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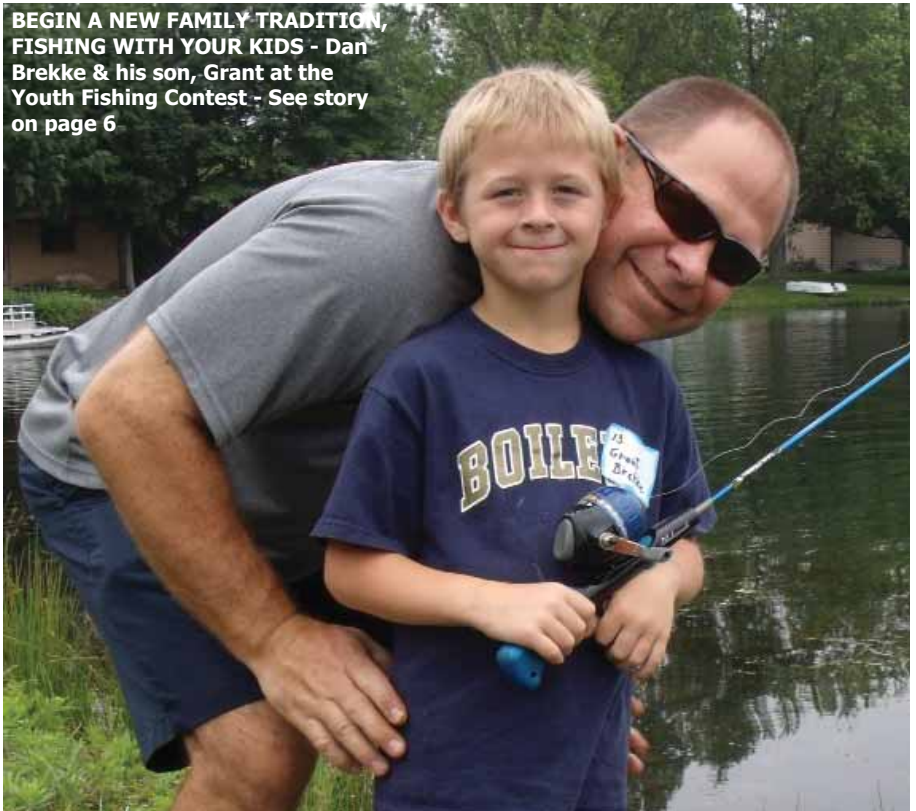
Maria Hopman
gliding over
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MADE AT TIMES
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Hoffman & his
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(above) "Bugeye" at the Youth Fishing Contest



(right) Cardboard Boat Race - Roger Cain of Elkhart defended his title successfully Saturday in Simonton Lake at Lakeshore Grill. See story on page 25.



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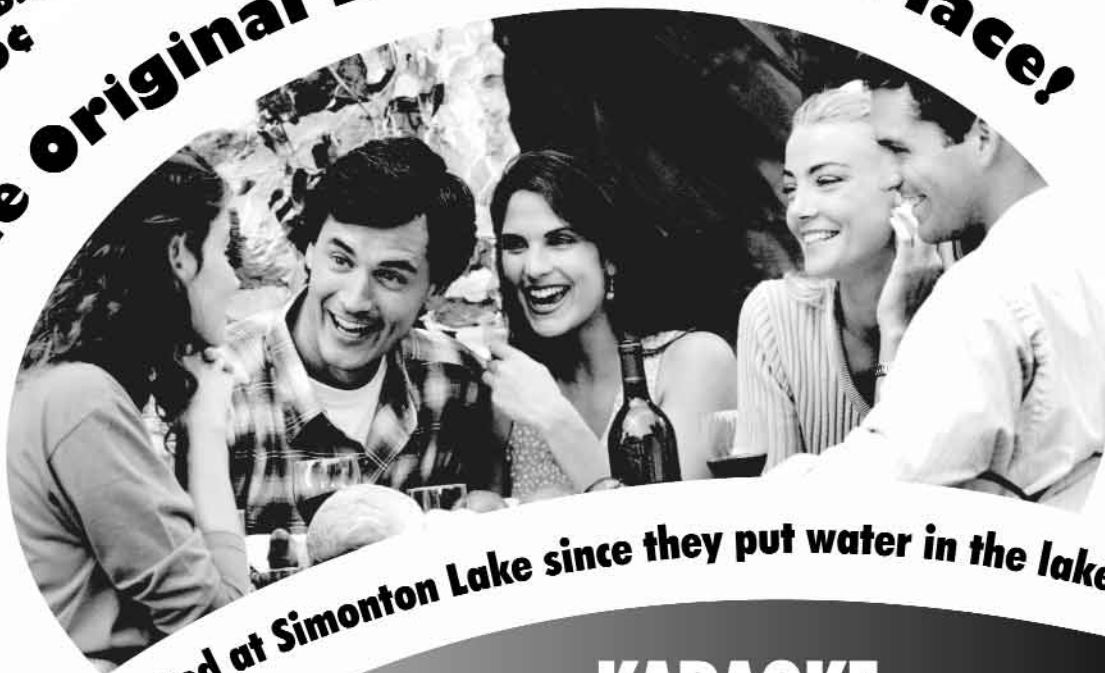
Pet "Tails"

Lydia Leighton is a 5 1/2 year old Yellow Lab/Golden Retriever Mix that lives on North Shore Drive. Lydia has lived on the lake all her life and enjoys the water very much! She never gets tired of fetching her toy in the water when it is thrown from the shore. More than that, however, she loves to ride on the pontoon so much that she even carries the keys to the boat when it is time to climb aboard. Lydia's parents are Bill and Teresa Leighton.



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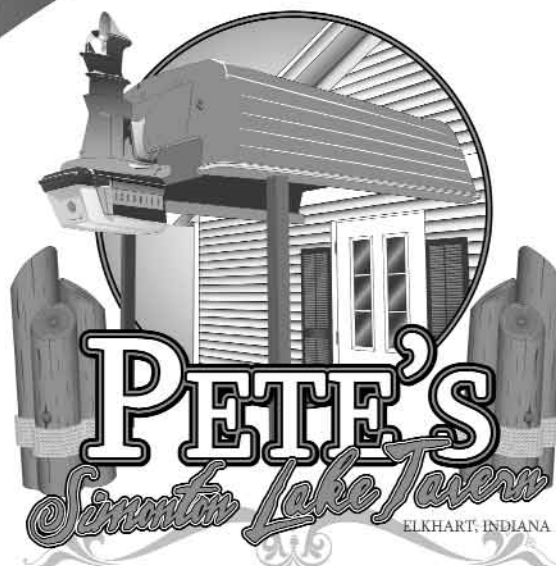
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Events on the Lake

July 3rd - Poker Run
(Sponsored by Sportsmen's Club)

July 4th - Fireworks (Rain date - July 5)
(Sponsored by Sportsmen's Club)

July 31st - Lakeside Festival of Lights
(For details see page 25)

August 7th - Youth Fishing Contest, Corn & Sausage Roast
(Sponsored by Sportsmen's Club)

October 2nd - 2nd Annual "I Survived the Summer" Hog Roast

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Simonton Lake, the New Miami!

-by Bob Meyers

Yes, Miami has nothing on us. Thanks to the Maier and Foutz families, pink flamingos are now not the national, not the state, but the community bird of Simonton Lake.

That's right, thanks to these two families, the bird Alice used as a croquet mallet in *Through The Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll; that same flamingo image standing under palm trees that appears in paperweights and snow globes; that pink flamingo that is shown on post cards and in paintings promoting Miami as the place to be; that same flamingo is our native bird.

The first known sighting of pink flamingos at Simonton Lake was approximately 1995 when Brad and Deb Pletcher, along with Larry Maier and Maria Hopman, using pink Styrofoam



and coat hangers, produced and placed 40 of the pink flamingos on the Maier's lawn in honor of the (fill in the blank) birthday of Theresa Maier.

Now, fifteen years later, Dave and Carole Foutz have been flocked. Yes, they found several pink flamingos adorning their property on a morning in May of this year. (*Photo was in our June issue.*) We understand they have been petting them so much, they have rubbed off the fuzz.

Continue feeding the Cardinals, the

finches, the hummingbirds and your other favorites, but please also remember to feed the pink flamingo, now that they have chosen our lake as their northern home.

If you know of any other sightings of

Pink flamingos at Simonton Lake, let us know. Please contact a Simonton Says staff member or email: simon@simontonlake.org.

Now that we have a community bird, we need a community flower, how about a tree and a flag? Simonton Lake is like no other; we have the warmth of Miami, the best people and the most beautiful sunsets. No wonder the pink flamingos, just like you, have chosen our community to live. ■

Youth Fishing Contest - June 12th, 2010

The first Youth Fishing contest of the year, sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club, was a great success. Chairman of the event, Jim Friend, did another wonderful job of putting it all together. The contest, is open to youth, ages 4 through 14. The largest fish was caught by Tyler Mullet.



The next Youth Fishing Contest will be held August 7. This is an excellent opportunity for you to begin a new family tradition, fishing with your children and grandchildren. Give a child a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a child to fish, and you have started a tradition that you can enjoy week after week.....This weekend would be a great time to begin practicing those family fishing techniques.



The trophy winners this year were:

Back row: Tony Haley - 1st place (boys-ages 12-14), Bethany Rice - 1st place (girls-ages 12-14) & Preston Hoffman - 1st place (boys-ages 8-11).

Middle row: Abrigail Hillard - 1st place (girls-ages 8-11), Hailley Mullet - 3rd place (girls-ages 8-11), Keegan Thursby - 2nd place (girls-ages 8-11), Logan Pontius - 2nd place (boys-ages 4-7), Dylon Eaton - 3rd place (boys-ages 4-7), Tyler Mullet - 1st place (boys-ages 4-7) & Kelly Winder - 1st place (girls-ages 4-7).

Front row: DeAngelo Wills-Boyd - 2nd place (boys-ages 12-14) & Tressan Jeffries - 3rd place (boys-ages 8-11). ■

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Simonton Chronicles

Osolo's One Room Schools

-by Carole Foutz

"It's a jungle out there," stated Ed Hapner, a former student of the McFarren School speaking about Osolo Township. In an article published in the Elkhart Truth January 3, 1993, Ed recalls his school days in Osolo Township schools as being hard and very transient. In early records, Osolo Township was described as so heavily wooded and had such dense underbrush is was called "The Barrens". Ed attended several schools during his 8 years prior to attending Elkhart High School, and never moved. He attended **McFarren School** at the northwest corner of County Roads 6 and 15. It was also known as **Heaton School**. In the fall of 1823, the wood stove overheated and the school burned to the ground. Ed finished the year at **Fisher School** on the southwest corner of County Roads 10 and 15. He stated that the winters were extremely cold in the school, having to wear boots and overcoats to stay warm. The following year the old McFarren students were sent to the **Hatch School** on County Road 15 just one-half mile south of the Michigan line. Probably the story went similar for many of the Osolo students during those days. **Osolo School** was built and opened the fall of 1925 at the corner of County Road 6 and 15. This is where Ed finished the 8th grade year of schooling before going on into town at Elkhart High.

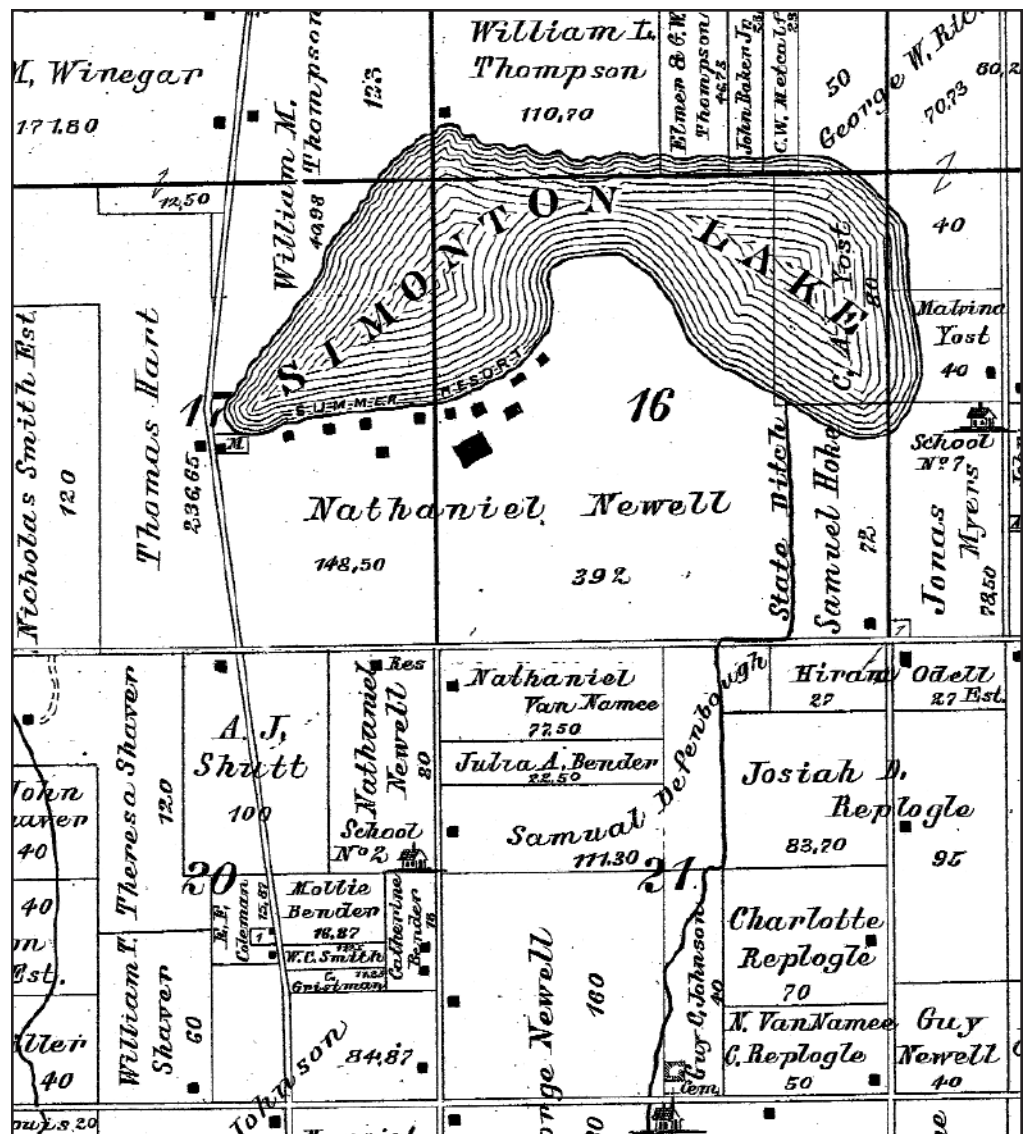
You may remember reading my article about the **Sandford School** in our May newsletter, I mentioned that I had been looking over land plots

back in the late 1800's and found landowners names to be some of the same names which appear in our area today. One of those names is Replogle. The Replogle family has researched their genealogy and found Charles

Emerson Replogle to be their Great Grandfather. In my research of the schools in Osolo township, Charles was a teacher at McFarren School when it burned down. He began teaching in 1887 at the age of 18 and taught for 17 years in the Osolo Township schools. In the research the family has completed, they found mentioned that Charles was a teacher in the Osolo schools and described him as being quite strict. The Replogle homestead still is on Osolo

Road, north of the overpass. It is one of the two remaining homes, with theirs being the one to the north. On its property the old smokehouse still remains.

I began this quest with the question, "Where was the Sandford School?" for which the section of County Road 4, which was recently annexed into the city, was named. I found out it was right down the road from the new Martin's Supermarket. I also discovered that until 1834, Osolo Township was part of Cleveland Township. Also interesting was that this area was referred to as the "Lake Township" with several lakes, Simonton, Mud, Cooley and Heaton. The history of the one- room schoolhouse proved to be quite interesting and worth seeking out more information on how Osolo Township's educational progress also went hand- in- hand with its growth as a community. ■



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Life on the Lake

July 2010

- by Amy Matherly

The dictionary says that a friend is someone you trust and someone you care about and who cares about you. You might call a friend a pal or a buddy.

I took my mother to Florida during the first week of June for my niece's high school graduation. Traveling is tiring but we had lots of time to talk. Over the years my mother has become one of my best friends. That's probably because I eventually grew out of the mean and nasty teenager that I was. I've also grown to appreciate her wisdom. We talk politics, family, parenting.

I count my sisters as friends as well. My youngest sister is raising her teenagers. She calls to talk about parent issues. We share the history of family events: marriages, illnesses, deaths. We have stories we share, like the time our dad got on the toll road to take us to Chicago. We were all too afraid to tell him he took the east-bound ramp. We were at the Bristol interchange when he figured it out. My, oh my, the air was blue. We have laughed about that story many, many times. I call my sisters when I'm worried about my parents. I call just to talk, to laugh, to reminisce.

Beyond family you've got your neighborhood friends, work friends, church friends, club friends, bowling team friends, sand bar friends.

Some folks might just be acquaintances. Some people are like family even though you're not related.

Friends are people who know your stories. They know your history (and they like you anyway).

A friend is someone who understands why your husband is such a challenge and how much of a saint you are for putting up with him. She understands because her husband is just as much of a challenge and she is also a saint.

A friend is someone who shows up with a casserole when you've just been at the funeral home.

A good friend is someone you can call when you need help. You'd help them in return.

A friend is someone who will answer honestly the question: Do I look good in this swimsuit?

A friend is someone who will tell you when the mole hair on your face has grown long enough for Rapunzel to climb up your chest.

A friend is someone who will teach you how to water ski even though it takes you all afternoon to get up.

A friend is someone who won't call you out if you accidentally belch or have other inadvertent body noises.

Friends are priceless. Here's to friends. Here's to lake friends.

Until next time. ■

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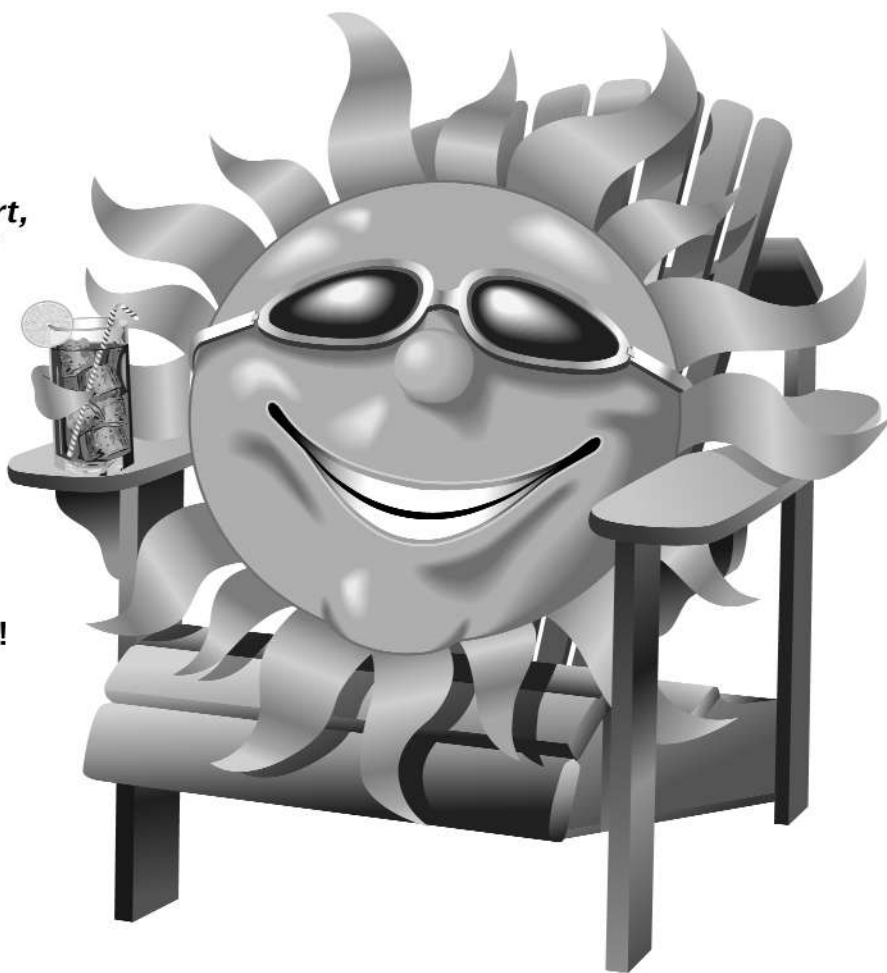
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Wildlife in our Backyard

Lakes in Elkhart County - Boot Lake

- by Bob Meyers

The state of Indiana claims there are sixteen lakes in Elkhart County. According to the state, "a lake covers an area of at least 5 acres within the shoreline or water line including bays and coves".

We will identify these lakes in alphabetical order in Simon-ton Says, one each month for fifteen months, unless it keeps raining the way it has been lately. We may have to add more lakes.

The first of our county lakes is **Boot Lake** located in Cleveland township, 4 miles northwest of Elkhart, very close to St. Joseph County, Indiana and the Michigan line. It is located north of CR 4, east of the intersection at CR 2 and CR 3, however you must take CR 5 to either 2 or 3 to get there.....No wonder we've never seen it.

Boot Lake is shaped like anot like a boot.... like a lake.

Boot Lake Nature Preserve and Buttonbush Lake cover approximately 80 acres

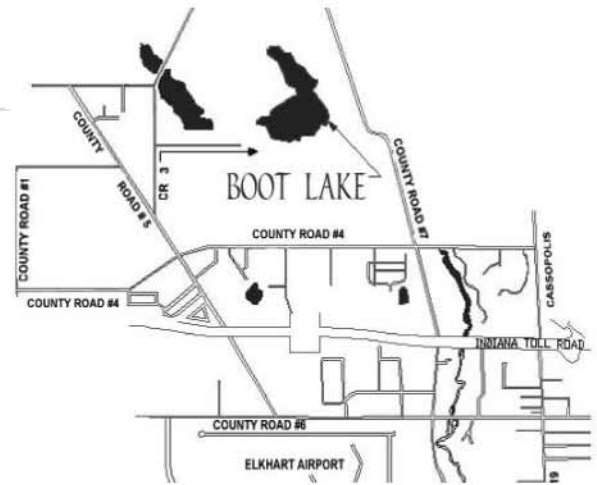
of property in a wildlife area. It is one of the most important sites in the state for nesting Sandhill Cranes.

For the next issue we will have found Buttonbush Lake. ■

For more information about the Boot Lake Nature Preserve and the 4.5 miles of hiking trails, visit:

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(answer on page 30)

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DeFries Gardens- The Secret Garden

-by Carole Foutz

My husband, Dave, told me about the **Defries Calendar Garden** about two years ago. The day that he visited the first time it was pouring down rain and yet his enthusiasm for this garden was not dampened. He had an opportunity to visit it as the County Council representative to the Elkhart County Parks Department Board. He keenly knows how I love flowers and knew that I needed to visit this out-of-the-way gem. This garden is one that could and should be visited multiple times during the year to see how it amazingly changes with the calendar.

Nestled within the thousand acre River Preserve County Park is the De-

Fries Gardens. This land is covered with water lilies, blooming colors, grey washed gates and arbors filled with wisteria. A circular path leads you through the garden where bricks mark the days of the month and your senses come alive as the garden surrounds you. This giant circle garden is a flowering calendar.

Defries Gardens is a labor of love that began when John and Beth DeFries

purchased an 1880's home and property along the banks of the Elkhart River in 1948. Beth DeFries began to collect plants and her gardens grew. In 1995, several years after John died, Beth decided to move to the city.

She donated the beautiful home and property to the Elkhart County Park Department and established the DeFries Gardens. Several years after her move Mrs. DeFries hired landscaper, Jon Cutrell to assist with landscaping her



home in the city. They soon became friends and Jon shared his vision of a Calendar Garden which he had always envisioned. With his degree in art from Goshen College and his art skills within the landscaping field, it led to what is now the beautiful Calendar Garden at DeFries Gardens. The Calendar Garden is now close to its final completion which welcomes many visitors, garden clubs and civic groups.

The location of DeFries Gardens is one and one quarter miles east of New Paris, Indiana on County Road 46. I guarantee that whether you are a gardener or not, you will enjoy the beautiful gardens, its artistic twist with nature, the old rural homestead, the paths along Elkhart River and the peaceful countryside. Elkhart County is blessed to have such an outstanding park and gardens to share with its residents. See a full color picture of the garden on page two. ■

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Simonton Lake Cruisin'

- by Dave Foutz

One of my most vivid high school memories is of the trips to the drive-in for a tall, frosty root beer between the two-a-day football practices during the dog days of August. Nothing reminds us more of that by-gone era than the Simonton Lake Drive-in. Few of these bastions of entrepreneurial spirit have survived the decades, but we are fortunate to have a prime example right here in our own back yard.

Simonton Lake Drive-in began life in 1965 as the brainstorm of Charles Manfredi as an A & W Drive-in. The idea was a good one, but it seems that Charles didn't check with the wife first and the business was abruptly sold to Wayne and Jane Bowers. This couple had previously built or acquired three other A & W franchises in the local area. Their business model was to get a business up and running, then sell it at a profit to someone else. The Bowers' determined the Simonton Lake business was ready to sell in 1969.

About this time Bud and Helen Hoff were looking for a career change. Bud



was in sales with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and Helen was a stay-at-home mom. This was about the time that the links between smoking and cancer were being made public in the Surgeon General's Report and Bud was becoming very uncomfortable with the idea of being involved with the business of selling cigarettes. And as they say, the rest is history.

In speaking with Helen, it's pretty clear that neither she nor Bud were fully prepared for all the demands necessary to run a business open to the public seven days a week. But, they rolled up their sleeves and dug in. Helen said those sixteen hour days were the biggest shock. As a small business owner, they

would have to take care of everything. If something broke they may be there all night fixing it. The "season" is eight months long, and the four months off was devoted to recharging their batteries. Helen said on the first day she had off, she slept to 1:00 PM.

Four years after Bud and Helen took over the

business they dropped the A&W franchise. This was a huge step. First of all, they removed a well know name from the sign. Secondly, they gave up the security of knowing another A&W wouldn't be built right down the street. The upside was they no longer had to pay the franchise fees, and possibly the most important of all, they had the freedom to be creative with their menu and marketing in developing the Simonton Lake Drive-in brand.

What were some of Helen's favorite memories? . . . why the people of course. She fondly remembers her regulars and says, "When you would see them pull in you would just put their order on the grill." She spoke with pride when she talked about the food and root beer. She firmly believes it is the root beer that keeps the customers coming back. She also has fond memories of the teenagers, mostly girls, who worked there. Both of the Hoff boys worked at the drive-in and Bud counseled against fraternizing with the help. But we all know how boys listen; both married car hops.

Bud and Helen ran the business for twelve years selling it to their son Rick and his wife Roni in 1982. The business continues in the Hoff family hands after forty years of serving Simonton Lake residents. Hey, why don't we just make a date to meet at the drive-in on Wednesday night and look at the really cool street rods? ■



Sportsmen's Club

Catch Phrases

-by Bob Meyers

that was good, wait until you see the Shoot in the Fall."

The first Youth Fishing Contest of the season was held on June 12th with a tremendous turnout and enough fish to feed all the young people who caught them. Chairman Jim Friend said, "If I could fish like these kids, my wife would never have to go to the store." The next **Youth Fishing Contest is August 12th**; get "geared up".

According to chairman Joe Kilburn, the SLSC Spring Turkey Shoot was one of the best ever. We gave out quite a few of those Jim Friend turkeys and Larry Bellamy Hams. Joe said, "If you think

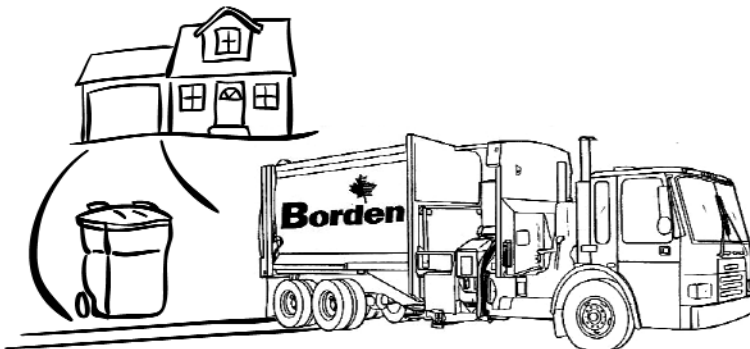
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The Gardens of Simonton Lake

-by Carole Foutz

The beautiful blooms in our flower gardens are popping out each day as the warm sun shines on our shores of Simonton Lake. Right now, the lilies are just loving the damp but warm days. I've personally never seen the landscaping roses so spectacular. Daisies, coreopsis, phlox, delphinium and so many of our vivid summer perennials are just coming to their prime. What a gorgeous time in our gardens!

I took a ride around our lake neighborhood and snapped some pictures of these beautiful flowers. You might recognize some of these as being yours or they just might be your neighbors! ■



For more beautiful garden pictures from yards around the lake, see pages 1 & 2.



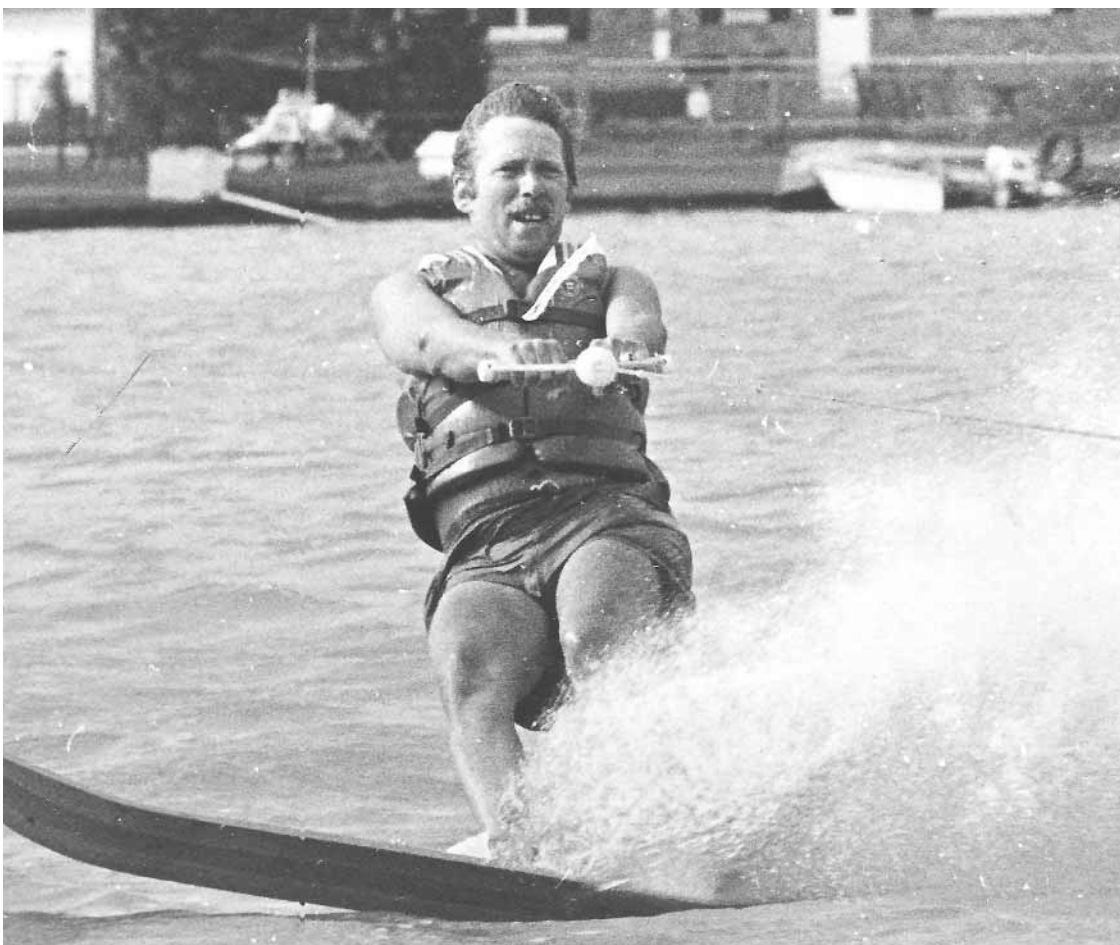
Skiing - a Long-Time Pastime

It seems the older we get, the more we yearn for the past, and keeping those precious memories in focus. What we took for granted then, we look back on in fondness now, usually with a smile, while wondering where the time went. I guess water skiing is a fact of life and one of those fond memories for people who have spent years living on a lake. And luckily, we all can share the flashback along with them, by enjoying the photos of the days gone by.

Dave Harbaugh

(right), Laverna Court, has lived on the lake for over 30 years. This photo was taken by Howard McFarland, whose wife, Carol,

came up with the name "Simonton Says" when the newsletter was first published back in 2002. She gave permission for us to use that perfect title for today's publication, too. ■



(left) Skiing with four...

Deb Pletcher, Maria Hopman, Theresa Maier and Ann Harbaugh, being pulled by Larry Maier and his boat

(right) That's nothing, we can do it with five...

Maria Hopman, Theresa Maier, Pam Cleveland, Deb Pletcher, and Ann Harbaugh



Is it Done Yet?-Cooking Times for the Grill

-by Amy Matherly

One of the most perplexing problems with grilling is figuring out when the meat is done. It doesn't matter how wonderful the marinade if the inside of the chicken breast is raw.

Martha Stewart produced the chart (right) in her "Living" magazine. Also, enjoy some of my favorite summer recipes below! Do you have a favorite summer recipe that you would like to share? Email: simon@simontonlake.org

Pizza Burgers

-From "Backyard Living" magazine

Yield: 6 burgers

Texas toast slices
2 pounds ground chuck
1 cup pizza sauce
1 package pepperoni
Slices of mozzarella cheese
Sliced canned mushrooms
Butter

Optional: green pepper, olives, onion (Or any other toppings you like on your pizza)

Directions

Prepare six Texas toast slices according to package directions. Drain and sauté mushrooms in butter. Make 12 thin hamburger patties. Top six of the patties with 1 tablespoon of pizza sauce, pepperoni and one slice of mozzarella cheese. Top with remaining patties; pressing edges firmly to seal in the sauce, pepperoni and mozzarella.

Grill covered, over medium heat for 8 min. on each side or until a meat thermometer reads 160 degrees. Top each burger with a rounded tablespoonful of pizza sauce, cheese and other toppings. Cover; cook 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

Strawberry Pie

-From the St. Thomas Cookbook

(Amy lost the cover to this cookbook, so she doesn't know the title. It was possibly created in the 1980's).

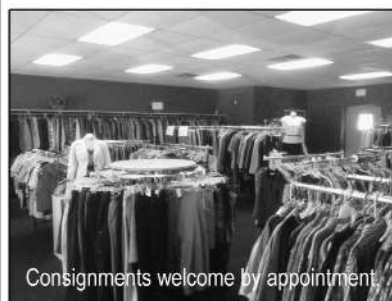
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
3 T. cornstarch
1 3 oz. package of strawberry Jell-o
1-1½ quarts of strawberries
Baked pie shell

Place sugar, water and cornstarch in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir continually until mixture is thickened. Remove from heat and stir in Jell-o. Let cool. Add berries and pour into baked pie shell. The amount of berries varies according to whether you like your berries whole or sliced. Also, you may choose to line the bottom of the pie shell with cream cheese. Cover and refrigerate.

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| Chicken Drumstick | 5 min. per side, direct heat; then 7-9 minutes per side with indirect heat, lid on | 5 min. per side, direct heat, then 10 min. per side, indirect heat, lid on |
| Chicken Breast, split, bone in | 10 min. skin down, direct heat, then 8-10 minutes per side, indirect heat, lid on | 10 min. skin down, direct heat, then 12-15 min. per side, indirect heat, lid on |
| Chicken Thigh, bone in | 10 min. skin down, direct heat, then 8-10 min per side, indirect heat, lid on | 10 min, skin down, direct heat, then 10-12 min per side, indirect heat, lid on |
| Rib-EYE STEAK, BONE IN(1 ½ INCHES THICK) FOR MED. RARE | 6-7 min per side, direct heat | 8-9 min. per side, direct heat |
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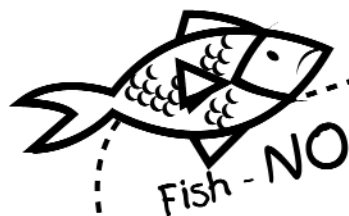
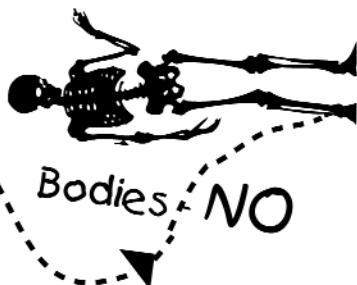
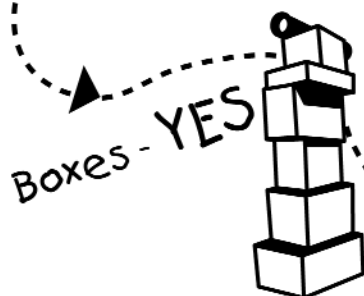
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Simonton Lake Flute Maker Makes a Dream Come True

Earlier this spring Elkhart Truth reporter, Robert Borrelli, wrote an article about Emerson DeFord, lake area resident. We thought it was worth repeating in "Simonton Says."

It was a chance meeting between two high school musicians; Concord senior Jessika Bollero and Bloomington North student Josh Clampitt, that left him nearly speechless Friday morning as he picked up a flute made for him by Elkhart musical instrument maker Emerson DeFord.

DeFord heard about Clampitt's talent from Bollero's private music teacher, Susan Chilberg of Elkhart, after Bollero told her how good Clampitt was.

Teacher Chilberg got to hear Clampitt for herself at the Indiana State School Music Association solo and ensemble contest in February. Chilberg was amazed at Clampitt's talent, especially after learning his flute was "kind of beat up."

Clampitt's original plan, she said, was to work to buy the instrument's individual parts one at a time. Chilberg prayed about Clampitt's quest for a new flute and in March she placed a call to DeFord. "We were able to get something of a miracle," said Chilberg, as she listened to Clampitt play his new flute, presented by DeFord, 82, who has been making flutes for 61 years.

Mr. DeFord tried to retire about five years ago, but after two weeks he was back in production. DeFord still makes one to two flutes per week, and while business is slow he decided to donate a flute to Clampitt after Chilberg vouched for his talent. "She says he's got all kinds of talent and a kind of junk flute. I just figured it was time to do something for him if we could," said DeFord.

Clampitt and his mother drove from Bloomington to pick up the solid silver flute, "with a lot of extras," worth roughly \$3,000. Most student flutes assembled by DeFord cost around \$250. Clampitt, who's currently taking composition classes at Indiana University, played his new flute at DeFord's Lusher Avenue factory, saying, "I'm so excited. Thank you so much."



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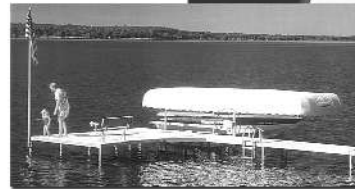
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What's Good for Your Grass Can Be Bad for Your Water

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Fertilizers contribute to lousy taste as accelerated algae growth cause all kinds of problems.

By Jason Thomas Posted: May 24, 2010

The oil spill polluting the Gulf of Mexico is a palpable, high-profile problem. But there's another problem in gulf waters, less dramatic but plenty serious, one that Hoosiers contribute to and, this spring, are getting a foul taste of themselves.

Every summer, algae growth steals oxygen from the water, creating giant "dead zones." One of them was as large as the state of Massachusetts. The culprit? Your backyard fertilizer, not to mention the millions of tons of fertilizer spread on farm fields throughout the Mississippi River basin. The nutrients in those fertilizers – primarily phosphorus – accelerate algae growth and cause all kinds of problems.

Last month, a so-called algae bloom in a Delaware County reservoir fouled the water of more than 700,000 Central Indiana residents. Fertilizer was blamed. "It's a huge problem," said Lenore P. Tedesco, associate professor of geology at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. "I would argue that the vast majority of water in Indiana has an excess of phosphorus, which is causing changes in the ecosystem and creating water-quality problems."

State and federal environmental officials are working on a remedy, but it won't be easy. A ban on phosphorus is not likely, because farmers say it is essential to crops. More practical prescriptions may include controls on development and agricultural runoff, and maybe even a ban on phosphorus in lawn fertilizers. Such questions are being discussed and could reach the Statehouse as early as January.

In the meantime, officials are trying to determine how much phosphorus is acceptable in Indiana lakes and streams. Once that happens, Tedesco said, "it's really going to impact a lot of

things."

Terrible taste

Last month, a large growth of algae in the Prairie Creek Reservoir in Delaware County produced a chemical compound that fouled the taste and smell of drinking water from Muncie to Indianapolis, including that of Indianapolis Water customers. Officials at Indiana American Water Co., which owns the reservoir, cited warm water temperatures, ample sunlight and the presence of nutrients, including phosphorus, from nearby farms. Officials stressed the water was

"People who live around them (lakes) have come to understand they like big green lawns but they don't like big green lakes."

safe to drink. But that didn't exactly comfort people like Dea Chisman, Muncie. She couldn't stand the taste – or smell. So she bought a pitcher with a filter and added raspberry flavoring. "I could smell it as soon as I turned the faucet on," said Chisman, 66. "It was like a musty odor. I bought the pitcher because I'm not wasting money on bottled water. That's how I solved my problem." The effects of algae, however, go beyond bad-tasting water. In Indiana, large amounts of algae and excessive plant growth fueled by fertilizers have affected fish populations in streams and waterways, according to Tedesco, who also is the director of the Center for Earth and Environmental Science at IUPUI. What was once a gravelly bottom in some portions of the White River, for instance, now have been covered with plants. Where bass might have thrived, carp now live. "It's a recreational fisheries impact, for sure," Tedesco said. "It's an overall ecosystem health issue as well," he added. "You start lowering the diversity of the animals that are in these systems."

Algae also have affected recreational activities, as the unsightly green blankets deter boaters and swimmers. "It's gotten so thick that it's impossible to do any recreational boating on the White River," said John Goss, executive director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation, who is a kayak fisherman. "It's definitely here. It's not just at the other end of the nation."

Exceeds EPA levels

Indiana, in fact, lies near the heart of the problem. Phosphorus levels in Indiana reach as high as 881 micrograms per liter – at Greensburg Reservoir in Decatur County – which is more than 35 times the level recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Federal officials have identified the Mississippi River Basin, with its high concentration of agriculture and industry, as the largest contributor of nutrient loading to the Gulf of Mexico. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, agricultural runoff from the Mississippi River Basin contributes 70 percent of the nutrient load to the gulf.

For that reason, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has launched an educational and funding initiative to provide farmers – including those in Indiana – with grant money to install devices that could lessen fertilizer runoff into water sources.

In Indiana, the department is focusing on watersheds that eventually empty into the Mississippi River Basin, which include headwaters of the Wabash River in the north-central and northeast portions of the state and at the headwaters of the East Fork of the White River.

"Everyone's in this together," said Shannon Zezula, state resource conservationist for the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service. "We're out there helping farmers minimize their impact but keeping their farms producing." Indiana lags some Midwestern states in establishing nutrient criteria. Minnesota, for example, adopted water-quality standards for phosphorus in its lakes in 2008. Wisconsin has proposed nutrient standards for its lakes and streams, according to the EPA. "I think it's overdue," Tedesco said, but EPA officials say the

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state's progress ranks about in the middle.

In 2001, the EPA adopted a national action plan that recommended states develop and implement water-quality criteria for nutrients. Soon after the EPA's recommendation, Indiana officials began sampling water for nutrients, but after five years, insufficient data forced another round of sampling. It was completed this year. "What we did was collect data to establish a correlation between phosphorus and the growth of algae," said Bruno Pigott, assistant commissioner with IDEM's office of water quality.

The state is drafting a phosphorus standard for its lakes and reservoirs, which could be in place in about 18 months. "As far as implementation, it's going to be very tricky," Tedesco said. Effect on farmers An outright ban would devastate agriculture in Indiana, according to the Farm Bureau, which is why legislators currently are researching only restricting phosphorus in lawn fertilizer. "There's no question that phosphorus in waterways can cause problems," said Rep. Nancy Dembowski, D-Knox, who

chairs a bipartisan lakes management work group charged with monitoring the health of the state's lakes. While legislation restricting lawn fertilizer could come up next year, Dembowski said a wider ban could be premature. "I'm not saying it couldn't happen," she said, "but no one is planning that at this time."

Other Midwestern states, including Wisconsin and Minnesota, have restricted phosphorus in lawn fertilizers. Low- and zero-level phosphorus lawn fertilizers are available in Indiana stores, said Lance Latham, director of public affairs for Scotts MiracleGro Co. Latham said the company "would not necessarily oppose a ban," as long as it does not include organic fertilizer – which is animal byproducts – where it is impossible to remove phosphorus, he said. What the state's regulatory limit won't address is runoff from residential lawns and farms – which is called nonpoint sources – that empties into rivers and streams and lakes and is difficult to regulate.

In 2008, Indiana Department of Environmental Management established a nutrient nonpoint source management plan that is a prerequisite to receiving grant money from the EPA. The plan also stresses best management practices, including building natural buffer strips

that could be funded through the EPA. Measures include placing a filter strip, such as a swath of grass, between a farm field and a stream; or planting annual plants that remain in the ground during the winter to absorb fertilizers.

No zoning regulations

Zoning could play a role, but there is no statewide law on regulating zoning around large bodies of water, which would fall under the authority of local government, according to IDEM. "Most states ban subdivisions around waterways but not in Hoosier land," said Glenn Pratt, board member of the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter and former head of the EPA's water discharge program for Region 5. "We put them back to back, belly to belly, right next to the water source," he added. "People who live around them have come to understand they like big green lawns but they don't like big green lakes."

Finding solutions that satisfy everyone will not be easy because of the varied sources of phosphorus contamination. "It comes from so many places and the impact is so great," Tedesco said. "We do have to manage it, but the question is how."

Elkhart resident repeats as Cardboard Boat Race champion

Reprinted from *The Elkhart Truth*, etruth.com

Saturday's Cardboard Boat Race had plenty of spills. But these were boats made out of cardboard, tape and glue. Roger Cain of Elkhart defended his title success-

fully Saturday in Simonton Lake at Lakeshore Grill. (See picture of winner on page 2). Cain had the fastest overall time when he paddled 300 feet in 68 seconds, according to Cam Snyder, owner of Lakeshore.

Dave Vogeles was second and Brian Thursby was third. All the boats still sea worthy after the first race, raced in the Second Chance race with all the boats in the water at the same time. Vogeles was the winner of the Second Chance event.

Chad Lennert built a cardboard boat with a hidden motor

in the cardboard in the boat as a joke. He started paddling and then stuck his hand inside the back of the boat and started his motor and finished to a roaring crowd, Snyder said. Lennert finished fourth overall with a second boat he built strictly to paddle. "It was supposed to be fun," he said of the motorized boat.

Funds raised at the event were donated to the Elkhart County Hospice. Snyder said he doesn't have a total for how much was raised. This is the second year for the event, which had 15 boats. (See more pictures on page 30.) ■



Pulled Pork

-by Cam Snyder

This is a simple recipe with little prep time that's great for serving a large group and you don't want to be tied to the kitchen all day preparing your meal when everybody else is out enjoying the lake.



You can simply season your pork, wrap it in foil and let it cook all afternoon at a lower temp. When you return from an afternoon on the lake, you will have "fall off the bone" delicious pulled pork to serve your guests, and you'll be the neighborhood favorite.

7-9 pounds pork shoulder (also called Boston butt) or picnic cut. Ask the butcher what they have available. I like the bone in cut but it won't feed as many people since the bone is figured into the overall weight. 7-9 pounds should feed about 20 people. Figure about 1/3 of a pound per person precooked weight depending on if the Broderick boys are coming for dinner or not!

Trim the fat from the roast according to your preference. Some cuts are more lean than others. I prefer cooking the pork with the some of the fat on as it makes for a very tender cut after roasting.

Rub: I like a dry rub that isn't too sweet! You can always sweeten up your sandwich with a Sweet Baby Rays BBQ sauce after it's cooked.

1/4 cup Smoked Paprika

1/4 cup McCormick's Smokehouse Pepper (Martins carries it)

2 tablespoons Granulated garlic or garlic powder

2 tablespoons Sea salt

2 tablespoons onion powder or flakes

2 tablespoons cumin

2 tablespoons dried mustard powder

Mix all the dry ingredients together and spread it in a big pan and rub the entire pork. If time allows apply the rub and let it sit over night in the refrigerator to season it longer.

Preheat your outside BBQ grill to 450 degrees and place the pork on the grill to sear the outside with a little crust. If it's cold outside you can use a sauté (frying pan) and get the same effect on your stove. You only want the pork on the grill long enough to brown the outside and create a crust. Don't leave it on too long!

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Wrap your pork tightly in foil and place it in a deep pan to collect the juices from the fat while cooking. This also causes a steaming effect while cooking the pork and it won't dry out as easily while you are on the lake. Cook time: about 45 minutes per pound. Oven Roasters are also easy ways to cook the pork as well. Not all home ovens are calibrated to exact temperature so use a meat thermometer to make sure your pork reaches internal temperature of a minimum of 170 degrees.

If your pork has not reached internal temperature when it's getting close to dinner time, you can simply turn up the oven to 375-400 and finish the pork off to temperature.

Once it is removed from the oven it will continue to cook for a while so unwrap the pork and let it rest to cool long enough for handling and it will pull apart very easily. Place it in a serving dish and you are ready to serve. You can use the juices as a marinade to moisten the pork as well.

I prefer to serve Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce on the side as the pork will have a great flavor from the dry rub that was applied.

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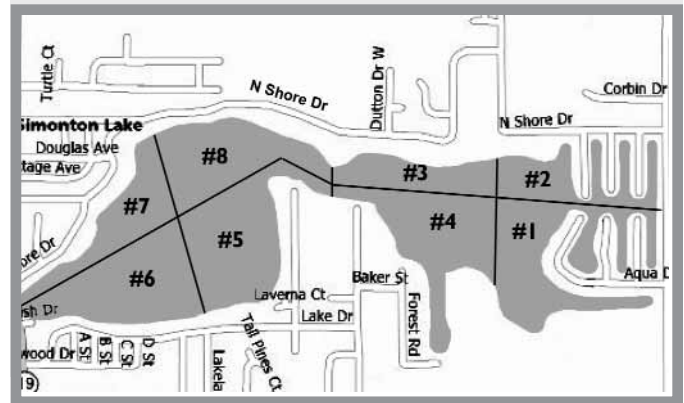
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| Membership Dues | \$3,810.00 | |
| Advertising | 476.00 | |
| Events (Boat Parade & Hog Roast) | 0.00 | |
| Other (e.g., T-shirt sales, interest income) | 17.65 | |
| Total Gross Profit | | \$4,303.65 |
| Board of Directors (e.g., General meeting expenses, bank fees) | 257.89 | |
| Lake Safety | 270.00 | |
| Membership/Outreach | 0.00 | |
| Newsletter / Website | 879.50 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$1,407.39 |
| Net Position as of May 10, 2010 | | \$2,896.26 |

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SIMONTON LAKE AREA HOME-OWNER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Treasurer, Erin Harding, reported \$3,770.94 income. Expenditures were at \$1407.00. 73% of past members have renewed and we currently have 7 new members. Each member received magnets which included important numbers for lake residents. Also it was reported that all votes were 'Yes' for application for the 501C3 status (Non-exempt tax) for the Association.

Lake Safety/Bob Kelsey thanked all those who volunteered. New DNR Officer for the area is Dustin Whitehead. DNR is cooperating fully with the Simonton Lake Safety group. Chris Toles will be resident contact for any problems or safety issues. So give Chris a call with your concerns or to report safety items. Officer Casey Lehman, Elkhart County Police will be patrolling the lake area. Both at the Public Landing and at Lake Shore Grill, signs will be posted stating rules and regulations on the lake, which include noting that there are only 14-16 spaces assigned for parking. Neighborhood Watch signs will soon be posted around the lake.

In Randy Huff's absence, Carole Foutz reported for the Membership & Outreach Committee. They have been handing out newsletters around the lake. All news articles that anyone wishes to submit are appreciated. Upcoming events include June 12th, second annual Boat Parade and also July 31st, "Festival of Lights"...all lake residents are asked to decorate the lake side of their property for whatever theme they wish.

Newsletter Committee - Kay Rhodes informed everyone that the newsletter is beginning its third year. They try to report informative and relevant information for all. Advertising

spaces are available and still welcome. All the submitted stories from lake residents have been appreciated...keep it up! Kay thanked all the advertisers for their support and asked that members support them.

Lake Environment Committee - Bill Broderick first reported that Borden Wasteaway continues to offer a discount rate for trash pickup for lake residents. The LARE (Lake and River Enhancement) program began in February. Requests for this study were opened and three quality proposals were received. J.F. New/John Richardson spoke about their work to date. A detailed slide show and information was presented by Mr. Richardson. Two of his associates were introduced. These associates in conjunction with Indiana University will continue evaluation thru the summer. All are able to follow the progress on the SLAHA website and thru the newsletter. All concerns for lake environment should be directed thru Bill Broderick.

Weir Update - Dave Foutz stated that the project seems to be moving forward but his description was "it's a slippery slope". We appear to have approval and support of the County Commissioners. There are issues with the land owners where the Weir is to be constructed. State Representative Tim Neese has indicated his support through the state for this project. There was a discussion on the placement of the Weir in the culvert but this was explained to not be an option, as it could cause problems to land owners.

As there were no additional candidates indicated for the open positions of President (currently Vaughn Nickell) and Secretary (currently Ginny Bellamy) board positions will stand as noted. No ballots need to be distributed. These officers were introduced to the lake residents in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Bellamy
Secretary SLAHA ■

Casper the Friendly Boat

The winner of the second annual Simonton Lake Boat Parade was **Renae Doty**, with a very clever theme of Casper the Friendly Ghost. The designers of the Rose Bowl Parade and the Orange Bowl Parade could learn a lot about decorating a vehicle from Renae, whose boat was scary in a friendly way. And unlike the cars and trucks in those parades, Renae's motorized mode of transportation really does "float".

Look for the picture of the "friendly float" on display at one of our local establishments and congratulate Renae for the "frightening" ingenuity and classic design of the winning boat.

Start working on your "float" theme for the 2011 display and don't let the parade pass you by. Let us know if you are interested in having a boat parade next year. (See photo of boat on back page.) ■



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FOR SALE: 1984 Bass Fishing Boat,

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LIGHT UP the LAKE!

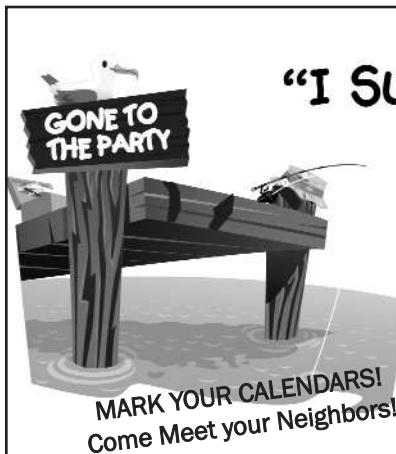
Get Ready for the Lakeside Festival of Lights July 31st, 2010

Simonton Lake is planning the first **Lakeside Festival of Lights** for Saturday, July 31st. Get your creative juices flowing and begin planning a light display on the lakeside. **The plan is simple: display lights of your choice (any theme you want) on July 31st.** Our lake residents and friends will go around the lake after dark and enjoy the display. There will be no prizes, just lots of fun and enjoyment!

MESSAGE BOARD

CHAIR FOUND!

Jackie Wilson on Maplewood Drive glanced out toward her paddle boat and it managed quite a catch! She has reported that she has someone's very unique tree seat/chair. This has obviously been lovingly crafted by someone on our lake for their tree with a seat. If this is sounding like your very special outside retreat and it has disappeared recently in one of the storms, contact 262-3908 and we will try to reconnect you with this very unique belonging.



2ND ANNUAL "I SURVIVED THE SUMMER" HOG ROAST

October 2nd, 2010
Volunteers Needed!

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Rose - 574-333-2433 johnrose11@comcast.net
or Jack Tucker - 574-370-3326 JTU977@verizon.net

Sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club & the Homeowner's Association.

Birthday Greetings!

6/14 Randy Cooper

6/25 Linda Jimison - the BIG 50 (a.k.a. the Birthday Princess)

6/25 Wendy Cooper

7/1 Susie Broderick

Happy Anniversary!

6/13 Vaughn & Cindy Nickell - 40 years

Answer to "Splash of Trivia", page 12

OxBow Park. It was originally a working farm and later became known as the County Home. Today it is a beautiful county park.

Cardboard Boat Race Full story on page 25



A crowd came to watch...



Chad Lennert (above) built a cardboard boat with a hidden motor in the cardboard in the boat as a joke. He started paddling and then stuck his hand inside the back of the boat and started his motor and finished to a roaring crowd, Snyder said. Lennert finished fourth overall with a second boat he built strictly to paddle. "It was supposed to be fun," he said of the motorized boat.

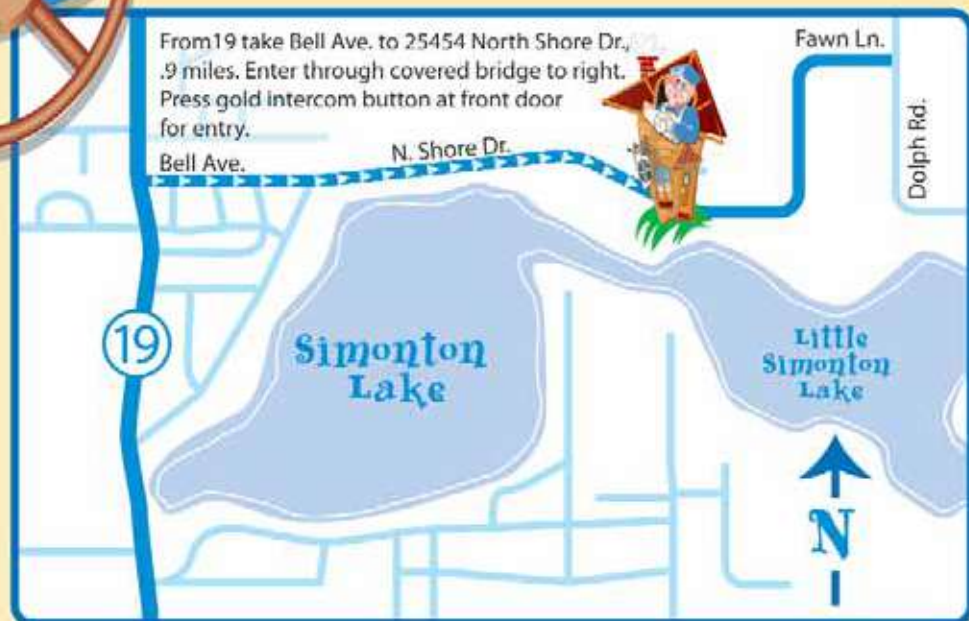




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(Call Amy at 262-4773 or email simon@simontonlake.org)

Adam Meyers and Rachel Mueller were married in Battle Creek, Michigan on May 22. Adam



is the son of **Bob and Bobbi Meyers**, Maplewood Drive. Adam and Rachel are both teachers at Memorial High School, where they met and they are now living on Manor Drive.

Doris and Chet Matherly were the "skiers out of the past" pictured in the June issue.

The kids on North Shore Drive, **Grant Brekke, Nathan Brekke and Reid Murray**, had another lemonade stand and raised over \$40 for the humane shelter! Great job boys!!

Renae Doty, Lake Drive, captain of **CASPER THE FRIENDLY GHOST SHIP** was the Winner of the 2nd Annual Boat Parade (See story on page 28).



Memorial Day 2010 - the high winds on the lake turned over a pontoon and shore station on Maplewood Drive. It took many hands to right the boat again.

Photo by Val Medich, Maplewood Drive

Mary Henrietta "The Hen" Wenger a 40-year resident of North Shore Drive, celebrated her 90th birthday over the Memorial Day Weekend. Her daughters, Sally Lindsey and husband Jim of Elkhart and Mary Bell and husband Marty of Louisville, Kentucky had a birthday party for her at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 30th. Attending the celebration were many of her Simonton Lake neighbors and Elkhart friends. Also in attendance were her sister **Jane Chapin** of Simonton Lake, her two daughters and husbands, 8 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. One of the highlights of the birthday party was a violin solo by her 12-year-old great-granddaughter Alison Terrell, playing "Happy Birthday". Following the birthday party at the church the family retreated to the lake for a wonderful sunny day, swimming, boating, and games. Can you find the birthday girl?

