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The Bald Eagle - An American Emblem and Guest on Our Lake

- by Lisa Kime and Diane Marlow

Yes, I, the Bald Eagle, was selected as the national emblem because, at one of the first battles of the Revolution (which occurred early in the morning), the noise of the struggle awoke the sleeping eagles on the heights and they flew from their nests and circled about over the heads of the fighting men, all the while giving vent to their raucous cries. The patriots said,

"They are shrieking for Freedom."

Thus my forefathers, full of the boundless spirit of freedom, living above the valleys, strong and powerful in their might, became the national emblem of a country that offers freedom in word and thought and an opportunity for a full and free expansion into the boundless space of the future.

I became the National emblem in 1782 when the great seal of the United States was
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Simonton Chronicles

Recollections of a Victorian Summer

-by Carole Foutz

Have you ever imagined what it may have been like to have lived on Simonton Lake 90 years ago? Kate Brown Nusbaum can fill you in on just what it was like. Kate was born in Elkhart on March 2, 1919. Kate's family goes back to the very early days in Elkhart. Her grandfather Homer ran the Homer Brown Bike Shop at the corner of Main and Jackson Streets. Kate's father was the founder of the Brown Supply Company later to become Elkhart Motor Supply Company. Of course, his business was a natural successor to his

father's bicycle business. He also initiated the Elkhart Car Club. The family's home was on the St. Joseph River on Potawatomi Drive.

Early on, this family of 5 decided to have a summer home outside of the city on Simonton Lake.

A Mr. Taylor owned a large parcel of land on the south side of the lake consisting of pasture and woods. He leased land to people who built cottages on the lake. Kate's family was lucky to have a car in those days and was able to drive out to the lake while most others came in carriages. The roads were dirt outside of the city of Elkhart. When approaching the lake, they would have to open the gate and enter the area of cottages. At this time, most cottages on the lake were inside of this area. Kate recalls only one or two on the north side of the lake. Kate's parents eventually owned 23 acres on the lake's north side which Kate's



family just sold in recent years.

At the beginning of the lake season, the family would come out and have to open up the cottage. Boats would have to be painted, pumps primed, and prepare the oil lamps, etc. Since there was not an ice man that came around in the lake area, Kate's father would go to the St. Joseph's Ice Company owned by her uncle and bring 50 pounds of ice to the lake. Kate can remember vividly the unusual pink ice box. In the summer, a man did come around selling groceries to the residents.

Kate's family stayed at the cottage a good share of the summer while her father commuted back to town to work. The main activity for the kids was swimming. They swam in a very nice swimming area on the south side of the lake. Sailboats and canoes were also a great source of entertainment. She recalls that on the 4th of July, most residents would have their own fireworks and enjoyed time together playing games such as croquet, telling ghost stories and charades. On summer evenings, people would come together with their instruments on piers and enjoy music and song.

Kate found a book of writings written by her mother in the 1920's entitled, "A Summer Evening". One is able to capture a Monet-like evening on the lake in her words; "The lights disappear one by one from the cottages. The clock strikes 12:00. It is midnight and the midsummer moon is riding high and flooding the warm earth with a soft mellow light. Nothing is heard but the chirping of the crickets, the croaking of the





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

- ~ Photos from the Memorial Day Boat Parade
- ~ "Life is Good" - the Johnson's Marine Story
- ~ Details from the Annual General Meeting

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Simonton Lake Events

May 9th - Boater Education Class

May 21st - SLAHA General Meeting 7pm
at the Sportsmen's Club Building

Sportsmen's Club Events

June 13th - Kid's Fishing Contest

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

August 8th - Kid's Fishing Contest

August 8th - Corn & Sausage Roast

August 15th - Third Annual Land Based Poker Run (Motorcycles & all other vehicles)

September 26th - 27th - Fall Turkey Shoot

October 10th - Casino Night

December 5th - Christmas Raffle

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frogs, and the lapping of the waves against the shore. Cottages settle down for a peaceful night's rest. All is still. Quiet reigns. All nature sleeps."

Kate met and married John (Johnny) Nusbbaum in 1940.

Instead of going to college as her brothers had at Notre Dame, she was a stay-at-

home wife. Her parents gave John and Kate the family cottage on Simonton Lake as a wedding gift. This is where they lived from the time they were married. With a large addition and modifications made to the home to live year around, this is where Kate lives now 68 years later.

Johnny soon volunteered as many men did for service in World War II. Johnny was in the Army Air Corps for 2 ½ years. He was a crew chief and tail gunner on B29's serving in India, Japan, and the South Pacific. During the war, Kate did her part for the war effort working at Conn's making parts for the Navy. Later she worked in their office. In 1945, Johnny came



with their rowboat. I personally have heard this story from several lake residents.

Certainly talking with Kate, one can sense the deep affection she has for this area. She has a wonderful recall of such a wide array of history not only of Simonton Lake but of Elkhart. Her family has richly contributed to its history. At 90 years old, Kate still chooses to live in her house on Simonton Lake that she has virtually always known as her home.



home and soon they began their family. In 1946, their daughter, Crystal, was born, and later their son John. John has a home on Simonton Lake's North Shore Drive. After 68 years of marriage, Johnny passed away this past January.

Kate recalls many of the establishments along the lake through the years which came and left. The dance hall at the end of the lake (Cassopolis Street area) was a large business which brought many people to the lake for many years. She recalls that bottles were thrown into the lake from the hall. These bottles were so common in that area that often her parents would not allow her or her brothers to go into this area

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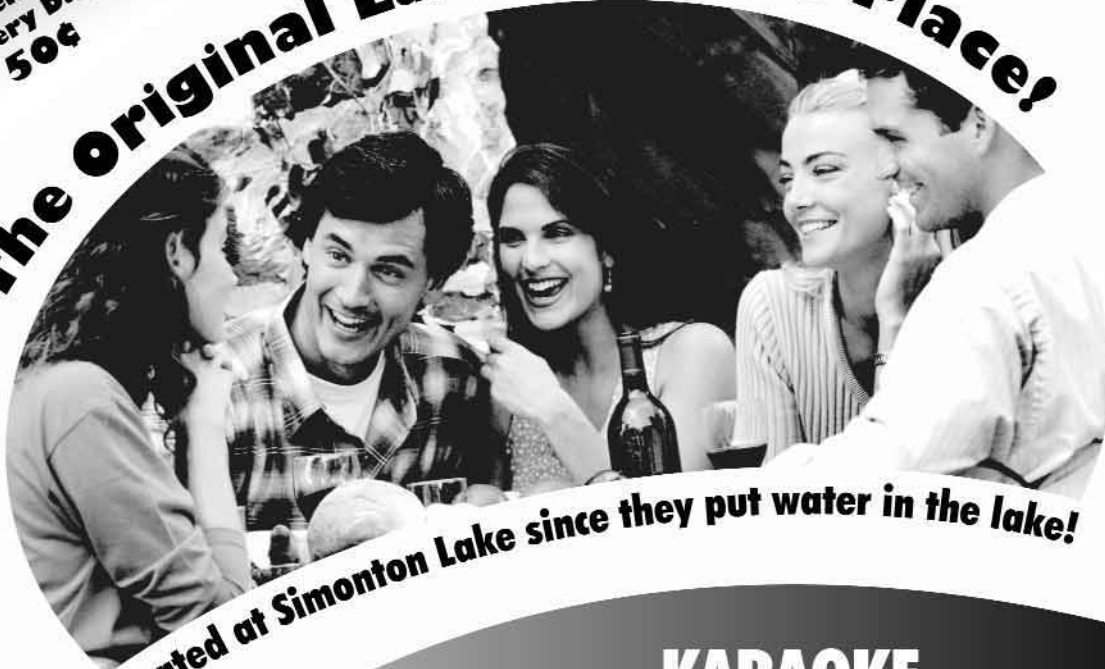
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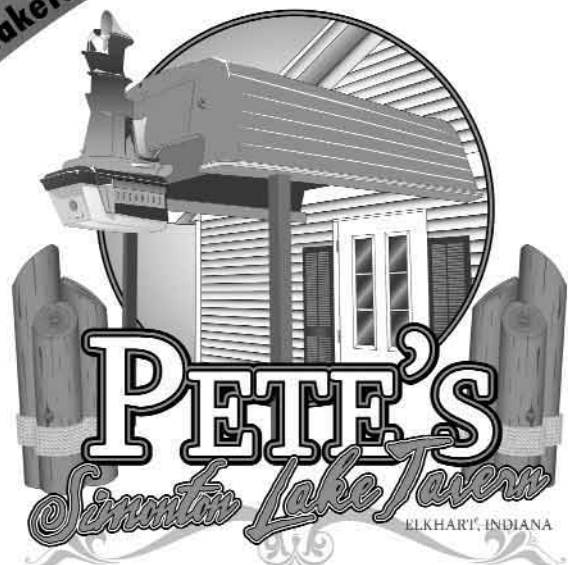
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Memorial Day Reflection

-by Dave Foutz

For people living on the lake, Memorial Day may be one of the most anticipated holidays of the entire year. For the oldtimers it means it's OK to put the boat into the water. For those who's constitutions are a bit stronger, it's a time to begin the weekend celebrations that won't end until Labor day. And hey, we're Hoosiers and what's Memorial Day without the Indianapolis 500—"Ladies and Gentlemen start your engines." Hearing that phrase and Jim Nabors' baritone voice belting out "Back Home Again in Indiana" can bring tears to a big man's eyes. But is there more, I mean this isn't how it all began, is it?

The truth of the matter is that the roots of Memorial Day stretch all the way back to an unexpected event at the end of the Civil War. In Charleston, South Carolina, in 1865, a group of liberated slaves returned to the site of a mass grave for Union soldiers at a former Confederate prison camp. The freed slaves reinterred the dead Union soldiers into individual graves. Then, on May 30, 1868, the freed slaves returned to the grave site with flowers they had picked from the country side and decorated the individual graves, creating the first Decoration Day.

Many of us who are not so young can still remember when people called Memorial Day Decoration Day, a day set aside to remember those who have died in our nation's service and to decorate their graves with flowers and flags. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The alternative name of "Memorial Day" was first used clear back in 1882. But it didn't become common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. The following year the United States Con-

gress passed the bill that moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May. Finally in 2000 Congress passed the "National Moment of Remembrance" which asks, in addition to flying flags at half staff, for all Americans at 3:00 PM local time, to voluntarily and informally, pause from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to the playing of "Taps."

Well, there you have it. I suppose if we could somehow ask those brave Americans who died in the service of our nation if they minded the way we spend Memorial Day, they would probably say no, that's the very reason they were willing to pay the supreme price. But I think whatever I'm doing on Monday at 3:00 PM, I going to have to pause a moment and say, "Thanks!"

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae, 1915.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

NOTE: We are planning a big feature in our November issue honoring the area veterans who have served our country. Please keep sending us information about our lake area veterans. See our website for details.



Wildlife in our Backyard

Eagle

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adopted in Congress, in spite of Ben Franklin's vigorous arguments to the contrary. Can you believe he thought the turkey a more proper emblem?

One of my relatives – "Old Abe," the mascot of a Wisconsin regiment during the Civil War, was a constant target of enemy riflemen, but survived 42 battle engagements relatively unscathed.

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1940. Although once plentiful, throughout the continental United States, I have had a rough time of it. Farmers and fishermen have killed many of us for getting too close to their poultry or fishing nets, game keepers have captured us for falconry; and pesticides have polluted our native land.

I need clean fish, clean air and clean water. Please do not pollute my water or destroy my trees. I have brought my children to you trusting you will protect them as I have been protected and returned to my land.

Thanks to those of you who have fought and sacrificed overseas for the freedom of others and for my existence in your own backyard.

And to those of you who have seen me over Simonton Lake – I hope to see you again.

To find out more about the American Bald Eagle, visit our website: www.simontonlake.org Also, see a pair of American Bald Eagles that have built a nest in the Norfolk Botanical Garden. You can see photos, video and read the story.



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ELKHART -- Even the experts burn food on their grills once in a while.

-Reprinted with permission from The Elkhart Truth. Charlie Lamb is an Elkhart businessman who's hobby is grilling.

The key to not doing it, according to Charlie Lamb, is to watch your food. "Trust me, I've burnt many things over the years by walking away just for a second," he said.

Lamb has been competing for about six years, including three times at the famous "Memphis in May," a national barbecuing competition. He's been grilling and barbecuing for about 25 years and figures he uses his grills about 340 days a year. He has lots of good advice for the home enthusiast.

GRILLING VS. BARBECUING

There is a difference between grilling and barbecuing. **Barbecuing is "anything that you want to do low and slow,"** Lamb said. He barbecues pork, ribs and brisket – anything that takes more than a hour to cook – on his charcoal grill. But he grills steaks, chicken breasts, hot dogs and hamburgers on his gas grill. **Grilling is "anything that is going to get done within a matter of minutes."**

Lamb is partial to cooking ribs because they are a challenge. "It's not easy to cook ribs on the grill," he said. "It takes a lot of time and effort that you have to put into the ribs. You constantly have to watch the heat."

Bob Scott, general manager of Franger Gas-The Grill Place, calls himself "a rotisserie guy." He loves to grill pork and uses his rotisserie for everything, he said, including vegetables. Scott said bricks at the bottom of the grill help take the gas grill to temperature, hold the heat, vaporize the juices and give your meat the barbecue flavor you're looking for.

Scott said you should season your grill by cooking cheaper pieces of meat – brats or chicken breast – before you cook expensive meats. He also recommends wiping the grates with vegetable oil every couple of weeks to keep food from sticking if you cook on your grill a lot.

Lamb said one question friends ask him frequently is how to get rid of the lighter fluid taste when using charcoal. He said

either use a chimney starter, which he said he would "recommend 100 percent," or wait to put your meat on until the briquettes are gray or white if you use fluid starter.

COOKING THE MEAT

The type of meat you select also is key. With steaks, for example, marbling is important. The fat adds flavor and gives a "restaurant quality taste," Lamb said.

The key to cooking steaks, Lamb said, is to first let them sit at room temperature for about a half-hour to an hour so the meat isn't shocked when you put it on the hot grill. Then, place it on the hottest grill you can (650 to 700 degrees) to seal in the flavors for a minute or so. Keep moving them at quarter turns, he said, and sear on both sides. Then cook the meat indirectly off the main flame to finish it. "Don't put it over direct flames or direct heat," Lamb said.

He cooks chicken at a medium temperature (350 degrees) so it doesn't burn on the outside and remain uncooked on the inside. It's especially important to keep an eye on chicken because it has fat in its skin and many people use oil-based marinades, Lamb indicated, that can cause flare-ups.

KEEP TRYING

Lamb said he's always trying to learn from his mistakes and improve his skills. He encourages home grillers to experiment, and not to get frustrated and give up.

Meanwhile, a number of cooking accessories are available for your grill, Scott said. You can buy smokers for gas grills, woks, fish and vegetable holders, and even a pizza tray.

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Gunner's Travels

- by Connie Anderson

LOST DOG: Answers to Gunner. 7 year old Black Lab. Lost on Monday before Christmas. After looking for days and becoming discouraged, we decided to place ads everywhere-The Elkhart Truth, SLAHA Web Site, flyers in every business north of the toll road, etc. We received quite a few calls, but none of the dogs were Gunner. We visited the Humane Shelter (boy do they need help) everyday and called the Cass County Animal Shelter everyday, but still no Gunner.

By New Year's Eve we had almost given up and began facing the fact, he was **possibly** never coming home. **Life goes on.** We had friends over for New Year's Eve, and all of them knew of our sadness as it seemed to linger in the room. We tried to be happy and celebrate, but it was hard.

New Year's Day, facing a total mess in the house, I chose to sleep in. Rodger was already up and had coffee going, Thank God. I received several calls back to back, that I ignored. When I finally came to enough to be coherent, I called the number back, the lady on the other end was determined she had our dog and was coming right over. We had received so many calls, that getting excited just didn't seem to be in the cards for me. So, I simply told her, "I really hope you do, see you in a bit." By the time I got up, got dressed and into the kitchen for my first cup of coffee, there was a car in the driveway.

Rodger was quite miffed at the fact that someone had the nerve to come over New Year's Day so EARLY (10:30ish, we were exhausted, and he thought it was a kid visiting our son). Anyway, as soon as he noticed the lady getting out of the car and reaching

for the back door handle, I nearly got pushed to the curb from him bolting for the door. "She has Gunner. She has Gunner."

She did. And right there in the front driveway, in the cold and all his morning glory, Rodger and Gunner were re-united and rolling around. I don't think I have ever seen my husband so happy and relieved.

In putting the pieces together over coffee, apparently the morning Gunner came up missing, **"Barb" was packing her car (CR 109) to head south to Nashville to spend the holidays with her sons.** Gunner found her and was excited to finally find someone outside. She said he was frozen. An animal lover, and not wanting to take him to the shelter, no neighbors were home to ask for help, and not wanting to leave him outside any longer, she packed him in the car and **they headed out of town on vacation.** Gunner was in heaven (he loves traveling). **In attempts to find his owners, she did call and ask a friend to watch the paper and keep an ear open.**


He became Toby and enjoyed Christmas and New Year's in sunny warm Nashville, TN with a household full of kids and four families. He again, was in heaven. Gunner loves kids and lots of people. They played with him, ran him, walked him and loved him like he was theirs.

Christmas day our ad began running in the Elkhart Truth. Barb's friend called her and said "I think the dog you have may have a mommy and daddy that is looking for him". She told her to put the dog in the back bedroom, yell his real name "Gunner" and see what happens. He tore through the house like there was a fire. She now knew who he belonged to and what his name was, but, she was in Nashville, TN, hundreds of miles from home.

Barb decided not to call us right away, as to make us anxious about our baby, **but to wait until she was home.** She was afraid

See Gunner/pg. 16

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Life on the Lake

May 2009 - Ahhhh! The smell of boat gas in the air. It's spring.

- by Amy Matherly

It's been a long winter. Even though we'll get our spring snows, time marches on. The season will change. The grass will be green once again. Mowers will come out of the garage. Piers will be returned to the water. Neighbors, long hidden in their houses, will greet one another as they rake up a winter's worth of sticks.

We noticed the "diving ducks" were back a few weeks ago. But even earlier we saw a robin on our red bud tree in the back yard. It's been a wet spring. Or maybe it's just that we had so much snow this winter. Our sump pump has been running and the lawn by the lake is. . . Well, spongy.

The spring's most asked question: When will you put in your boat? There must be an unpublicized contest among the men to get their pier in first. We lost that race this year. I wonder what the rules are. Maybe it's something like this:

1. Piers have been in all winter are not eligible for the prize.

2. Piers must be put in by the resident or by the resident's family.
3. Supervision of the putting in of the pier is the job of the oldest male family member
4. If the pier does not go in as it should, the lady of the house has done something to make that happen. She will deny it. This is not taken into consideration.
5. Waders are legal but not for sons or sons-in-law or grandsons
6. Piers will be judged on levelness and straightness. If the pier is rotten, it doesn't matter. In is in.
7. The actual placing of the pier is the only thing that counts. Hypothermia, leaky waders, tools dropped in the water are not taken into consideration.
8. Chopping through the ice is not encouraged. Hold your horses. The ice will melt.

An alert to all of the women on the lake! Several of us northsiders are sorry to report an odd theft. Sometime this winter a thief has entered our homes and stolen our shorts and swimsuits and replaced them with identical items but in smaller sizes. The thief is so cunning that he or she has gone as far to switch the tags. This way it appears that the shorts and swimsuits are actually the ones we put away last fall. Why the thief wants our old clothes, we don't know. Does this person get some sick delight out of making it appear as if we have put on weight over the winter? That's just cruel.

Just in case, we're doing more walking and watching our diets. Let us know if you've been the target of the clothes thief. Till next time.



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Sign up for Simonton Lake's 1st Annual Memorial Day Boat Parade

Don't miss this - May 23rd, 2009!

The Membership/Outreach Committee of SLAHA has organized the **1st Annual Memorial Day Boat Parade** with trophy presentations. Festivities will happen Saturday, May 23rd with Sunday, May 24th as a rain date.

Competition will take place in 3 classifications: jet ski, speed boats, and pontoons. **Very important:** There will be two themes to decorate your craft this year: Return to Summer or Patriotic/Memorial Day. Any type of decorating is allowed but must be socially acceptable. Get your creative imaginations going as this plans to be a **Hoot!** Judging your craft will include the following categories which will lead to an overall score. The highest in each classification wins:

- 1) originality and creativity
- 2) costumes

- 3) special effects
- 4) choreography
- 5) size and detail of decorations and use of color.

You will receive a 5 point bonus if you are an SLAHA current member the day of the event.

The parade and judging will start at 1:00 P.M. The parade route will be around the perimeter of the big lake and the judging location will be at Jack Griffith's pier, on the northwest shore.

After the parade and judging is over, all residents, participants and non-participants are invited to the sand bar for the trophy presentations (3 P.M.) **COME ON AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!** Bring your own refreshments and show off your creative masterpieces. **SLAHA T-SHIRTS** will be available for only \$10.00. You can also sign up to join SLAHA at the sand bar if you are not already a member.

This day plans to be one of great fun and camaraderie, so **"Let the Summer Begin!"** If you have questions, please call Jack Griffith, 264-5460, Randy Hoff, 262-3432 or Dave VanZile, 264-5201.

SLAHA MEMORIAL DAY BOAT PARADE

Saturday, May 23, 2009, Rain Date Sunday, May 24, 2009 , 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Judging 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Awards Presented at 3:00 PM at the sand bar

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

\$7 Resident _____

\$10 Non-Resident _____

Theme: Return to Summer _____

Patriotic/Memorial Day _____

Classification: Pontoon _____

Speedboat _____

Waverunner _____

By completing and signing this form, the registrant assumes all risks relating to or arising out of participation in the 1st Annual Memorial Day Boat Parade, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable, known or unknown, at this time, and further accepts personal and financial responsibility as to, and releases all claims against, the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc. and its officers, directors and successors and assigns for any injuries, damages or losses sustained by the registrant relating to or arising out of participation in the 1st Annual Memorial Day Boat Parade.

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Winter has FINALLY ended and it's time to think Summer. We have completed the Winter Turkey Shoot, Casino Night and the Spring Turkey Shoot. All were well attended, partially because of

"cabin fever" get away, and mostly because of the great time people have at all our events.

Now we're looking forward to our last event of the Spring, the first "Kid's Fishing Contest" of the year. The tournament will be held Saturday, June 13 on Sailbay Court. All boys and

girls age 4 to 14 are invited. There is no entrance fee. Each contestant supplies hers and his own fishing equipment and bait. Contestants begin fishing at 9 am, therefore we encourage you arrive and sign them in before that 9 am start. Late comers are welcome, however they may miss catching the big ones. There are girls and boys awards for different age groups.

If you have any questions, please call tournament chairman Jim Friend at 262-1417. You may also speak with Jim if you would care to donate prizes or make a monetary donation.

When are the annual Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club Fourth of July Poker Run and fireworks display? This year the fourth of July events will be held onthe Fourth of July with a rain date of the fifth. There will be more details on these, and other events, in the next two editions of Simonton Says as we gear up for the best Summer ever on the best lake to be found anywhere. Until then.....See you on *The Lake*.

It's the Law: On the Water

Operating a boat or PWC in a manner that unnecessarily endangers a person or property of another person is considered dangerous. If you interfere with another person's lawful use of public water or obstruct a legally permitted marine event, you also may be charged. Should you be ticketed by a law enforcement officer for one of the crimes listed below, you could have points assessed against your driver's license.

Examples of illegal and reckless operation are:

- ☐ Operating a vessel at speeds that endanger human life, endanger human physical safety or property, or prevent stopping within an assured clear distance ahead. Be aware of and obey all regulatory markers, including those marked as "idle speed" or "slow, no wake speed."
- ☐ Operating a vessel at speeds of more than **10 miles per hour between sunset and sunrise.**
- ☐ Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision.
- ☐ Jumping the wake of another vessel such that you endanger human life, human physical safety, or property.
- ☐ Loading the vessel beyond the recommended capacity shown on the capacity plate installed by the vessel manufacturer.
- ☐ Causing a hazardous wake or wash from your vessel.

- ☐ Boating in restricted areas without regard for other boaters or persons, posted speeds and wake restrictions, diver-down flags, etc.
- ☐ Operating in a circular course around another vessel engaged in fishing or around a person swimming.
- ☐ Operating within 150 feet of a diver-down flag unless assisting the diver.
- ☐ Allowing passengers to ride on the gunwale or, if the vessel is less than 21 feet in length, on the bow where they may fall overboard.

Lake and channel restrictions vary depending on the size of the body of water or the waterway. You may be restricted to speeds up to 10 miles per hour anywhere from 50 to 200 feet from the shoreline, depending on the size of the lake or the width of the channel (IC 14-15-3-7).

"Idle Speed" or "Slow, No Wake Speed" IC 14-8-2-129

These buoys or signs indicate a boating restricted area established to protect the safety of the public, ecological resources, and property. "Idle speed" means the slowest possible speed, not to exceed five miles per hour, so as to maintain steerage and produce minimal wake.

See our website for a map of the lake identifying the No Wake-Idle zones on Simonton Lake. www.simontonlake.org

*Indiana Department of Natural Resources
The Handbook of Indiana Boating Laws and Responsibilities
For more information on Indiana Boating Laws, see our website:
www.simontonlake.org. click on **Resources***

Gunner

from page 1

that we would jump in the car and head to Nashville to get him, and didn't want us to do that (weather, holidays, and it was her doing he was there in the first place). Which in all honestly, we probably would have.

So she kept him, and **she and her family had fun with Gunner for 10 days** until coming home New Year's Eve. The rest is history. Gunner is home, safe and sound. The old adage of "you don't

know what you have until it's gone", is so true. He is our baby and we missed him terribly. He now goes everywhere with us, sleeps with us, etc. Not to mention he is a trained waterfowl hunting dog and had the best hunt this season the Saturday and Sunday after coming home. Daddy is so proud.

A special thanks to everyone who helped us look for Gunner and expressed concerns, but more than that, a huge THANKS to Barb Trobaugh for taking care of our baby and treating him like one of her own, and his safe return.

Treasurer's Corner

TBelow is a brief financial update on the association (as of 4/20/2009). Please note that the Association began a new fiscal year as of January 1 and we operate on a cash accounting basis.

Item	Subtotal	Total
Membership Dues	\$100.00	
Advertising	90.00	
Other (e.g., T-shirt sales, interest income)	65.73	
Total Gross Revenue		\$255.37
Cost of Goods Sold (T-shirts)	\$33.06	
Total Gross Profit		\$222.31
Board of Directors (e.g., General meeting expenses, bank fees)	9.75	
Newsletter / Website	275.00	
Total Expenses		\$284.75
Net Position as of April 20, 2009		(\$62.44)
Bank Account Balance		\$8414.85

As you will see in the results, we are operating at a loss at this point in the year since most of our advertising revenue was collected for the year in 2008. We will also begin collecting membership dues for 2009 in April and May. Both of these items will put us in a sound fiscal position for 2009, along with our cash on hand in the bank (around \$8000).

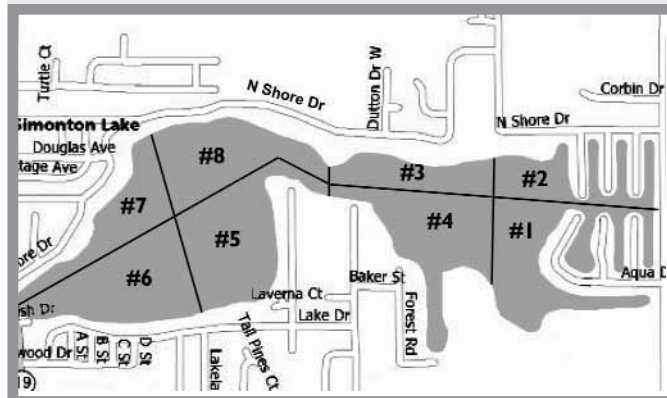
The Committees and the Board are looking forward to sharing their 2009 budget plans with you at our May 21st General meeting. These groups have put together exciting proposals to

have a positive impact on our community through our lake association! We hope you will show your support by renewing your membership or becoming a new member. Membership renewal forms should arrive in your mail shortly. If you would like to become a member, please fill out the membership form below or sign up on our website. **As always, if you have any questions about our association finances, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Harding at eharding@nd.edu or 312-771-6397. Thanks so much for your support!**

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-your delegates for neighborhood concerns

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| 8. (Representative needed) | |



SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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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

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. ☐ Address ☐ Phone ☐ Email

To place a classified ad, email: ads@simontonlake.org. Classified ads are **free for paid members of the association**. Non-members pay \$5. Ads will have to be resubmitted for additional issues. Ads are limited to 100 characters. No commercial business ads will be accepted to protect our sponsors who are supporting this newsletter. Deadline: 20th of month prior to publishing date.

NEEDED: We are looking for a local insurance person (preferably an association member) who could provide our association with some liability coverage for the association and directors. Please contact any board member. (See page 4)

NOTICE:

SLAHA General Meeting will be held on May 21st, at 7pm at the Sportsmen's Club Building. All are welcome to join.

FREE Boater Education Course to be held May 9th on Simonton Lake

Sponsored by the SLAHA Lake Safety Committee, offered by Indiana Department of Natural Resources, this safe boating course lets you get your Indiana boater safety course certificate so that you can comply with the Indiana boater education law.

Motorboat operators who are 15 years of age may operate a motorboat or PWC only if they complete a boater education course.

Pre-Registration required: May 5th deadline

Minimum age: 15 years old

Class size: Minimum 15, maximum 30

Location: Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club Building

When: Saturday, May 9th, 8:30 - 2:30 Light lunch provided.

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"It Was Very Cold"

- by Maria Hopman

That was the comment made by Merle Anderson of Pete's Simonton Lake Tavern, after he took the chilly plunge into Simonton Lake for the **Froggy 102.7 Leprechaun Leap IV**, on March 14th. Merle was one of the over 150 people to jump in the freezing waters, and more than 500 people attended the event. Merle said this is the second time he jumped and he does it because his mother died of cancer and almost everyone's life is touched by it. He wants to inspire others to donate to a good cause. About \$10,000 was raised and over the last four years a total of over \$30,000 was donated. Merle also stated that all the money raised stays in Elkhart County.

For more pictures visit our website: www.simontonlake.org

Photo by Maria Hopman



NOTICE: Annual General Meeting - May 21st, 7pm at Sportsmen's Club building



Show us what makes the Simonton Lake Area special and unique. Tell us your stories, your events; send us your photos. We want to hear from you.....

(Call Amy at 262-4773 or email simon@simontonlake.org)

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Cody Skipper, son of **Bufford & Becky Skipper**, was recently sworn in as an Elkhart Police Officer and is at the Police Academy for 16 weeks. He also recently got engaged to be married September 26, 2009 to Michelle Haveman.

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Mary "Henrietta" Wenger, a North

Shore Drive resident for over 40 years will celebrate her 89th

Birthday on May 25th. Recently her sister Jane Chapin, who turned 87 on March 14, came from California to reside with "The Hen". Welcome to our lake, Jane, and to the "Hen-house".

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Green Tip: For the Sake of the Lake

We 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! **Watch for more Green Tips in upcoming issues!**



1. Leave only footprints. Pursuing, touching, or collecting animals can be dangerous to the person and the animal involved. Appreciate the beauty of nature by only observing and taking photos.
2. Be mindful of fishing gear. Aquatic animals can swallow discarded hooks and can get dangerously entangled in fishing lines.