

Simonton Says...

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association Newsletter, Elkhart, IN

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SLAHA-The Facts and the Future

-by Amy Matherly

S everal hundred people call Simonton Lake home. We not only live on or near the lake but we cherish this lake. We raise our kids here. We teach them to fish, to swim, to ski. They grow up in a unique place. Often these kids return to the lake as adults. We retire here. Once you've lived here, it's hard to top it. So let's talk about why we need an association.

For some time we've heard many concerns around the lake. Complaints such as: speeding along State Road 19 and other roads around the lake, parking and mis-use of our public landing, street maintenance and drainage, property taxes, unsafe boating issues like speeding at night, speeding too close to shore or other boats. Area residents are also concerned about: lake environment, wildlife issues, lake dredging, and weed control, trash thrown into the lake or left on the banks. Crime prevention is on many peoples' minds: under-age drinking on the lake, home and property

theft. And we are concerned about the future of the lake. Development creeps closer and closer to the lake. Some of this could be good for our neighborhood. What can we do to insure that these developments are family and lake friendly?

In addition, since we all share a common back yard, it would be nice to get to know one another. We can learn from one another. There probably isn't a person on the lake who wouldn't like to know a sure fire way of catching a mole or how we can prevent milfoil from getting into our lake.

WHY START AN ASSOCIATION?

While complaining may make you feel better it just doesn't make the situation better. One phone call or one visit to a government agency isn't what it takes. But when a group, any group, becomes organized and writes letters, emails, makes phone calls or shows up at meetings, then those in positions of authority sit up and take notice. As we communicate we become a stronger community and we all benefit.

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Martin's Invades

ust checking to see if you were paying attention-it's Martin's that's invading, not Martians. It's doubtful that extraterrestrials could create any bigger stir than a shiny new shopping opportunity, with a "Side Door Deli," pharmacy, and gas station attached, being constructed in our neighborhood.

The new store will occupy seven and one half acres at the northwest corner of CR-4 and SR-19, wrapping around 7-Eleven; actually, engulfing might be a better term. Along Cassopolis Street the four homes between 7-Eleven and C & M Construction will be razed as well as the four houses west of the convenience mart along CR-4. It will be a significant change in the North Cassopolis Street commercial landscape.

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Board of Directors Meeting Notes June 1, 2008

he Board of Directors met Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 2:00 pm at Vaughn Nickell's home. All Board members were present.

The first action taken was the appointment of positions for the Board. Each member was asked to speak on their behalf as to the position they felt they would best serve. The following appointments were unanimously approved:

President	Vaughn Nickell
Vice President	John Rose
Secretary	Connie Anderson
Treasurer	Erin Harding
Big Lake Director - North	Bill Leighton
Big Lake Director - South	Carole Foutz
Little Lake/Channel Director	Jack Tucker

Erin Harding, as Treasurer, agreed to speak with Elkhart Community Bank regarding setting up the Association bank account. Erin will investigate options for the best interest bearing account for the Association and will address any outstanding issues with the previous association bank account. The Board agreed the new checking account would require two Board member signatures on all checks.

Vaughn Nickell met with Kay Rhodes who has agreed to provide the Association with website and newsletter services for free. Kay has secured a host for the website and the domain name for the first five years and will begin working on the layout. The domain is to be SimontonLake.org. It was suggested the newsletter be printed four times a year, both in paper and email formats, but would ultimately be decided on by the website/newsletter committee. The first two newsletters would be distributed to all lake residents in order to encourage membership and to show transparencies for agenda of the Association. July 1 is the target date for delivery of the first newsletter. The Association will incur the cost for the paper. It was agreed that the meeting notes for the Board would be a part of the newsletter and the first newsletter would include a brief commentary of the four committees with the name of the chairperson. Vaughn Nickell and Carole Foutz provided guidance and support for the newsletter committee as representatives of the Board.

Jack Tucker and John Rose would provide guidance

and support as representatives of the Board for the Lake Environment Committee and agreed to call together the volunteers and set the initial meeting.

Bill Leighton, Connie Anderson and Erin Harding would provide guidance and support as representatives of the Board for the Law Enforcement Committee and agreed to call together the volunteers and set the initial meeting.

Bill Leighton, Carole Foutz, Erin Harding and Jack Tucker would provide guidance and support as representatives of the Board for the Membership Committee and agreed to call together the volunteers and set the initial meeting. The Board agreed to utilize the list of volunteers for this committee, while encouraging other residents to participate to better serve the entire lake area. The hopes are to have an area representative for each defined area to provide leadership, with four from the little lake/channel area, two from the south side of the big lake and an additional two from the north side of the big lake.

The Board agreed the Community Education Committee as originally outlined at the May 22nd recruitment meeting would be combined with the Membership Committee and renamed as the Membership/Outreach Committee.

The Board agreed to attend as many committee meetings as possible to provide leadership and to serve as the Chairperson until one is named by the committee. The Board will be responsible for summaries of each committee for the 1st newsletter, and to include the chairperson's name.

Vaughn Nickell adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for the willingness to participate.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 7:00 pm at Vaughn Nickell's home.

Minutes submitted by: Connie Anderson Minutes approved: June 18, 2008



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Kelly Cress ...

(Data obtained from the Elkhart County Multiple Listing Service)

> She is ranked in the top 2% of Realtors in all of Elkhart County. In June, Kelly was ranked #7 in a market that currently has over 400 Realtors!

In the past 10 months, Kelly listed and sold 3 homes on Simonton Lake:

* In 2 of the 3 sales she even brought the buyer!

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Aqua Dr.	\$330,000*	
Maplewood Dr.	\$487,000*	
The other 3 homes t	hat sold in the	
past year on the lake	were:	
North Shore Dr.	\$256,080	
North Shore Dr.	\$299,900	
Lake Dr.	\$300,000	
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North Shore	\$299,000	

Kelly Cress is thoroughly informed of the Simonton Lake marketplace and continuously researches the Simonton Lake area.



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Treasurer's Corner

ellow residents, Thank you very much to those of you who have already joined the Association and have paid your annual dues. For those who are interested in joining, dues are \$30 per household and \$20 for those 70 years old and over. Please email me or give me a call at the number provided below if you need a Membership Registration Form for yourself or a friend. The form is also printed on page 9 of this newsletter. We plan to provide an update on the Association financial situation as a regular item in the upcoming newsletters, in order to keep members informed about the use of funds. As of June 27th, no association funds have yet been expended. Note that the Association is currently in the process of incorporating officially with the Indiana Secretary of State so we can open a bank account. We expect to receive approval shortly and will then deposit your checks promptly. Thanks for your patience and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Erin Harding, Treasurer eharding@nd.edu Cell: 312-771-6397

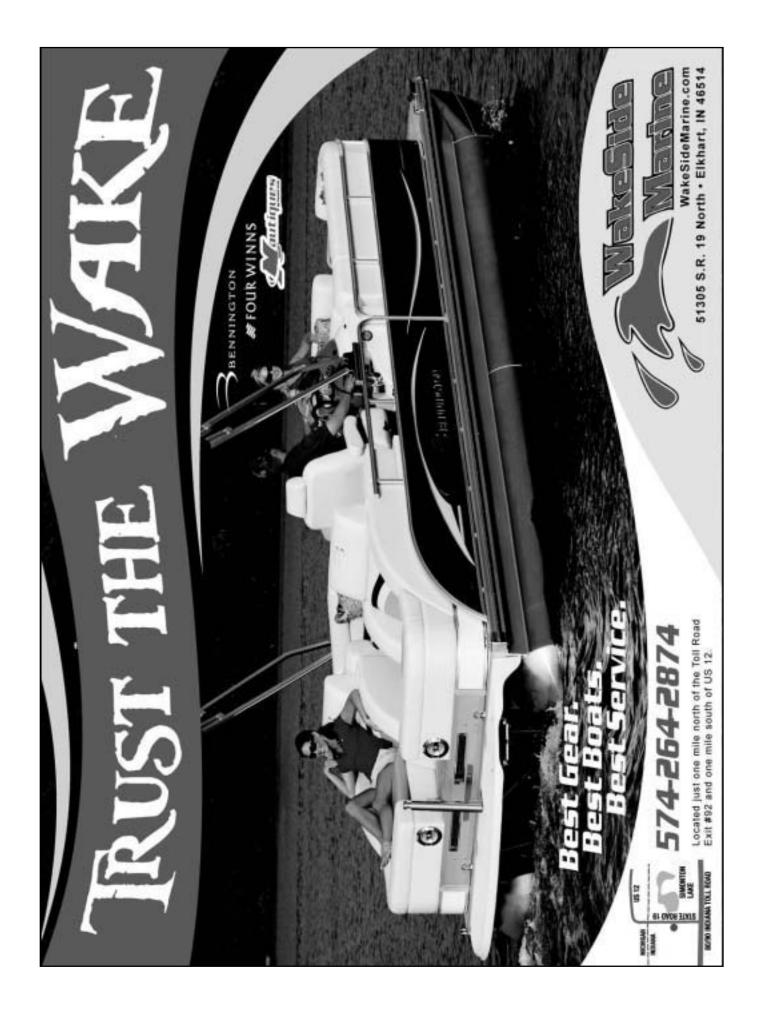
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lake Environment Committee

The first meeting for the Lake Environment Committee was held June 7th. Bill Broderick was chosen as the Committee Chairperson. Currently the residents providing support are: Jim Flemming, Lisa Kime, Bob Putnam, Van Kessler, Bob and Georgia Evans. At this time the Committee is focusing on the following items:

- f Obtaining a Lake Health Report from the DNR to see if there are any health issues that need to be addressed with the water quality and what we can do as an Association to help improve the lake environment.
- $f\,$ Addressing people disposing of their trash in the lake.
- $f\,$ Water fowl issues on the lake, so to protect them and their habitat.
- f Milfoil weed potential problem on the lake.
- $f\,$ Possibly exploring the dredging process of the channel between the big and little lake.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 14th at 7:00 PM at John Rose's home, 51332 Forest Road, Elkhart. If you want to join the committee, please attend this next committee meting and GET INVOLVED AND HELP your Association out.

John Rose

Newsletter/Website Committee

he first meeting of the Newsletter/Website Committee was held June 5th at Dick and Kay Rhodes' home. Kay Rhodes was chosen as the Committee Chairperson, webmaster and publisher of our newsletter, Simonton Says. It was decided by the committee that the newsletter will be published six times a year and the website: www.simontonlake.org will be updated as needed and will also post the newsletter. Currently the residents providing support are: Diane Marlow, Dave Foutz, Carole Foutz, Lisa Kime, Amy Matherly, Bob Meyers, Janet Kelsey, Theresa Maier & Dick Rhodes. Bob Meyers, Dick Rhodes and Vaughn Nickell are selling ads for the newsletter.

The newsletter/website will be having on-going articles such as "Life on the Lake", Community Update, Simonton Chronicles, and wildlife articles of interest. Event calendars and information concerning the Sportsmen's' Club and surrounding businesses will also be included, as well as classified ads. Suggestions and

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input from the community are welcomed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 23rd at 7:00 PM at Dick and Kay Rhodes' home, 26189 Lake Dr., Elkhart. If you want to join the committee, please call Kay at 262-9816 and GET INVOLVED AND HELP your Association out.

Carole Foutz

Membership/Outreach Committee

he first meeting of the Membership/Outreach Committee was held June 10th at Dave and Carole Foutz' home. The committee selected Jack Griffith and Randy Hoff as Co-Chairs and Susie Broderick as Secretary. The first goal of the committee will be to work on membership to our Association. The committee chose **Area Representatives** around the lake for the purpose of having a delegate to our committee and Association, representing the smaller neighborhoods around the lake. (Refer to the lake map) Those **Area Representatives** are as follows:

Area #:

The Area Representatives will distribute the newslet-

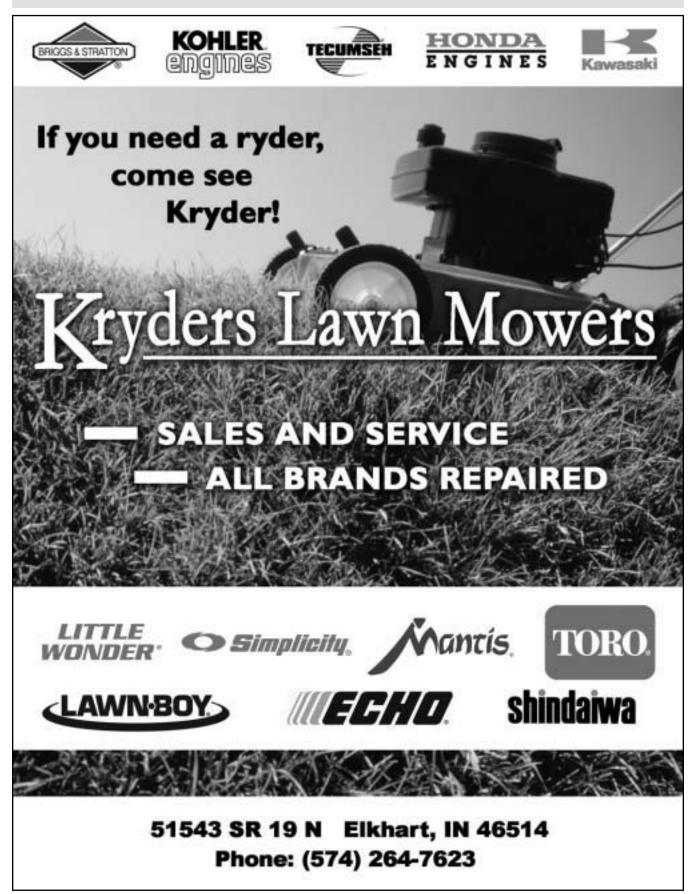
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ter and recruit membership in their neighborhoods. The Outreach function of this committee will handle the monitoring of the website. It will also provide information to members concerning community concerns and interest. **MEMBERSHIP**

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The **Area Representatives** will serve to represent their neighborhoods at Association meetings bringing their questions and concerns.

If you want to join the committee, please watch the website or find the next scheduled meeting on the newsletter and attend the next committee meeting and GET INVOLVED AND HELP your Association out.

Carole Foutz

Law Enforcement Committee

The first Law Enforcement Committee meeting was held Wednesday, June 4th at Bill Leighton's home. Rodger Anderson was chosen as Committee Chairperson. There was an overall consensus from the committee to become educated on the laws and rights we have as homeowners on Simonton Lake, as well as strengthen the relationships, therefore support, with the Elkhart County Sheriff's department, DNR attending officers, and our state officials. Our primary concern is to ensure that the lake is a safe place for recreation and residents.

Some specific areas of concern were:

- f The public access swimming, fishing, illegal parking, trash, posted hours, and overage.
- $f\ \mbox{The sandbar}$

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- $_{
 m f}$ Theft on the lake and in our neighborhoods (establishing Crime Watch Neighborhoods)
- $f\,$ Size of boats and motors for the size of our lake
- $f\,$ Boating rules enforcement, boating rules posted at launch, no wake

The next meeting is to be determined. Please be in contact with Rodger Anderson at rodger@nationalsales.us if you are interested in joining the committee and GET INVOLVED AND HELP your Association out.

Connie Anderson



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Please mail your completed form and check made out to Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association to: Erin Harding - SLAHA Treasurer, 25828 North Shore Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514			
Please check the appropriate box below if you are NOT willing to share this information in a directory sent to members. We will not share this list outside of the association without your permission.			

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WHAT ABOUT THE OLD LAKE ASSOCIATION?

The old Association was not salvageable. It was "administratively dissolved" by the State for not filing tax reports and Business Entity reports. To start a new association we had to start from scratch which presented different challenges. We will now be filing with the state to become a new non-profit organization.

HOW WE STARTED

On May 22nd we had our 1st organizational meeting where lake residents who had spearheaded this reorganization explained their thoughts about the association and answered questions from the crowd. Persons interested in running for a board position were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Seven persons were elected from various parts of Big and Little Simonton and the channels.

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These lake residents do not want	the association to

be a typical board driven organization. Instead the Association's board wants to have the job of supporting the efforts of the committees and assist in ways to help them be successful. It will be the committees who will determine issues and priorities.

Four Standing Committees were created:

- 1. Membership/Outreach
- 2. Newsletter & Website
- 3. Environment
- 4. Law Enforcement

On June 1st the board met to select positions on the board and reviewed committee recruitment and structure.

HOW'S IT GOING?

The board has been very impressed at the level of involvement. They think the committees are running very well and have gotten off to a great start. In fact the board is scrambling to keep up with the committees as they ask for clarification and define their priorities and agendas. One board member commented that he thought people were enjoying the opportunity to meet together in the homes of neighbors and to work together on issues making our neighborhoods a better place to live.

SIMONTON LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 13TH ANNUAL JULY 4TH FIREWORKS is on the 5TH That's right... the 4th is on the 5th!

2008 July 4th Fireworks and poker run are on Saturday the 5th. The rain date for the fireworks is Sunday July 6th. The poker run will be on Saturday rain or shine. Poker hands must be purchased in advance at Lakeshore Grill - July 2-3, 6-8pm & July 4, 8am-noon.

F & F Fireworks is once again planning a great display for all to enjoy. Osolo Fire Department will provide the usual support for safety of this event. Remember, the fireworks display is financed by the generosity of all residents around Simonton Lake. If you would like to donate, please send your check made out to SLSC, to Larry Bellamy, 50973 CR 11 N., Elkhart, IN 46514

Thank you for your assistance. Have a safe and happy July 4th holiday.

Life on the Lake

wenty-five years ago my husband finished his residency in family practice and we began to look for a place to set up an office. We were looking for several things: a town that needed a new doctor, someplace not too far from the kid's grandparents and a lake that was fifteen minutes from a hospital. I grew up at Lake Wawasee. Ryan grew up right here on Simonton Lake. We wanted that same experience for our kids.

We ordered a map of lakes from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and plotted out the hospitals. Doc Abel and Doc Cormican made a pitch to Ryan to come to Elkhart and we began looking for a house on Simonton Lake. As it goes sometimes, we bought our house before the real estate sign went in the yard.

We've never regretted our decision. Even in the dead of winter when North Shore Drive was a dead end road and the snow plows seemed to come down our road last, or when I made my weekly trips down to Kauffman's Laundromat. (Funny, the conservancy came into being right after our youngest moved out.)

There are those who vacation on the lake, here just on weekends, and those who launch boats for a day at the lake. You can't beat a day on the water. But living on the lake is just something that can't be surpassed. Summer is great! But after Labor Day when the boat traffic has died down and the red/orange leaves are reflected in the mirror of the little lake or in the winter when the lake is oh, so quiet, it is a special place.

When you live on the lake you share a common backyard with your neighbors. Where else does that happen? My sister and brother-in-law were visiting one summer. Out in the boat we waved as we passed other boats. My brother-in-law asked me who I was waving at. Frankly,



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when I don't wear my glasses I don't know who I'm waving at. I told him I wasn't sure about some of the people but that out here on the lake we wave at everyone.

In each issue of our newsletter in the **"Life on the Lake"** section we'd like to try to do some of the following:

- f "List special events in lake residents' lives like marriages, engagements, births, illnesses and recoveries, retirements, birthdays, new neighbors, (getting out of prison, mother-in-law moving in), etc.
- f ''Interviews of long-time lake residents (We'll edit the stories to protect the innocent.)
- f "Any stories which illustrate the uniqueness of living on Simonton Lake (As I write the heron who visits my house each morning is sitting on the pier in an Adirondack chair. No, I haven't been in the cooking sherry.)

If you have suggestions for articles or special events to report email: simon@simontonlake.org or drop off at 26048 North Shore Dr. or 26189 Lake Dr.

Till next time, Amy Matherly

Simonton Chronicles

Simonton Lake has a long history. We know we have some "old timers" here on the lake who could share some stories, pictures, or information from the past.

Do you know how Simonton Lake got its name?

Read about this in our next Simonton Says...

For this section of the newsletter we need your help. Please contact Carole Foutz at 262-3908 or email clfoutz@aol.com

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The Swans of Simonton

- by Lisa Kime, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator

Recently, a hot muggy afternoon on Simonton Lake lured us to the pier for a boat ride. Instantly we were in the presence of a gorgeous swan family. They were so close we could almost touch them. My niece and nephew additionally received a lesson in nature. The parents became aggressive as the hatchlings came too close to us for their comfort. The male indicated this by hissing aggressively at his hatchlings, then at us. They were looking for food. Should we feed them? While it was very tempting, feeding the swans is not a good idea.

As with any wild animal, feeding them can cause them to become habituated to humans. The swans won't fear humans, therefore making them vulnerable to human cruelty. Habituation to humans also increases the risk of human animal conflict, which can result in serious injury to humans or canine pets. If you encounter a swan and you do not have food, they can become aggressive. Randy Hoff, a Simonton lake resident, gives an account of an experience he had with our swans, "I had been giving them bread on a regular basis until I didn't have it one day. One of the swans was hissing and flapping its wings towards me". Randy's encounter illustrates an important lesson. Please do not make the assumption these swans are as docile as they are graceful. They are large, powerful wild animals. A swan can kill a small animal, and seriously injure people and pets.

As a community, we can supplement their diets in the winter with grain. In the warmer months, their foraging is quite successful as they eat aquatic vegetation and our lake sustains them well. A common misconception is Simonton Lake will be invaded by swans. A single family requires a minimum of 15 acres of shoreline to sustain them according to Debra Bourne MA VetMB PhD MRCVS, Senior Veterinary Editor for Wildlife Information Network. (Visit our website for more information).

Mute swans are an introduced species native to Europe. Swans do cause damage to the aquatic vegetation thus, affecting waterfowl and aquatic life. Are our swans causing significant damage to our lake and its amphibians, fish, reptiles and other waterfowl? An independent study would have to be done by a biologist to determine the effect the swans are having on the lake.

According to some life long lake residents, counting the swan hatchlings mortality rate has been a yearly topic of conversation and curiosity. This year one of the hatchlings appeared to have died from a broken neck. Hopefully we can work together to protect our residents, the swans, their hatchlings, and the other wildlife on the lake.

Mute swans are protected by Indiana law, according to Linda Buyers, Wildlife Biologist at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. As a community it is our responsibility to preserve and protect our lake, homes and wildlife. Please participate in the forming of a winter feeding program for the swans. The hope would be this will help us resist feeding the Swans of Simonton by hand. If you are interested in feeding, supplying grain or building a swan feeder please contact Lisa Kime, L.W.R. at our website. www.simontonlake.org

If you want more information on Mute Swans, visit our website: www.simontonlake.org

REUSE, RECYCLE, REPAIR

The Potawatomi Zoo receives much needed funding dollars by collecting used cell phones and ink cartridges. Please patronize our local zoo and see the new African Wild Dog exhibit. Volunteer and become a zoo docent. Visit the zoo at http://www.potawatomizoo.org/ for information.

A Splash of Humor

Who came first the chicken or the egg.....The egg of course, the chicken was too busy crossing the road.

Sportsman Club Continues Youth Fishing Contest

- by Amy Matherly

ne of the great events offered by the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club is their Youth Fishing Contest. Children from ages 4-14 participate and the activity has drawn as many as 100 area children. This year's first contest took place on June 7th. A second contest will be held on August 2nd. Each age group is awarded a trophy based on the most "fish inches." And besides the fishing there are hot dogs and snacks.



Jim Friend has been the organizer of the contests for over 15 years. He and wife Janie shop for food and prizes and deliver most of the flyers. They also take sign-up calls; make up posters and name tags. The duo puts some real thought into their prizes. For the August contest the prizes are back-to-school items like backpacks and notebooks. Prizes for the June contest are bought with summer in mind: skateboards, fishing rods, tackle boxes, baseball bats and mitts.

Joe Kilburn mows the lot before the contest. Harry (Bugeye) Hostetter always cooks the hot dogs. Others usually on hand to help are: Bob Sampers, Greg

Seven year old lake resident, Keegan Thursby won the trophy for the biggest fish.

McGough, Bob Putnam, Dick Martin, Jerry Casto, George Bryerton, Bill Gipson and Joe Arrendondo. Lots of volunteers are needed to sign in the junior fishermen, patrol the fishing area, measure and record fish and award trophies and prizes.

The kids have a wonderful time and often return for every contest until they are no longer eligible. Janie notes that some of the former contestants who grew up on Simonton Lake are now serving their country in Iraq. As it always is in volunteering, you get back more than you give out. Parents are always so thankful and the kids so delighted that it is very rewarding to the volunteers. Just goes

it is very rewarding to the volunteers. Just goes to show lake people are the best people!

Pictured (right) are the trophy winners:

Front row from left to right: Keegan Thursby, Kelsey O'Dell, Hunter Knoll, Tim Alexander, Catherine Underly, Mikey Smoker, Tyler Scott (All from Elkhart)

Back row from left to right: Sarah Lesher, Marcus Fragale, Alex Root (Granger), Connor Flora, Olivea Miller (Edwardsburg), Trey Collins, Preston Hoffman (Osceola), Kaija Williams, Kayla Snedaker, Ryssa Hagelston (All from Elkhart unless noted)



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CLASSIFIED ADS

To place a classified ad, email: ads@simontonlake.org or fill out form below and drop off at: 26137 Lake Dr. or give to your area representative. Classified ads are **free for paid members of the association**. Non-members pay \$5. Ads will have to be resubmitted for additional issues. Deadline: for May issue - April 20th, June issue - May 20th, for July issue - June 20th, for August issue - July 20th, for November issue - October 20th, for February issue - January 20th. Ads can be submitted for the newsletter or online classified page: email ads@simontonlake.org

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Martin's

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The new 51,241 square foot supermarket will have an east-west orientation along the northern boundary of the property, with the fuel service on the east end along Cassopolis Street. There will be an additional 14,914 square foot retail space attached on the west end of the building. Twenty-five percent of the lot is defined open space/green space with generous setbacks along both streets. The site plan calls for significant landscape plantings and side-walks.

Finally, if a new Martin's, CVS, and Walgreen's, aren't enough expansion for you, have you noticed the church on the southeast corner of Leland Drive and Cassopolis Street has been demolished? That's the site of a new Dollar General Store. All of this makes for a nice mix of shopping opportunities conveniently located in our neighborhood.

This article was submitted by Simonton Lake resident Dave Foutz. Dave represents the area on the Elkhart County Council and is a member of the Elkhart County Redevelopment Commission. Your questions or comments can be sent to him at dfoutz61@aol.com.

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the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association

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Wednesday, July 2, 6:00-8:00 P.M. Thursday, July 3, 6:00-8:00 P.M.



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Life on the Lake: Stupid Boat

Milfoil, Is it a Problem on our Lake?

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Simonton Lake Events

Sportsmen's Club Events

July 5 - 4th of July Poker Run - Fireworks (rain date July 6) July 19 - Corn & Sausage Roast August 2 - Kids' Fishing Contest October 18-19 - Fall Turkey Shoot November - Casino Night December 6 - Christmas Party

Other Community Events

July 5 - Flag Retirement Ceremony - corner of Lake & Maplewood

Community Contacts

Simonton Lake Conservancy (574) 206-8485

DNR

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