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## Special Points of Interest

- The Story of Pete's Tavern
- Reminiscences of Tedd Johnson
- Memorial Day Boat Parade
- Summer Event Schedule



Winner of the "Return to Summer" category is Randy Hoff and family. The trophy will be displayed at Pete's Tavern.



1st Place Winner of the "Patriotic" category is Tim Hoffman and family. The trophy will be displayed at Lakeshore Grill.

## 2009 Memorial Day Boat Parade



There was a tie for 2nd Place in the "Patriotic" category:

Jerry Broderick and family (above), and Don Rospopo (right). The trophies will be displayed at Wakeside Marine.



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## Let the Summer Begin - Boat Parade

The Membership/Outreach Committee organized the 1st Annual Memorial Day Boat Parade. Festivities took place on Saturday, May 23rd. This year the themes to decorate your craft were: Return to Summer or Patriotic/Memorial Day. The judging criteria included originality, creativity, costumes, special effects, choreography, size and detail of decorations and use of color. The winners were Randy Hoff and family, Tim Hoffman and family, Jerry Broderick and family, and Don Rospopo. Fun was had by all!

# Simonton Chronicles

## "Pete's:" A Simonton Lake Institution - Part I

-by Dave & Carole Foutz

To paraphrase an advertising jingle, as American as hot-dogs and apple pie, the neighborhood tavern is truly an important component of our Yankee culture. Taverns are described as primarily being in business to serve the locals, and secondarily to serve travelers. What is often considered the first tavern in America was opened in Boston in 1633. "Cheers" would have to be the best known tavern in the country, "the place where everyone knows your name." These descriptions would apply equally well to "Pete's Simonton Lake Tavern," known by lake residents as "Pete's." This celebrated establishment has been quenching the thirst of locals since the repeal of prohibition in 1933, but the "Pete's" story really begins in February, 1970.

The seeds of "Pete's" were planted much earlier when Pete Kilgren married Lou (Lucille) Cappelletti and purchased the family home on North Shore Drive. Lou's father was the owner of a Harrison Street tavern that he sold and later became Nicki-D's. Then in 1950 he opened Cappy's on Michigan Street, across from Adams and Westlake. Lou Kilgren was well schooled by her family in the fine art of running a commercial kitchen that produced savory Italian dishes. As they say, the rest is history. In 1970 the couple bought the business from

Jack Fidler and changed the name to "Pete's."

"Pete's" has always been a family operation, Pete ran the bar side of the operation and Lou ran the kitchen. Lou's cooking was a huge element in the success of the enterprise that fit perfectly in the Simonton Lake life-style. Residents could spend the day enjoying lake activities and then have a home cooked dinner and cold drink at their neighborhood tavern. In the words of Kate Nusbaum, "It was a local hangout. When Lou and Pete purchased the bar, it took on an Italian flavor. People would come out from town to enjoy their Italian spaghetti. Not only did the men like to hang out there but the wives often joined them for meals which were exceptional." As time went by Pete and Lou's family grew with the addition of Frank, Don, Linda, Lori, and Joe, all

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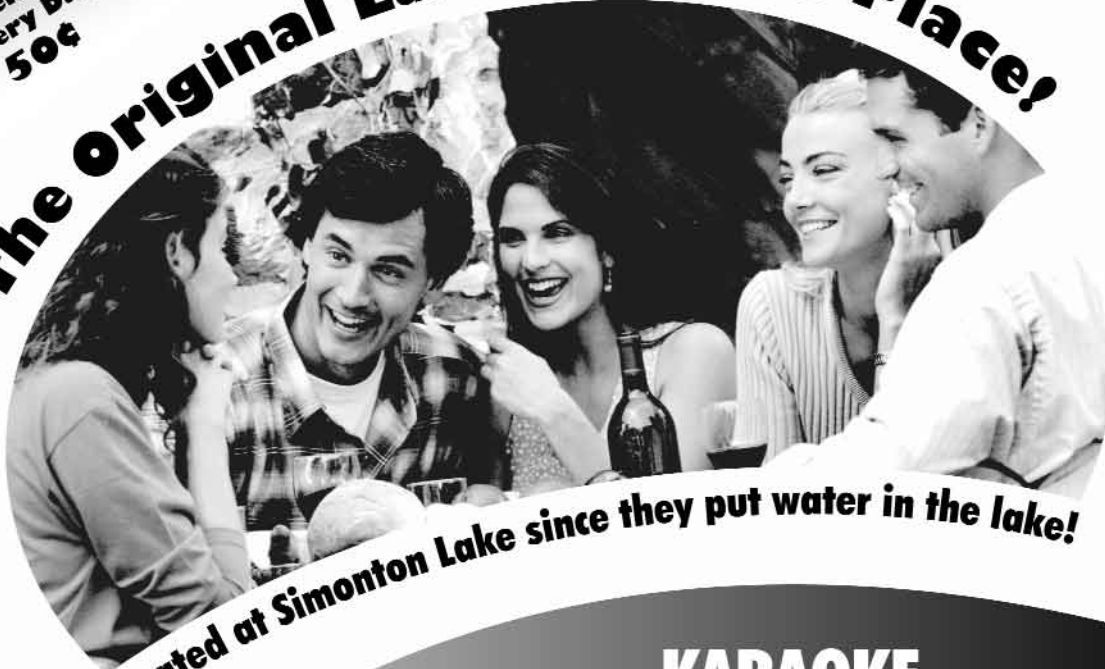


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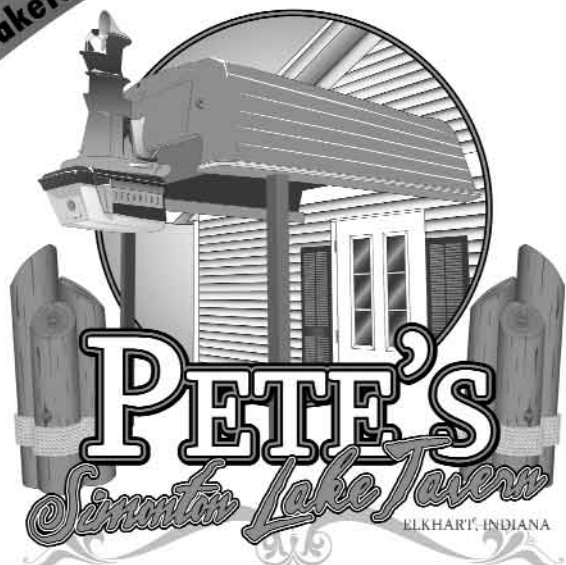
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**IN THE NEXT ISSUE: which will come out July 1st (until then, check the website for current news)**

- ~ Summer Happenings on the Lake
- ~ Part II - Pete's - The Early Years

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## Simonton Lake Events

**June 7th** - at noon - Cardboard Boat Race at Lakeshore Grill to benefit Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Fund

### Sportsmen's Club Events

**June 13th** - Kid's Fishing Contest

**July 4th** - Poker Run & Fireworks (Rain date is July 5th)

**August 1st** - Third Annual Land Based Poker Run (Motorcycles & all other vehicles)

**August 8th** - Kid's Fishing Contest

**August 8th** - Corn & Sausage Roast

**September 26th** - 27th - Fall Turkey Shoot

**October 10th** - Casino Night

**December 5th** - Christmas Raffle

## Community Contacts

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## Wildlife in our Backyard

### Why Should We Care?

—by Lisa Kime

**T**hank you for reading this column in every publication of the "Simonton Says". During the last year I have written many articles concerning wildlife and nature on Simonton Lake and the surrounding area. I find this inherently important to all of us and our children.

**Why do I know it is important?** All living things are connected. Well, you say, so what? All things are connected and if even one piece of the connection is lost, it creates stress on other parts of the environment. In some cases it will destroy other parts of the circle of life.

**How is the circle of life and our ecosystem changed or affected?** One way is by the introduction of invasive species such as milfoil & zebra mussels, spreading primarily by overland boat transport. These are only two of the invasive varieties on our governing agencies' radar at this time. *Visit our website for more information on how you can prevent their infiltration into our lake.* These two species have altered our nat-

ural environment locally and nationally by affecting other species of plants and wildlife, thus altering the natural order of nature.

#### Things you can do to help protect our lake and community:


1. If you want to help birds and make sure they have a good food supply (fish, crustaceans, etc.) from the lake environment, spread the word about alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers. Organic gardening is becoming very popular among nature lovers.
2. Keep all litter out of the lake and the area streets. Bring a trash bag with you on walks or boat rides to pick up trash.

Environmental issues are not new. The US environmental movement has proven to be exceptionally successful and long-lasting, as demonstrated by the 39th anniversary of Earth Day in 2009. Few social movements achieve such widespread acceptance. We have come a long way since the 1970's, but as we all know, there is still a lot of work to be done.

To all of my readers who take this article to heart, remember that **one person can make a difference and so can you.**

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### Pete's

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lending a hand in the operation. Then in December 1975, Linda married Merle Anderson, who had moved here from Southern California. Over the years Merle's responsibilities have sort of ebbed and flowed, but for the past several years Merle has been the driving force in the operation.

Merle explains that the business has changed over the years. In the old days, workers from factories on the north side of the city, such as CTS, Miles, Adams and Westlake, and Reese Manufacturing, would hit the bar at the end of a tiring workday. Some days the bar would be lined five rows deep waiting to be served. It was tough for the bartender just to keep up opening bottles of beer. Due to the loss of most of the north side industries, and changes in the driving and alcohol laws, today "Pete's" now caters to a slightly different market. Nowadays there is more emphasis on the dining and entertainment segments of the market. One thing that hasn't changed is that comfortable, neighborhood atmosphere, where when you walk in the door you're going to know the people around you.

Pete passed away in 2003, but his legacy lives on. Merle has a kind of laid back California management style, but you can always see the gears turning. As work was being completed on the new outside patio, Merle was engineering the seating arrangement and landscaping in his mind as we talked. Next February will mark a significant milestone for "Pete's" - their fortieth anniversary of operations, making it one of the oldest family run restaurant-bar businesses in Elkhart. There are a lot of ingredients that make up the unique character of a lake community and Pete's is truly an important ingredient in what we call Simonton Lake.

Next month the second installment in the "Pete's" saga, "The Early Years."

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## The weir, where is it?

-by Dave Foutz

The Simonton Lake weir project is a perfect example of why the Kernan-Shepard report, "The Commission on Streamlining Local Government" is getting so much traction with the voting public. Never have so many people wanted . . . needed something to happen only to be continually frustrated. No one needs to enlighten lake residents of the fact that the lake level is unusually high and is resulting in basement flooding, street flooding (Fawn Lane), and sea wall erosion. Now some people may say, yes, but it is just an unusually wet year. This of course is true, but lake level is not just a problem of too much inflow, but is complicated by too little release. Simonton Lake has no water control device (weir). State statute precludes dredging streams within three-quarters of a mile of a lake not equipped with a weir. As a result, Lilly Creek has silted up and the discharge flow rate is less than it could be with a weir in place.

**Now let's see, who wants the weir?** Certainly the residents of Simonton would like to see a water control device that maintains a consistent lake level. The Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club would prefer a consistent lake level that would not put stress on the local habitat for aquatic plants and animals. Three years ago, May 5, 2006, Superior Court Judge George Biddlecome rendered a decision stating a weir should be installed. Five and a half years ago, December 19, 2003, Deputy Attorney General, Sierra Cutts, stated on the record that the DNR intends to financially support the Simonton Lake weir project. Conversations with Representative Tim Neese and Senator Joe Zakas indicate their support for the project to the degree that in the past legislative session they

tentatively secured two hundred thousand dollars of stimulus money for the project. The Simonton Lake weir project meets the litmus test for being one of those "shovel ready" projects that are so hard to find to qualify for stimulus support. Now that the legislature is going to special session, these funds did not receive approval.

Now there seems to be a small glimmer of hope. The county surveyor's office spent two days (May 20 and 21) surveying and checking elevations in the Lilly Creek area in an effort to conclude the optimum location for a weir. The commissioners have now determined that the first step in the process is to gain approval of the County Drainage Board. It is the intention of the SLAHA to have the project on the Drainage Board's June 16 agenda. If it becomes necessary to use county money for the weir project, it will require endorsement by the commissioners and approval by the County Council.

**How can you help?** It would certainly be appropriate to thank Representative Neese and Senator Zakas for their support of the project and their continued efforts to secure stimulus funding in the June special session. Clearly commissioners Rodino, Lucchese, and Yoder need to be reminded of the importance of this project to the voting public of Simonton Lake.

We have had friends and neighbors who have been working on this project since 1992—seventeen years. . . SEVENTEEN YEARS! The Drainage Board meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 9:00 AM at the county public service building in Dunlap. This project needs your full support. Check the SLAHA website at [www.simontonlake.org](http://www.simontonlake.org) for email addresses of state and county officials and meeting information.

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# Life on the Lake

- by Amy Matherly

I don't make New Year resolutions. It's the guilt when you don't follow through that I don't like. I set goals, make plans and so on but I don't attach them to the New Year or write them down. New Year resolutions just get broken.

But when the weather turned nice last week and boats crowded the lake in the evening, it made me stop in my tracks. Winter is truly over. The gray has turned green. The sky is summer blue. And... the season is only about 12 weeks long. Daffodils have given way to lilacs. Lilacs will give way to irises; irises will be replaced by peonies. Oh, if we could just stop the clock for a while.

**So, I've decided to write summer resolutions:**

I promise to STOP and appreciate sunsets.

I vow to listen to the birds and watch for hummingbirds at our feeder.

I want to revel in the feel of the grass on my feet and the wind on my face.

I pledge to savor every bite of every juicy tomato, strawberry, blueberry and ear of corn that I can lay my hands on.

I will actually sit in the chairs I set out on my pier.

I will read books that have set unread on my shelf all winter.

I will eat as many meals at the picnic table as possible.

I will sit on my porch and watch the rain storms roll through.

I hope to soak up so much summer that I won't be as disgusted as usual when that awful "Welcome Back" letter comes from my principal in August.

Till next time.



Photo by Maria Hopman

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## Reminiscences of Tedd Johnson

-by Sue Johnson

**T**he "Simonton Says" newsletter committee was delighted to receive these reminiscences from Tedd and Sue Johnson. Sue was the writer.

Back in 1943 Tedd's parents, Freda and Ernie Johnson, decided to buy property on Simonton Lake. The family lived in Elkhart at that time on Goshen Avenue. They bought two pieces of property, one on the lake and one across the street. The property on the lake had to be cleared before a cottage could be built. That cottage was a simple place: one room with a pump and sink, roll up beds and an outhouse toilet. Even though there was no hot water, Tedd remembers it being a great place. Later on Ernie built a new and improved cottage. This one had a bedroom, a bathroom complete with a working toilet and a living room/kitchen space. There was still no hot water but at least it was running water and didn't have to be pumped. There were roll-out beds and a sofa for Tedd and his sister Christen.

In 1960 Tedd came out of the Air Force. His sister graduated from high school that year and she had asked some friends out to the lake. One of her friends would one day become Tedd's wife. Sue says it was love at first sight for her. Tedd says it took quite a while for him to get up the nerve to ask her for a date (Tedd also reports some liquid refreshment helped out.) They've been together ever since that first date.

Sue and Tedd were married on December 31, 1961 and that next summer they lived at the summer cottage. In October of 1962 Tedd and his father bought property at the west end of the lake and started what would be called Johnson Marina. The marina was in business for 25 years. There was a small house that came with the property situated at the top of the hill on Cassopolis Street. The house had two bedrooms and a bathroom but no shower. The living area had a fireplace a small kitchen with a sink and a few cupboards. There was a pull-out bed for sleeping. In the bedroom they stored their clothing and had a baby bed for their daughter, Heidi (This is Heidi Compton, wife of Mike.) When their son Ed came along they added two bedrooms on to the house and made a kitchen in the spare bedroom. Tedd and Sue lived there for eight years. Life was good.

Around 1973 Ernie and Freda let Tedd and Sue build a house across the street from the lake. The two men built the house together and Tedd's family lived there for 30 years. During that time Ernie and Freda decided to sell their house in town and move to the lake for good. They added on to the cottage and lived there until they passed on.

That house was torn down and Tedd and Sue rebuilt a home for the two of them.



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The first "Kids' Fishing Contest" will be held **Saturday, June 13th** and here are the pertinent facts:

**Event location:** Sailbay Court

**Ages:** 4 - 14

**Pre sign up:** At Insignia, WakeSide Marine or call Jim Friend 262-1417

All children are to furnish their own fishing equipment and bait.

**Sign up:** on Sailboat Court on the 13th beginning at 8:30 am.

**Fishing begins:** at 9 a.m.

**Prizes awarded to:** Winners in girls' & boys' age division.

For more information, call Jim Friend, at 262-1417.

The Fourth of July Poker Run will be held on the fourth, the first Saturday in July. The rain date is Sunday, July 5th. Information on where and when to purchase your poker hands will be in the July issue of Simonton Says and on a flier that will be distributed soon.

**Saturday, August 1st** will be the day of our Third Annual Land Based Poker Run. It's a great trip on your motorcycle, your motor home, your motorized skateboard or any other motor vehicle.

**August 8th**, take your children, grandchildren and neighborhood fisher kids to the second "Kid" Fishing Contest of the season. Then grab your friends and neighbors and join the fun at our **Corn and Sausage Roast** later that same day. Do you think you've eaten good corn on the cob? Wait until you've tasted ours before you comment on the best you've ever had. Information on these events will be in future publications.

This is going to be the best Summer ever on Simonton Lake. Get out there and enjoy everything offered. You've earned it..... See you on the lake.

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## Treasurer's Corner

Below is a brief financial update on the association:

**Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.**  
**January 1, 2009 – May 21, 2009**  
**CASH Basis Accounting**

| Item   | Subtotal   | Total             |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| Membership Dues  | \$3,130.00 |                   |
| Advertising  | 90.00      |                   |
| Events (Boat Parade)   | 28.00      |                   |
| Sales (T-shirts)   | 170.00     |                   |
| Other (e.g., interest income)                                  | 5.37       |                   |
| <b>Total Gross Revenue</b>                                     |            | <b>\$3,423.37</b> |
| Cost of Goods Sold (T-shirts)                                  | \$93.67    |                   |
| <b>Total Gross Profit</b>                                      |            | <b>\$3,329.70</b> |
| Board of Directors (e.g., General meeting expenses, bank fees) | 35.91      |                   |
| Newsletter / Website   | 591.63     |                   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  |            | <b>\$627.54</b>   |
| <b>Net Position as of May 21, 2009</b>                         |            | <b>\$2,702.16</b> |
| <b>Bank Account Balance as of May 21, 2009</b>                 |            | <b>\$8,428.17</b> |

2008 Members should have received dues renewal notices in the mail in late April. Please contact me if you did not receive your letter, and thank you for sending your dues in promptly! If you have paid, please watch for your membership cards to arrive by mail over the next few weeks. **This year, we are excited to offer discounts to area businesses that will only be available to SLAHA members – you'll need this card to receive those benefits. A complete list will be available in the July issue of the newsletter & on our website: [www.simontonlake.org](http://www.simontonlake.org).**

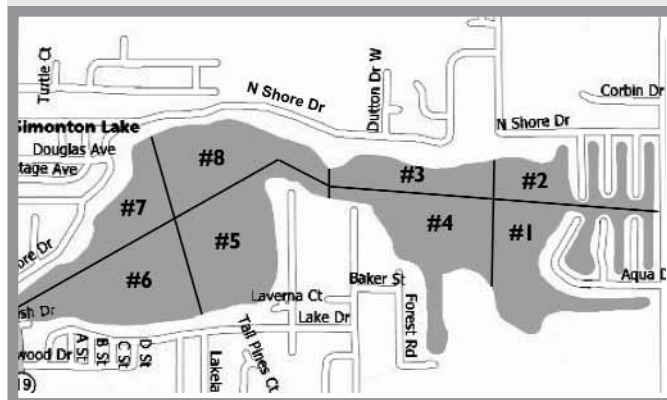
If you have not yet joined the Association, please fill out an application on-line or send in the form from the newsletter. We welcome your ideas and participation in our community!

The Committees and the Board shared their 2009 budget plans at our May General meeting. We will reprint the budget in next month's newsletter after its approval, and I will begin to report our financial results according to budget in future newsletters. As always, if you have any questions about our association finances, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Harding at [erharding@nd.edu](mailto:erharding@nd.edu) or 312-771-6397. Thanks so much for your support!

### Area Representatives

-your delegates for neighborhood concerns

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|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Tim and Phyllis Nusbaum | 264-0965 |
| 2. Ann and Jerry Broderick | 264-1331 |
| John and Pat Brown         | 264-2258 |
| Ken and Sue Ward           | 206-0450 |
| 3. Susie Broderick         | 262-0818 |
| 4. Jon Hart                | 262-1404 |
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| 5. Bob Meyers              | 675-0970 |
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| 7. Jack Griffith           | 264-5460 |
| Dave VanZile               | 264-5201 |
| 8. Theresa Leighton        | 361-8514 |



## SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

**Dues:** \$30 per household per year **Senior Discount** (70 and over): \$20 per household per year  
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Participation Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Current committees: Lake Environment, Lake Safety, Membership/Outreach, Newsletter/Website

Please mail your completed form and check made out to **SLAHA** to: Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1706, Elkhart, IN. 46515-1706

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-by Diane Marlow

**W**e believe that lake health begins at home and encourage residents and visitors to make smart choices when it comes to the environment. There are also smart choices you can do while living or vacationing at the lake this summer to be mindful of the environment and its local inhabitants – the animals!

- Obey the signs – at the Public Access and the DNR “No Wake” postings. They protect the seawalls, shoreline and habitats for a number of animals.
- Go green and bug off. Use mint – or eucalyptus-based bug repellants to protect your skin and the Earth.
- Have fun learning! Visit nature centers, museums, zoos and aquariums to learn about the local environment.
- Don’t use the lake as a bathtub. Soaps and shampoos contain nutrients and pollutants that are harmful to the lake and organisms living in it.

- If you fish, consider putting away your lead sinkers and jigs and switching to non-toxic tackle. Loons, trumpeter swans and some other waterfowl are susceptible to contracting lead poisoning from tackle they pick up off lake bottoms.
- When you buy a boat motor, choose a 4-cycle, rather than 2-cycle, engine. You will lose less gasoline into the water and cause less air pollution.
- Plant a buffer strip of native plants along the water. If you have a lawn, keep it small and don’t use fertilizers and pesticides.
- If you have a septic system make sure it functions properly and meets current standards. Consider an alternative wastewater treatment system, such as a composting toilet. Or hook into the Simonton Lake Conservancy.
- Plant a rain garden, use a rain barrel to catch water from your roof, consider using permeable pavement in your driveway – runoff that stays on your property will not wash contaminants into the lake.
- Never dump wastes into a storm drain. Storm sewers may run directly into the lake.
- Learn as much as you can about lakes and the threats they face. A good place to start is **“Guide to Lake Protection and Management,”** a 27-page brochure published by the Freshwater Society in cooperation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. You can download it at [www.freshwater.org](http://www.freshwater.org).

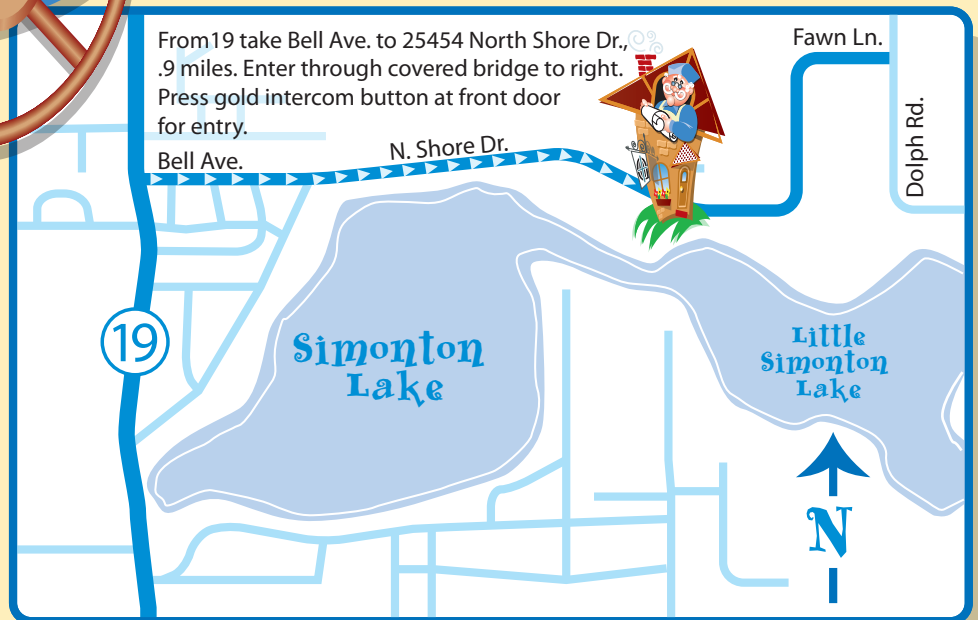
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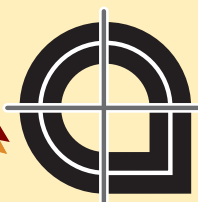
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**Matt Hart**, son of **Connie and Jon Hart** was married to Laura (she goes by "Elle") on April 4th at Faith United Methodist Church. The reception was held at the Spohn Ballroom in Goshen. Congratulations. The bride was beautiful, the groom handsome and the parents of the groom were proud.

**Rodney "Dutch" Anderson**, long time lake-resident passed away early Thursday morning, May 21st, at home. He and wife **Nadine (Phillips)** have been wonderful lake neighbors. Sons Mike and Mitch live in Elkhart and Dutch and Nadine have four grandchildren. Some of you might remember Nadine's parents, **Roy and Eva**

**Phillips** who had a home on the north side of the lake for many years. Dutch helped my husband build our first seawall many years ago on a cold windy day when no one really wanted to be in the water. A graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. at Rice Cemetery. Dutch was an iron worker for 45 years and was a veteran of World War II. He served in the United States Army. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

**Viola Thorpe**, also a long-time resident of the north shore passed away on May 1. Her husband, **Leonard "Dean" Thorpe** passed away in 1975. Son **Carleton "Brud"** and his wife, **Eldonna** live across the street. Her service was held on Tuesday, May 5th at Prairie Street Cemetery. Viola was the best of neighbors. She enjoyed cooking and gardening but most of all, enjoyed her family—children and grandchildren. Most summer evenings she could be found on her screened-in porch taking in the breeze off of the lake. One of those evenings about 25 years ago just about sundown, Viola heard me calling frantically for my three-year old daughter. I had been mowing and had put the kids in front of the TV. When I went in to check on the kids, Kelly was gone. My first thought was that she had wandered down by the lake. Here came Viola. She said in a calm voice that she would check at the road side and that I should check the lake and then go back in the house to check once more. Her calm voice was what I needed to search instead of panic. I found Kelly in the house curled up in her blanket amongst some pillows in the family room. She hadn't answered my calls because she was asleep. I was relieved and so was Viola. She was just a constant lovely presence on our side of the lake. She will be missed.



**Carole and Dave Foutz** are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin to Mike Newkirk. Kristin and Mike live in Indianapolis. They will be married on August 29th, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming with a local reception following at a later date.

### Birthday Greetings

**Dick Rhodes** is celebrating the big 60 on June 11th. **Jacob Moore**, will be 1 year old on June 13th, & **Alex Freshour**, is turning 13 on June 14th. Both are grandsons of Theresa Maier. **Robert Maier, Sr.**, will be 90 on June 25th.

### Welcome New Residents

**Emerson and Polly DeFord**, North Shore Drive  
**Don and Jane Poppe**, Twilight Drive  
**Robert and Becky Hamilton**, Sail Bay Court  
**Dave and Brenda Willis**, Sail Bay Court

*Do you know someone who is having a birthday, anniversary, etc.? Email to: [simon@simontonlake.org](mailto:simon@simontonlake.org)*

**Dick & Kay Rhodes** are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Dittmer to James Duncan. Megan and James live in the Indianapolis area. They are planning a January 2010 wedding.

