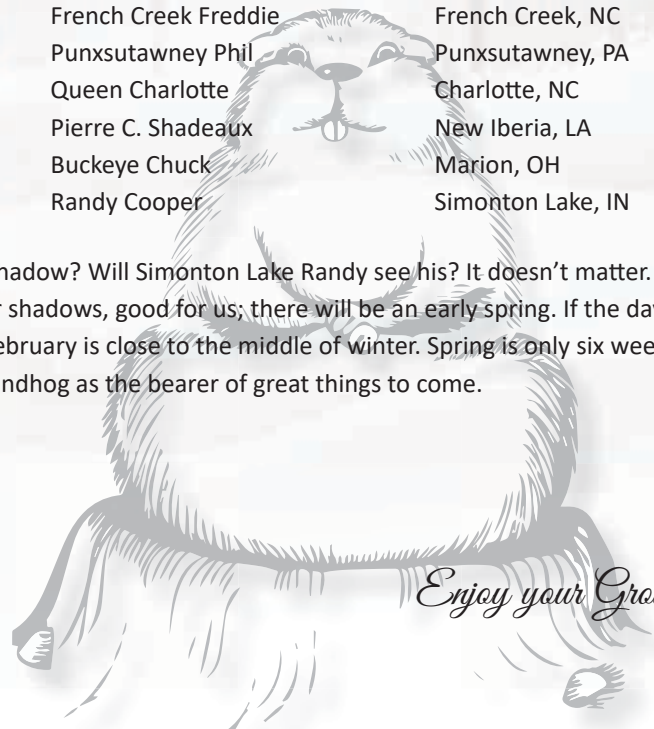
In many communities, residents have events in early morning of the second day of the second month to watch the groundhog emerge from his burrow. In southeastern Pennsylvania, Groundhog Lodges celebrate the holiday with social events where food is served, speeches are made, and skits are performed for entertainment. The Pennsylvania German dialect is the only language spoken at the event, and anyone who speaks English pays a penalty.

Why the big celebration in a small town in Pennsylvania? Groundhog Day was adopted in the United States in 1887. Clymer H. Freas, who was editor the local newspaper Punxsutawney Spirit, began promoting the town's groundhog as the official Groundhog Day meteorologist. Since then crowds of as many as 40,000 have gathered to celebrate the event. That, Nancy, is how the tradition began in Punxsutawney. And although it had become a widely recognized and popular tradition, it has received an even wider spread awareness as result of the 1993 movie Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray. The day is observed with various ceremonies at other locations. The University of Dallas in Irving, Texas claims to have the second largest Groundhog celebration in the world.

Here is a listing of just some of the weather predictions made by groundhogs around the country since 2012: Predictions of various groundhogs since 2012:

DATE	PREDICTION	GROUNDHOG	LOCATION
2013	Early spring	Gen. Beauregard Lee	Lilburn, GA
2013	6 more weeks of winter	Sir Walter Wally	Raleigh, NC
2014	Early Spring	French Creek Freddie	French Creek, NC
2014	6 more weeks of winter	Punxsutawney Phil	Punxsutawney, PA
2015	6 more weeks of winter	Queen Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
2015	6 more weeks of winter	Pierre C. Shadeaux	New Iberia, LA
2016	6 more weeks of winter	Buckeye Chuck	Marion, OH
2016	Early more weeks of spring	Randy Cooper	Simonton Lake, IN

This February 2, will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Will Simonton Lake Randy see his? It doesn't matter. Groundhog Day is a day of hope. If Randy and Phil don't see their shadows, good for us; there will be an early spring. If the day is sunny, we can enjoy the day and know the second day of February is close to the middle of winter. Spring is only six weeks away and summer only 5 months away. So look at the groundhog as the bearer of great things to come.



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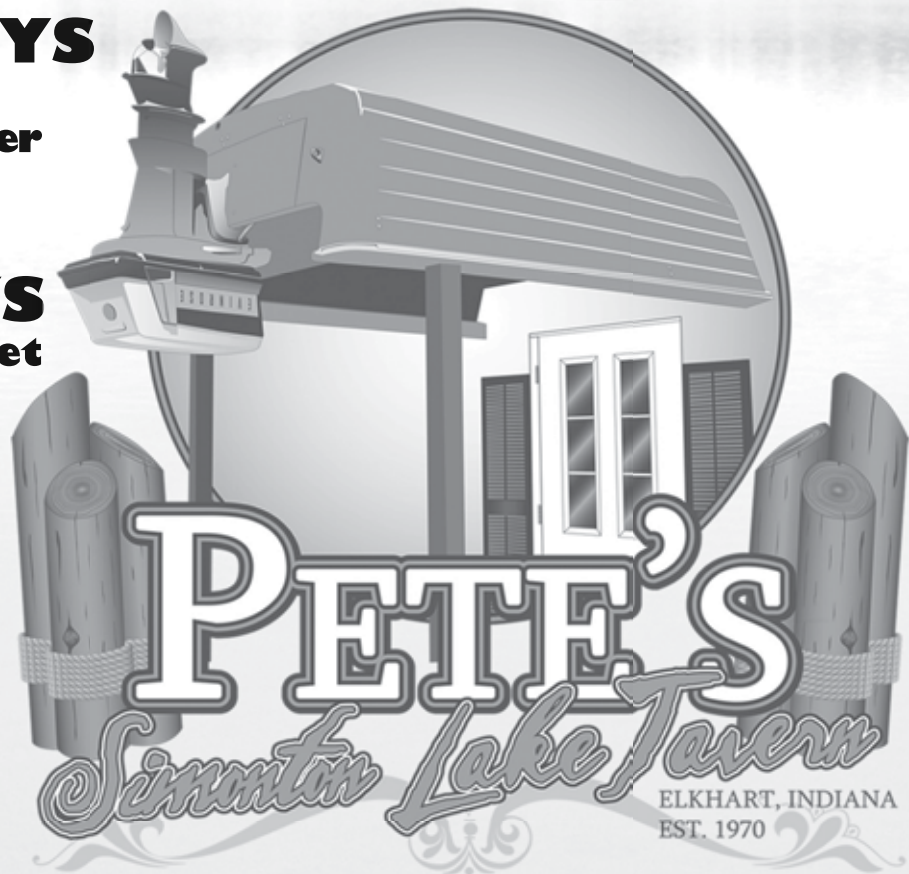
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Ice Safety Information

Courtesy of the Indiana DNR

**WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT!
BEWARE OF THIN ICE!**



- Drill your own test hole near shore. Your test hole, should show at least a four-inch thickness of clear ice like you get from your freezer.
- Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.
- Be Aware of various ice strength and qualities. One area of a lake may be a foot thick while another spot of ice may only be an inch thick.
- Ice Strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honey-combed ice, sluchice or ice with current under it is also dangerous. New ice is almost always stronger than old ice. Wind, waterfowl and beavers can also keep areas of ice thin.
- 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.

Ice Safety Guidelines

• One inch of Ice	STAY OFF!!!
• Four inches of Ice	Needed for safe ice fishing
• Five inches of Ice	Needed for snowmobiling
• Eight inches of Ice	Needed to support the weight of a car or light truck
• Ten Inches of Ice	Needed to support a medium weight truck



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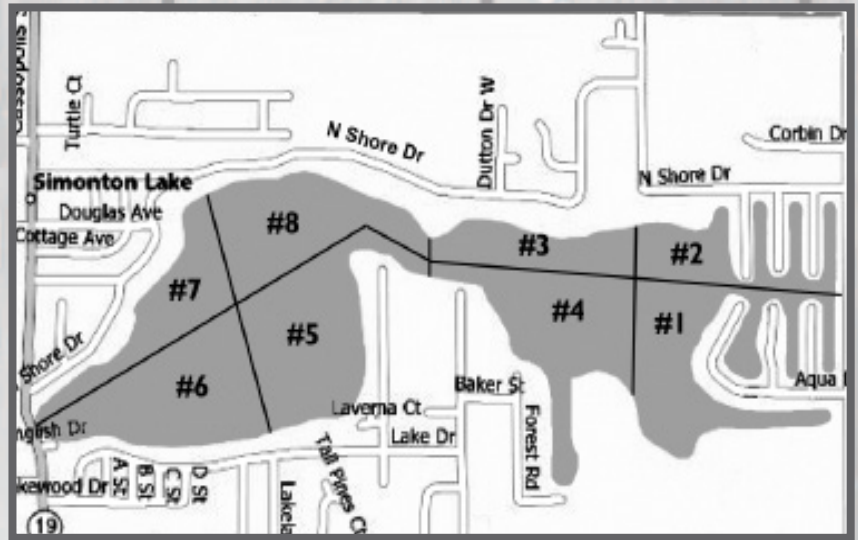
Notes From The Board

Association Dues are Due: Dues for the 2016-2017 year were due June 1. Our year runs from June 1 to May 31. Use the form below. There is still time to support us for the current year. If you have questions, contact Association Treasurer, Susie Broderick at susiealice@comcast.net

Area Representatives -your delegates for neighborhood concerns



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Check out the map above. What area of the lake do you live in?

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Please mail your completed form and check made out to SLAHA to:
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Mailbox Destroyed

By Cindy and Dov Rosenberg



We all know texting while driving can be dangerous. This brick mailbox was hit and destroyed on North Shore Drive when the driver looked down to text as he drove on a curvy stretch of the road. The car had to be towed.

Because of the recent mail theft in the area, the homeowners' opted to replace the brick mailbox with a metal, locked mailbox. Mail can be put into the mailbox by the mail carrier but to get the mail out, you must have a key.



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What are “Riparian Rights”

By Bob Myers

When one owns property on Simonton or any other lake in Indiana, it is a good idea to get along with ones neighbors. Too often, there are disputes over boundaries. You may know where the “stakes” are, the terminology for property lines, as well as how far from those lines you may build within the law. However, do you know your “property lines” in the water? These are the riparian boundaries governed in the state of Indiana by something called “riparian rights”.

What are riparian rights? They are the rights associated with property owners abutting rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. There are sometimes disputes over the use of water in front of those properties. Here is the key line in this article; Riparian rights are those special rights relating to the use of water in waterway adjoining an owner’s property. In this article, we are going to look at the riparian rights of the waterfront owner on Simonton Lake. So, before you go down the street and ask Judge Shewmaker to make a ruling, or ask him to beat up your neighbor because of pier placement (It’s too late anyway. The judge retired at the end of 2016 after 18 years on the bench), read this information. One of the most pervasive types of boundary disputes on Simonton Lake has to do with the placement of piers. Let’s say you have just purchased a property on the lake and you want to place a pier in the water in front of your property. By law, you have rights, and so do your neighbors. As you place your pier, you may build it out to the line of navigability within your riparian zone which is the area in the water in front of the riparian owner’s (your) property. Within the riparian zone, you have the exclusive rights to placement of a pier. In shallow water, a pier may be longer than one placed in deeper areas. The legal length depends on the depth of the water in front of your property. Your riparian zone is determined by your location on the lake.

If you are on a stretch of land with no cove, curve or other factor that may determine the angle of your pier, you are fortunate. You need concern yourself only with the position of your pier to allow your neighbors room to navigate between your pier and his.

If your property is in an area where the angle of your pier may cause a problem with your neighbor’s ability to get his boat in and out, you will want to create an equitable placement of piers with adjoining owners. The shape of the lake where you live, and the angle at which the on-shore boundaries intersect with the shore, figure into the legal placement of your pier. Your goal should be to create an equitable distribution of the riparian zones between adjoining owners. If agreement cannot be reached on riparian rights, you should contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. They will become involved and force action that will resolve the issue. There are reasons you may not want to include the DNR in your dispute. There are very strict laws that rule the placement of piers.

Here are some guidelines that must be respected. In general, private resident piers must meet the following criteria:

- Must be temporary installations only
- Easily removable
- Must not infringe on access to the lake by an adjacent landowner
- Must not unduly restrict navigation by watercraft
- Must not be unusually wide or long relative to similar structures within the vicinity on the same lake
- Must be placed by or with the acquiescence of a riparian owner.
- If the water depth, extending from the shoreline is six feet or less, maximum pier length is 150 feet.
- If the water depth exceeds six feet continuously after reaching 75 feet from the shoreline, maximum pier length is 75 feet.
- If the water depth varies, but is not continuously more than six feet in depth from the shoreline extending out to 150 feet, then the maximum pier length is 150 feet.
- If you want more information, we will be happy to research for you. You may also go the Indiana Department of Natural Resources website: <https://in.gov/dnr>

Forest Road Block Party

A report by Connie Hart

This article has been updated per October 2016 photo issues

It was an awesome summer evening. The kind memories are built around. All of the Forest Road neighbors got together at Rose's BFG.... "Big Fun Garage".... Friday, Sept 16th. We met at 6:30 for an old fashioned block party with old fashioned food, fun, and games.

Randy Hoff brought a time capsule that had items in it from the last block party in 1999 (17 years ago), and in it were pictures from an even earlier one. Not sure the exact date of the first block party, but they had 1981/82 on the pictures. They were Polaroid photos; so that gives you an idea that it's been a while. We played cards, ladder golf and corn hole (which to be politically correct, is now called "Bags"). Sitting in our bag chairs we stayed out until 1:00 a.m. lamenting the good ole days in the hood under a bright full moon. There are 14 homes on Forest with 11 of them in attendance. A few of us being original owners/residents.....Hoffs, Harts and Lehmans. I'm always looking forward to the next party in the neighborhood, but not sure the next "block party" should wait another 17 years. I might not be around for that one.




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Farewells

Jim Lindsey, 75, of Elkhart, passed away Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 17, 1941, in Glendale, Calif., to Robert and Jeanne Lindsey, and was raised in South Pasadena, Calif., with his three sisters, Dianne, Joanne and Judy. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1960 and was stationed at Base, later named Grissom Air Force Base, in Peru.



He married Sally Wenger, daughter of Henrietta Wenger of North Shore Drive in 1965 while attending Purdue University. He received his Bachelors of Science in mechanical engineering from Purdue in 1967 and moved to Elkhart where he began a career in the manufactured housing industry. He spent his entire career in the Elkhart area working in the manufactured housing and RV industry.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; daughter Dr. Lisa (Dave) Moore of Granger; son Jamie (Amanda) Lindsey of Indianapolis; and five grandchildren

David Harbaugh, 71, of Elkhart, Indiana and a seasonal resident of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away peacefully in his sleep at his winter home on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1945, in Niles, Michigan, to Evelyn (Allen) and Willard Harbaugh. He was the owner of The Grand Event Part Rental. Quiet and reflective Dave kept a small, but time-tested loyal circle of friends. An avid University of Michigan fan, Dave never missed a chance to cheer on his beloved Wolverines. He enjoyed retirement and was grateful to spend his winters in Florida, but his true passion was being in Simonton Lake, Indiana where he enjoyed 32 years on the lake, in his boat and near his family.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years Anne (Thiele) Harbaugh; his daughters Rebecca Bailey (Stuart) and Debra Harbaugh; his sons David and John Harbaugh; his brother Philip Harbaugh (Barb) and his sister Linda Rogers (Rick). He also leaves behind seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Michael Harbaugh. All of us at the lake will miss Dave. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.

Lucinda "Cindy" Troyer, 67, Middlebury, died at 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at her residence after a brief battle with cancer. She was born Nov. 28, 1948, in Elkhart County, to Ralph E. and Anna Mae (Miller) Hooley. On June 29, 1968, in Middlebury, she married Jerry Lee Troyer. He died May 1, 2005. Surviving are a sister, Tina (Steve) Tipton of Schoolcraft, Michigan; and three brothers, Randy (Pam) Hooley of Centreville, Michigan, Brady (Mary) Hooley of Constantine, Michigan, and Tony Hooley of Three Rivers, Michigan and a cousin Delores Troyer Wogoman of Simonton Lake. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sons, Corey and Jeremy Troyer.

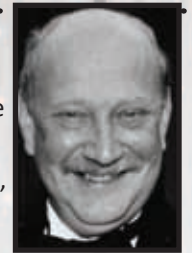
Cindy was very social and enjoyed playing cards with her friends, dancing, vacationing and spending time with her family and high school classmates. She enjoyed shopping, was always sharply dressed and had worked as a sales associate at CJ Banks at the Concord Mall. **Memorial gifts may be given to Goshen Health Hospice.**

Charles Swanson, Uncle of Tom Swanson
SOUTH BEND — Charles Robert Swanson, 91, of South Bend, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Hospice House in South Bend. Surviving are two nieces, Beverly (Herb) Havera of Edwardsburg, Mich. and Barbara (Ron) Giska of Elkhart; two nephews, Dennis (Peggy) Swanson of Nappanee and Tom (Deb) Swanson of Elkhart. Charles was a member of the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union, AFL-CIO since 1953.

Doris Matherly, 88 of Lake Drive, passed away on Sunday, November 20th. Doris was born in Auburn Indiana. After graduation from high school, Doris worked in the DeKalb office of the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company. There she met a handsome young lineman, Chet Matherly of Elkhart. They were married in 1948. They moved to the Simonton Lake area when they were newlyweds and eventually built a home on the lake that they loved. The couple was one of the first to waterski on the lake using skis which Chet made at home. They took turns driving their speed boat while they other skied, having the children as observers. Doris and Chet had two children, Ryan (Amy) Matherly of North Shore Drive and Kyra (Greg) Rolstad of Chewelah, Washington. In retirement ballroom dancing, a long-time dream became a passion that played a big part of their lives. Three years ago, Chet passed away. Her family worried that she wouldn't be able to go on without him. But she found happiness in her family and anticipated each new day of sunrises and sunsets at the lake. Doris will be sorely missed by her family, friends and Lake Drive neighbors.



ELKHART — Larry E. "Howie" Houghton, 73, of Elkhart, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Elkhart General Hospital Monday, Nov. 21, after a three-year battle with bladder cancer. He was born Nov. 10, 1943, in Elkhart, to Miles B and Mary (Warner) Houghton. After a fun and loving courtship of eight years, Larry wed his beloved wife, Midge (Fackelman) Houghton on April 25, 1991, where they enjoyed a fun and loving marriage of 25 years. Howie loved gatherings with family and friends on his beloved Simonton Lake.



He was a generous supporter of the "Breakfast with Santa", sponsored by the Elkhart Fire Department, by donating all the food served there for many years.

Following graduation from Elkhart High School, Larry was employed with the Elkhart Fire Department for 17 years and later owned and operated the Firehouse Restaurant & Lounge for 28 years prior to his retirement in 2013.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include two daughters, Tracy (Joe) Chase of Coldwater, Mich. and Tammy (Kevin) Hood of Columbia, Tenn.; one son, Todd (Traci) Houghton of Lewisburg, Tenn; one stepson, Craig Bruggner of Elkhart; four loving grandchildren, Aaron, Ashley, Christina and Caylynn; two brothers, Jack (Jackie) Houghton of Farmville, Va. and Jim (Sherry) Houghton of Elkhart; and many loving nieces and nephews.



David Lee Adams, 77, of Elkhart, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at his home after a sudden and unexpected illness. Dave was born April 3, 1939, in Kendallville, to Chester and Florence (Francisco) Adams. He married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Sekela, on Aug. 18, 1984, in Elkhart.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Shirley Ann Adams; four daughters, Shelley Marie (Ken) Uekert of Ramona, Calif., Terry (Lori) Massart of Elkhart, Tracey (Ed) Chupp, of Goshen, Tricia A. Massart and Timberlee (Mike) Alexander, both of Elkhart; also nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive as well. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Tammy Jean Massart, an infant daughter, Tamra Lee Adams and brothers Dean and Gene Adams.

Dave worked in sales at Harter Floor Care Supply for many years, until he and Shirley started Adams and Adams Corp. in 1984, as financial consultants for federal government employee benefits, and also worked for 17 years for the Government Personnel Life Insurance Co. of San Antonio, Texas. He was recognized from 1984 through 1998 in the Presidents' and Million Dollar Sales Clubs for Federal Home Life Insurance Co. He retired in 2016 and took on the honorary title of "Driving Miss Daisy."

Dave served in the U. S. Air Force from 1957 until his honorable discharge in 1960. He was a member of the Bristol American Legion and Elkhart Moose Lodge No. 599. He was an avid golfer and tournament fisherman along with Shirley for many years with the Great Plains Bass Circuit. This unexpected passing has left us at the lake feeling adrift. Our hearts go out to his family.



Farewells contin...

David Rosenberg

The world lost another link to the greatest generation this last fall. David Rosenberg, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Oct. 16th in Kalamazoo after 87 hard fought years. His life changed forever during World War II as a Holocaust survivor and being orphaned before he was 13. He came to this country as a young man and fought to make something better for himself. He had a 3rd grade education but a PhD in life. He built a successful business and brought four kids into the world. His 11 grandchildren and children will miss him forever.



David is survived by his special companion, Emily Hoffman who loved and cared of David over the years. Also surviving are: Dov (Cindy), Molly, Andrew Rosenberg of Orlando Florida and Simonton Lake, Honna (Mike), Michael, Cassidy, Ashley Kozik of Valparaiso Indiana, Janet (Bob), Jasmine, Jette, Jade, Jem Garcia of Lorain Ohio, Kimberly (Adam), Benjamin, Samuel Greuling of Chicago Illinois.

David was born in Pavlova, Czechoslovakia, now the Ukraine, on March 27, 1929. He lost his parents, his sister, and his four brothers in the Holocaust in 1944. After the German surrender David walked back to his village only to find it deserted. Eventually he was taken in by the American Red Cross who made arrangements to get him to relatives in Michigan.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Congregation of Moses, Kalamazoo in David's name.

Proud Grandparent! . . .

Kathy Shewmaker is pictured here with her grandson, Evan Hoff. Evan plays for Northern Guilford High School in Greensboro, North Carolina as a middle linebacker. Evan's parents are Robin (Shewmaker) and Jeremy Hoff.



Congratulations!

Tucker Austin Liechty entered the world on September 30, 2016. He weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces! His parents are Graham and Lizzi Liechty. His grandparents are Delores and Steve Wogoman of Lake Drive.



Proposal!

Alex made a surprise proposal to Gina at Simonton Lake this past November using the lake as a beautiful back-drop. Mike & Sheila Chinino, of North Shore Drive are Gina's parents.



Happy Holidays!

Bev & Chas Wieneri and family of Lake Drive wishing Happy Holidays to everyone at the lake.



Debbie and Mike Smith had a full house over the holidays. What a great looking bunch! Love the matching pajamas.



Luke and Joshua, grandsons of Gina and Randy Hoff say, "Merry Christmas!"



Moving, You Will Be Missed

Gene and Marylou Fewell's house on Lake Drive has sold. We'll miss you.

Building New Home!

Phil and Terry Wilson are building a home on lake on North Shore Drive. Phil grew up at the lake in the home right next door to his new house. He and Terry have lived for many years in a home they built further east on North Shore Drive.

Cubs Win! Cubs Win!

It was AWESOME for Cub fans who've waited forever for the Cubs to win the World Series. But this fall, they did it. Merle Anderson proudly displays his W flag at Pete's for all to see.



*Go Cubs go! Go Cubs go!
Hey, Chicago, what do you say!
The Cubs are gonna' win today.*

Nana's House, where cousins go to become best friends!

Finn Shewmaker and his cousin, Graham Matherly, pause in their wrestling match at Christmas to say Merry Christmas!



Simonton Lake *Winter* Word Search

Created by Angela Black



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SNOWBOUND

SPARKLING

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WINTER

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CRIME REPORT JANUARY 2017

Abandoned Animals Found in Home

Abandoned animals were found in a home on C.R. 11, on September 23, The Humane Society removed a chicken, one pig, and eleven fish from an abandoned rental property. The property manager reported the situation to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. The incident is being investigated as an animal cruelty case.

Accident on County Road 11

The Elkhart County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in identifying the driver of a vehicle involved in a hit and run early Thursday morning, December 22. The accident happened on CR 11 just north of Aqua Drive around 5:50 a.m.

Deputies said someone driving a Chevy pickup truck was traveling south on County Road 11 when the truck struck and killed a pedestrian. The truck fled the scene.

The victim was identified as 51-year-old Timothy Mabry. Mr. Mabry's sister reported that Tim was 'just walking to work.' The Elkhart County Sheriff's Department is asking for help identifying the truck and driver involved. The Chevy truck will likely have damage to the front headlight and side mirror.



If you have any information, contact the department at 574-533-4151 or submit a tip on their website.

Fraud Reports-Relative In Trouble

During the first two weeks of December there were two incidents of fraud reported to the Sheriff's Department. In both of these cases, the suspect targeted an elderly person, provided them a fictitious but believable story concerning a loved one being in trouble and needing

a large sum of money. In each case, the victim was directed to obtain the money through purchasing gift cards at Target. The Sheriff advises everyone that if you are contacted by any official agency or legitimate company, they will not ask you to purchase any type of gift cards for payment. If, for any reason, you are contacted by someone requesting some type of payment and they are requesting you obtain gift cards as the form of payment, there is a high probability that you are the victim of a fraud.

Some suggestions on how to handle a situation where you believe a loved one is in trouble and needs money to help them out of the problem.

First, you should attempt to contact that loved one separately from the initial phone call. If they are calling, saying they are in jail, call them to find out if they are actually in jail. If they are calling, saying they are in trouble in another country, call them to find out if they are actually in another country. If you cannot reach them, call another family member who is close to them, (mother, father, brother, sister), to see if they know where the family member is at, (are they in jail, in another country).

Second, most legitimate agencies or businesses that are requesting payment will require you to come in person to present the payment. On those rare occasions where payment can be sent to them, they will require a certified check or money order. Most government offices will not take cash, gift cards or other forms of alternate payment. If you feel like you are the victim of a fraud of this type; you should always contact your local police department.

Attempted Theft on Sail Bay Court

An attempted theft was reported to the Sheriff's Department in the early morning hours of Nov. 11. The thieves attempted to break into a trailer on Sail Bay Ct, south of North Shore Dr. Reports of a silver or gray SUV were provided at the scene by observant neighbors.



Start the year off right with a home improvement project or two!

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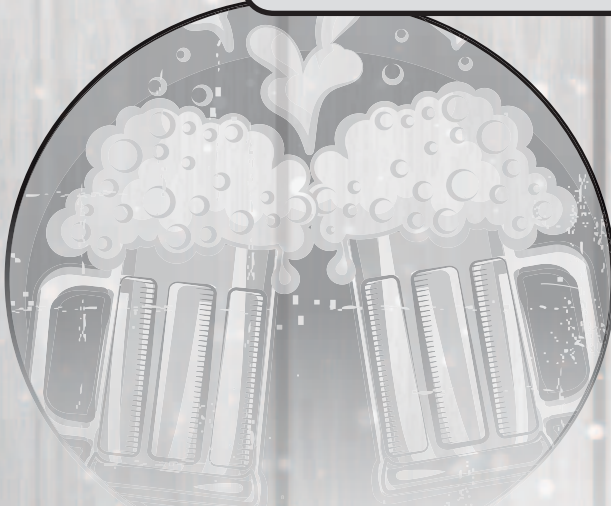
Fourth Generation Brewer

by Leslie Compton Hochstetler

This article has been updated per October 2016 photo issues

He may not be ready to ride his bike halfway around the lake to get here....like I did when I was a kid. But, from the smile on his face, he's enjoying the drive-in as much as our Brewer family has over 52 years.

Chase Robert Hochstetler
Born May 5, 2016
7 lbs 13 oz 21.5 inches



New Advertising Opportunity in 2017

Starting with our April issue, we will begin offering an annual contract for a business card size ad in our newsletter. A page or two will be devoted to a business listing using the cards as the ad. It's a great way to promote your goods and services to our Simonton Lake residents. And, it's an affordable way to reach the 600+ homes receiving our newsletter.

This year it will be a three newsletter annual...April, July, Oct...and the cost will be just \$75, payable in advance. Ideally, we will want an electronic file of your business card.....PDF or JPEG. If that's not available, perhaps we can scan and hope for the best quality.

If interested, give Jon Hart a call at 612-4123 or email to jkhadman@comcast.net.



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Simonton Lake Calendars 2017

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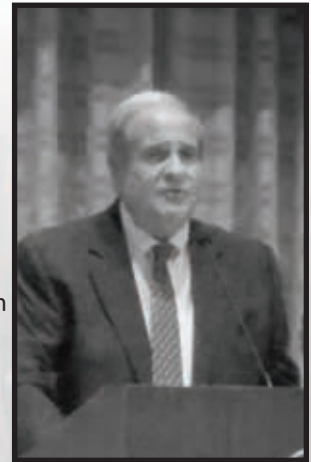
THE LAKE GIVES BACK

Bob Meyers awarded The Lewis Armstrong Award

The Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics at IUSB annually awards a local business leader the 'Lewis Armstrong Award' for "distinguished achievement, leadership, and contributions to the advancement of business and the quality of life in Michiana.

The award was presented at a banquet in November at the Lerner Ballroom, hosted by Bob's good friend Arthur J. Decio. The following is what was written about Bob in the program:

"Bob has been, by his own admission, one who has never accomplished anything without the help of others. He has been a part of businesses that have been successful because of the work of others and the help of a higher being. Bob, who continues to learn, was educated in the Elkhart School system. After high school, he had a few college experiences before finishing with graduate work. Bob is extremely fond of his education and Indiana University South Bend. The reasons for his love of IUSB are immeasurable because of the quality of instructors and instruction, as well as the ability to attend classes in Elkhart which afforded him the opportunity to study, live and work in Elkhart.



Bob and his wife Bobbi have lived in the Elkhart area as husband and wife for over thirty years. They have five sons. Their son Adam is a teacher at Elkhart Memorial High School. Bob is active on many boards both locally and on the state level. He seems to know everyone, everywhere and he has never met a stranger. Bob, is a member of the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club, the Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's Association and the Elkhart Memorial High School Booster Club. He is also an active member of the Simonton Says staff and the SLAHA Membership Committee.

The Bob we know out at the lake is the man wearing a "Surrender to Summer" t-shirt sitting in a lawn chair at the end of his pier with a crossword puzzle most summer evenings. We are grateful for Bob's service to others and his leadership but also because he is the best of lake neighbors.

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SLAHA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE GARAGE SALE

by Gina Hoff

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TO HAVE GARAGE SALE WITH DONATED ITEMS

This year the annual Simonton Lake Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th. As usual the Lake Association will pay for the ad in the Elkhart Truth and put signs at major intersections.

This event has been so successful in the past that the Membership Committee has decided to hold their own Garage Sale as a fund raising event.

If you would like to get rid of any items EXCEPT CLOTHING, donate them to this sale. You'll be rid of the things you don't want, and we'll make money for the Lake Association.



**Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6
(Same days as the All-Lake Garage Sale)**

Donate your items, get a tax receipt and help us raise money for the lake.

WE WILL NOT BE SELLING CLOTHING.
DROP OFF SITE-CORNER OF ROSELAND AND STATE ROAD 19

DROP OFF DATES AND TIMES FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND EARLY APRIL

- Saturday, Feb. 4, 1-3
- Saturday, March 4, 1-3
- Saturday, April 1, 1-3
- More times will be added in April and will be announced in the April newsletter, and online at www.simontonlakehoa.com

New Simonton Lake Web Site Designer, Erin Kirchner-Lucas

by Amy Matherly & Erin Kirchner-Lucas

Erin Kirchner-Lucas and her husband, Mark are residents of Lake Drive and neighbors to Dave and Carole Foutz. Over the fence, Carole, SLAHA Board Member and liaison to the Newsletter Committee, told her new neighbor about Simonton Says and our website. She asked Erin for her thoughts on how to update the website and, to our delight, Erin volunteered to take on the project. The process took many months but it is now live and looks GREAT. We asked Erin to tell us a little about herself.



Erin says that being creative is her passion - graphics, decor, photography, event planning...you name it. But, she's always been a bit of a tech-y computer geek, too. After attending Kendall College of Art & Design and Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore for Design and Art History, she ended up in Virginia doing a temp job in marketing for Molson Breweries. After that assignment ended, she began doing proposal development and marketing campaigns for various government contractors in Virginia. This eventually led to developing applications and websites for both government and commercial clients. A perfect blend of left and right brain!

Since 2000, she's been an IT consultant for the Department of Defense in Alexandria, Virginia. Her team develops and maintains various agency websites, content management systems, and software applications. She is the Digital Brand & Design Manager for her agency and technical lead for her team. She's also a Software Release Manager, tracking software projects thru their release and sustainment cycles. (All this while tackling our new website in her free time!)

In her spare time, when she's not driving her husband crazy taking photographs of birds on the lake, she consults with companies to revamp their websites - mostly converting them from static sites to dynamic, content driven sites. Some of her recent freelance projects include website development for a DC-based consulting firm, Maxwell Associates (<http://maxwellassociatesllc.com/>), a non-profit client, DLA Foundation, in Alexandria, Virginia (<http://dlafoundation.org/>), and a popular DC catering company, Haute Catering by Ridgewell's (<http://hautecateringdc.com>). She also works with other consulting firms in Chicago, DC, and North Carolina assisting their clients with optimizing existing sites via analytics and search engine optimization. Her latest big project - other than finishing up their lake house remodel - is starting up her new consulting company and website, Marin Digital Design Group.

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Membership Committee Report January 2017

by Gina Hoff

Garage Sale-This year the Annual Lake Association Garage Sale will be held on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6th. As usual, an ad will be placed in the Elkhart Truth Classifieds courtesy of the Lake Association. Signs will be placed at major crossroads. You will be responsible for signs to your home.

NEW THIS YEAR Would you like to get rid of some things but don't want to have your own garage sale? Well, have we got an answer for you! This year the **Membership Committee will be running their own sale.** Donate your items to this sale. We'll sell the items and donate the money to the Lake Association. You will get a tax receipt for your donated items. Sounds good to me. Look for details in a separate article. NOTE: We will not accept donations of clothing.

The **Lake Association Annual Meeting and Dinner** will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00. More details will be made available in the spring issue of Simonton Says, on our website and our Facebook page.

Luminaria Night is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend on Sunday, May 28 at sundown.

We still have some **2017 Lake Calendars** for sale. Contact Ken and Sue Ward.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

by Bob Paul

If you have not yet reviewed the recently published Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's Association's 2016 Master Plan of Improvements document, you may do so by logging on to the SLAHA website, www.simontonlakehoa.com. To access the document, click on the "Environment" button at the top of the page, then click the "2016 Master Plan of Improvements" button from the drop down menu.

Weed Control

There has been a marked increase in invasive weeds this year. Our lake is not the only one with this problem; Starry Stonewort has spread at an alarming rate throughout many of the natural lakes in the Midwest.

Bob Kelsey and Paul Wilson have accepted the Subcommittee Co-Chairmanship for the Environmental Committee's Weed Control Group. The responsibilities of this subcommittee are to provide oversight, coordination and leadership in developing a program to document our situation, develop an appropriate Control Plan, and create an implementation plan for Bi-annual treatment applications. The process is heavily regulated by several governmental agencies and will require multiple permits.

Earlier this year, the Committee commissioned and received a Tier II Survey documenting aquatic vegetation throughout the lake. Our biggest concern is the above-mentioned Starry Stonewort, which currently covers more than 10% of the lake surface. A meeting has been scheduled between the Subcommittee and a potential consultant to gather information for developing a Comprehensive Aquatic Plant Management Plan. This Plan will be submitted to various regulating authorities during the permitting process, as outlined in SLAHA's 2016 Master Plan of Improvements.

No work will be authorized until funding has been secured, however it may happen next year through private tax deductible contributions until annual funding is secured. For more information contact Bob Kelsey, zipi@choiceonemail.com, or Paul Wilson, pwilson@markleyent.com

Dredging

We are pleased to report that funding has been secured to complete the remaining two un-dredged areas of the current contract. Work is being scheduled for this coming fall pending resolution of current final payment.

The Application for permitting of the general lake dredging according to the phases of the SLAHA's 2016 Master Plan of Improvements is currently underway. In preparation for this application, a new Lake Sediment Removal Plan, which includes all of the 11 new areas noted in the Master Plan, has been prepared. The plan received preliminary approval from the State Biologist following a tour of the lake last month, additionally, meetings are being scheduled with other appropriate governmental officials to discuss the drainage and erosion issues of the Master Plan.

Randy Cooper has accepted the Subcommittee Chairmanship for the Environmental Committee's Neighborhood Dredging Group. The responsibility of this subcommittee will be to provide leadership, coordination and oversight for lake residents seeking individual dredging permits. As this process is heavily regulated by several governmental agencies, DNR has asked the Homeowners Association to streamline this effort into a single group application. (This will not preclude individual applications, if desired.)

Early this spring, Randy will be conducting individual District town hall meetings (8 in all) to inform residents about the Neighborhood Dredging Program and collect neighborhood input. The meeting schedule will be posted on the SLAHA website at www.simontonlakehoa.com. These meeting will be further coordinated through our 8 SLAHA District Representatives.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY 2017

by Amy Matherly



Erin Kirchner-Lucas of Lake Drive volunteered last summer to do a complete overhaul of the SLAHA website. This website was originally created by Kay Rhodes, former lake resident. When Kay and her husband Dick moved away from the lake, Linda Jimison volunteered to update the website as needed. Amy Matherly, chair of the Newsletter Committee, volunteered to work alongside her and Kay said she would help us learn as we went. We did the best we could but neither one of us had expertise in this area. We realized that it was time for a reorganization of the whole site.

When Erin, a professional graphic designer, volunteered to do this, we were overjoyed. Erin worked with Carole Foutz, Board Member and liaison to the Newsletter Committee to make sure the site design fit what the Association needed. Many meetings were held throughout the summer and fall. New text was written by the heads of the SLAHA committees and technical problems, encountered as we went, were overcome one by one.

Because of one of those technical glitches, the old site has not yet been taken down.

So, go to: Simontonlakehoa.com and you'll find our new site.



Navigating the NEW website

Across the top of the homepage you'll find a variety of menu options

Click on:

- **'ABOUT'** and you'll find general information about the Lake Association, a list of Area Representatives, a list of Board Members, Information about Lake Association projects, and information on how to support the SLAHA
- **'NEWS AND EVENTS'** and the latest newsletters can be found, a calendar of events and a list of our Newsletter Committee members. You can also look up news by category, like 'Crime Alerts' or 'Environmental Issues'.
- **'RESOURCES'** Whether you need to find out which county office to call, or want to know when the Indiana DNR begins hunting season, you'll find it here. The drop down list includes, the Indiana DNR, Elkhart County offices, the Simonton Lake Conservancy, the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust, the Sportsman's Club and the Indiana Lake Management Society.
- **'GALLERY'** where will show you pictures from the newsletter, the lake calendar, our Facebook page and some pictures sent in just for the website.
- **'ENVIRONMENT'** and find links to the 2016 Fish Survey, the Ecozone, the Sediment Removal plan and more. Not sure if the weeds that have taken over your swimming area are invasive. Check "Invasive Weeds" on the drop down list for pictures and descriptions.
- **'SAFETY's'** drop down list includes a link to the Indiana Boating Laws, as well as information buoys and our Neighborhood Watch Program.
- **'MEMBERSHIP'** where you will find how to pay your dues, and how to get involved in the SLAHA sponsored events during the year.

We have tried to make the new website easy to navigate even for beginners. This website must be updated regularly with new information. That task will fall to our committee of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or if you have suggestions or questions about the website, e-mail us at ramatherly@gmail.com

CHEERS to Erin Kirtchner-Lucas for the many, many hours which she donated to this project. It looks great, Erin. The lake truly appreciates your work.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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These preliminary steps need to be completed before any action is taken. No work will be authorized until funding has been secured. For more information, contact Randy Cooper at racooper63@gmail.com.

As events unfold, they will be posted in the Environment section of the SLAHA website – www.simontonlakehoa.com.

If you have comments or questions concerning our activities, please contact the appropriate subcommittee chairman or **Bob Paul**, Environmental Committee chairman at kabopa730@yahoo.com or through the Comments section of the website.

Judge Terry Shewmaker Retiring

If retirement after 18 years as an Elkhart County judge doesn't suit him, Terry Shewmaker says he has a few other things lined up. Terry and Kathy Shewmaker live on Lake Drive and have for almost 20 years. You may see Terry out pulling one of their grandchildren around on skis on a summer day or you may not see him here but spotting him on a trail somewhere on a horse.

Terry chose not to run for a fourth term as Elkhart Circuit Court judge. He was first elected circuit court judge in 1998 and felt that this was the time to pass the gavel. Terry is not leaving the law practice entirely, he will continue to participate on a limited basis. He hopes to find a new endeavor, like mediating civil cases.

Outside of the courtroom, Terry has a lot of "horsing around" to do. He and his family have raised and trained horses for many years. Just a few miles away from Simonton, Terry keeps his horses and trains them on a daily basis. He often sheds his judicial robe and you would find him in his 10-gallon hat and riding with friends. Riding in Arizona is a love of Terry's. The Shewmakers have a home near Phoenix where they enjoy the horses and beautiful landscape. Another major interest of the entire Shewmaker family, is the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. Being appointed to the fair board in 1981, Terry has been actively involved since as well as having served as a past president.

Terry began his legal career at United Airlines which led him to law school at Notre Dame. He was later hired by Michael Cosentino, the Elkhart County Prosecutor in 1978. Terry was heavily involved in the criminal indictment against the Ford Motor Company. This was the trial following the fiery crash of the Ford Pinto on U.S. 33. The significance of the trial was this was the first time a corporation had been criminally charged with the reckless homicide for making and not recalling a dangerous product. December 8 at the Lerner Theatre the Elkhart and Goshen City Bar Association honored Terry's work in the field of law and his 18 years as circuit court judge. Judges from all parts of Indiana were also in attendance showing their deep appreciation and admiration for Terry's tenure as judge. Terry has served as a major player in the judicial world in Indiana. Laws and the court system are always changing and a committee of judges in each state make that happen. Terry has worked with this group. Congratulations Terry on your past 18 years, and looking forward to seeing you more out on the lake in that 10-gallon hat!



Safety Committee Report for January 2017

by Paul Wilson

During the winter the Safety Committee is usually focused on safety issues on the ice. But this year with the recent hit and run accident on County Road 11 we are reminded that there is danger on snowy roads around the lake. With limited daylight hours many of us walk our dogs, walk to and from work or walk for exercise in the dark.

These are the **Indiana State Codes** that tell you what the law expects of you when there is no sidewalk.

Sec. 13. If a sidewalk is not available, a pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway. As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

Sec. 14. If neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, a pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway. If the roadway is two-way, the pedestrian shall walk only on the left side of the roadway. As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

Sec. 15. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway. As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. IC 9-21-17-16

The National Safety Council recommends:

- **Walk Facing Traffic:** If there is no sidewalk walk on the left side of the road. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action when needed.
- **Cross Safely:** Mom was right: look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you. In a car-walker interaction, you can only lose.
- **Be Visible:** Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or a reflective vest to be visible. Drivers are often not expecting walkers to be out after dark, and you need to give them every chance to see you, even at street crossings that have crossing signals. Be just as cautious at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.

CATCH PHRASES

From the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club
By Bob Myers

Your Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club thanks the entire community for your generous support in 2016. It was a very successful year, thanks to YOU. At the Fall Ball all guests were asked to bring in canned goods. There was enough donated food for 6 families which was given out through the Osolo Fire Department on Thanksgiving.

Two kids fishing contests were held last year. A portion of the money the Club raised through various events will be used to stock the lake in 2017. And, despite increased costs, the Club organized and sponsored the 4th of July fireworks display.

We look forward to seeing you at our many events during 2017. Every happening is geared toward you, your fun and entertainment and helping the community.

Enjoy the New Year and all the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club has to offer. Only 6 months until summer.....See you on the ice, in the clubhouse and on the lake.

New Officers

Tom Kruger, President, Jack Tucker, Vice President, Rick McCollough, Secretary, Rick Rider, Sargent of Arms

How to Keep your Kayak from Being Stolen

By Kayak Dave (Not Dave Foutz)

Each summer kayaks are stolen right from our docks or lake side yards. They are light and easy for thieves to move with little noise. Here is some information from kayakdave.com that seems quite helpful:

1) Make Record of Your Hull Identification Number

Every kayak is given a unique, 12-digit Hull Identification Number (HIN) in the factory. The HIN is usually etched somewhere on or near the stern (Note: it may be very lightly etched so it may take a little investigating and feeling around to locate it). Make record of your HIN and store this in a safe place. It can come in super handy for law enforcement if your kayak comes up stolen. Also, it's important to have record of the HIN should you decide to sell your kayak someday and include it on a bill of sale when it is transferred to the new owner.

2) Hide Your Hull Number Somewhere Else on Your Kayak

Let's face it...crooks can be pretty smart! Often times the first thing that they will do with your kayak when they return to their lair is to remove the HIN in order to make your kayak less identifiable to law enforcement. This is our chance to be smarter than the kayak crooks! Take some time to etch the HIN into another, more inconspicuous place on your kayak. Some of the best places include under your seat, on the underside of the deck right in front of your cockpit, or inside of a hatch. This gives you another opportunity to identify your kayak should law enforcement develop some leads. 3) Store Your Kayak In a Safe Place Kayak crooks are out to make a quick buck and prefer to go after easy targets. Storing your kayak unlocked makes it an easier target. You should absolutely consider locking your kayak to your dock if you insist on keeping it there for the season!

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The HIN can usually be found near the stern of your kayak

SUPERIOR SPACE PURCHASED BY IRONGATE

by Jon Hart

In the Oct newsletter, our article bid farewell to Gary Price, former owner of Superior Space, and thanked him for his long standing support of the SLAHA. At that time we reported the business had been sold but it would not be used for a storage business. Well, things changed and as many of you know, Superior Space continues operating as a premier storage property. It is now part of the Iron Gate Self Storage family. Iron Gate in Elkhart was purchased in late 2015 from the local owner, so Superior Space now becomes part of an owner/operator group with eight storage facilities in Indiana & Wisconsin. Those on their mailing list received a letter in Oct detailing the transition and some of the planned updates & enhancements. When you have the need again for storage, you might stop by and see what will be new for 2017.



MESSAGE BOARD



Wishing you a very

Happy Birthday!

To add your family birthdays and anniversaries to this list e-mail
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- 1/10 Wendy Willis
- 1/12 Olivia Freshour
Granddaughter of Theresa Maier
- 1/12 Lillian Catherine Fix
Granddaughter of Margot Kessler-Rutter
- 1/20 Gianna Marie Nickell
Grandparents Vaughn & Cindy Nickell
- 1/23 Graham Ryan Matherly
Grandparents Ryan & Amy Matherly
- 1/24 Larry Bellamy
- 2/2 Cami Broderick Sale
- 2/5 Ron Glick
- 2/6 Edward Kramer
- 2/12 Bob Shultz
- 2/17 Sue Johnson
- 2/18 Kathy Shewmaker
- 2/19 Janie Friend
- 2/20 Bob Evans
- 2/23 Terry Shewmaker
- 2/25 Vaughn Nickell
- 2/28 Randy Weinley
- 3/3 Jody Divjak
- 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,
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- 3/27 Bill Broderick
- 3/31 Leona Skinner

CAR FOR SALE 2010 red Hyundai Santa Fe \$8,000. Very clean, garage kept. Call Ken 574-575-2245.

FARMER'S MARKET MANAGER sought for Farmer's Market for late spring 2017 through fall 2017. Two to three days each week. Responsible for working with vendors, collection of fees, set up and clean up. Must be on site on market days. Some experience preferred. Manager may also be a vendor.

E-mail the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust at ramatherly@gmail.com Or call 262-4773

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Happy Anniversary!

- 1/5 Gina & Randy Hoff
- 2/6 Ken & Sue Ward
- 2/19 Don & Carol Bradshaw

New Neighbors

CORRECTION: Our new neighbors Andrew and Patricia Sperry were listed incorrectly in the last issue as the Sherry's.



Classified Ads

To place a classified ad, e-mail: ads@simontonlake.org
Classified ads are free for paid members of the Lake Association. Non-members pay \$5.00 per ad. Ads must be resubmitted for each issue. No commercial business ads will be accepted to protect our sponsors who are supporting this newsletter. **Deadline:** 15th of the month prior to publishing month

Graphics Group Ad

Simonton Lake



Asters, Asters, Everywhere!
Photographed by Delores Troyer Wogoman in her frontyard



The Last Skier of the Year 2016!
Spencer Dexter, son of Jamie and Adam Dexter of North Shore Drive, takes a ski run this fall. Looking good, Spencer! You'll be able to give some of our veteran skiers a run for their money next year.



What A Great Day For Skating!
December of 2016 was one of those rare occasions when you could skate all over the lake on beautiful clear ice.
From left- Chris Vetter, Kathy Vetter, Penny Vetter-(Pejka), and Noah Vetter. Visiting dad Chuck Vetter for the Christmas Season.



Memories of Summer 2016
Delores and Steve Wogoman shot this photo of their pier and chairs with signs of fall in the background.



Baby It's Cold Outside
Photographed by Gina Hoff