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Special Points of Interest

- Showcase your Pet
- "Splash of Trivia" Question
- NEW Summer Events
- Summer Recipes

Welcome to Summer 2010... time to enjoy beautiful sunrises and sunsets!

Photo courtesy of Maralee Macumber

Dave & Carole Foutz were "tickled pink" to wake up one morning and find their yard adorned with a flock of tropical creatures. Yes, Welcome to Summer 2010!



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Pet "Tails"

Who has more fun at the lake than dogs? Jack and Susan Griffith's Shih Tzu's, Bella and Chloe, enjoy running in their yard. Bella (the black one) is a little over one year old and does everything that Chloe, the older and wiser seven year old, does. When a boat causes waves to crash against the sea wall, they run back and forth trying to grab the waves....side by side. They are like two peas in a pod. Of course, Chloe doesn't always teach Bella the best of habits!



We want to feature your pet in an upcoming issue.

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THE NEXT ISSUE will come out July 1st (in the meantime, check the website for current news)

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We are always looking for volunteers for our committees: Membership/Outreach, Environment, Lake Safety, & Newsletter/Website. Please send an email if you are interested or if you have a story for our newsletter.

Events on the Lake

June 12th - 2nd Annual Boat Parade
(Rain Date - June 13th) Cartoon theme
(see page 14)

June 12th - Kid's Fishing Contest
(Sponsored by Sportsmen's Club)

June 19th - Lakeshore 300
Cardboard Boat Race (see page 26)

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

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

July 24th - Get Wet for a Pet Deux
(The Open Water Swim Event is pending)

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

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

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

November 6th - Fall Casino Night
(Sponsored by Sportsmen's Club)

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Simonton Chronicles

A Simonton Lake Tornado?

-by Carole Foutz

Jackeline Wilson and her daughter, Kay Roy, went out for a routine paddle boat ride on a beautiful morning, May 21, 2004, on Simonton Lake, leaving from home on Maplewood Drive to

garage door. (Wise move!!) No sooner than they crouched down, the destruction began. Kay still remembers singing to herself the hymn, "Be Still My Soul". The neighbor's large

without a basement?? Jackie and Kay decided on crouching in the corner of the garage. The storm was coming from the West/Southwest which would have put the garage on the far side of the storm. Kay decided to open the

anxious to leave the garage, as they were frightened that the gas may create another problem for them. Floyd Mangus was able to come over and turned off their gas. Immediately assessing the damage, it was determined that one half of the house was totally unlivable even if the humongous trees were removed. The storm had cut Jackie's bed in half. Several homes on Maplewood had suffered significant damage, also. On a



cross the lake and back. Kay was visiting her mother from Colorado. It was a beautiful and clear day at 11:30 a.m. in the morning and it was decided to get some exercise "paddling" before lunch. Before reaching the cove, Jackie recalls watching a black cloud form quickly before their eyes. It rapidly became a large black funnel moving toward them! The ladies recollect turning around and paddling for their lives (literally)! When reaching home, Jackie and Kay hurried to dock the boat and raced to the house. The water in the lake seemed to be rising out of the lake onto their shore. When they entered the house, it was difficult to shut the door and the window seemed to be bowing in at that point. They began to run down the hall toward the garage. Where do you go in a home

were able to hear another tree which hit another area of Jackie's home taking out the bathroom area. The storm continued to rage with deafening thunder and intense lightning adding to the drama. This is when they began to smell gas! The gas line ran through the garage and it was leaking.

As quickly as the storm blew in, it relented. Jackie and Kay were



tree soon came crashing down on the house destroying the bedroom. With the garage door open, the sounds were unbelievable and frightening. They

larger scale, many homes in our area suffered either tree damage or home damage. The weatherman determined that it wasn't a tornado but nasty straight lined winds.

Jackie was out of her home for five months as rebuilding and repairs were made. It was a difficult time dealing with the destruction and with her insurance company. Due to this life changing experience, Jackie today remains vigilant listening and following weather reports. She always has a contingency plan, just in case! Never does she want to confront a storm again in a home without a basement much less a paddle boat! ■





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Life on the Lake

June 2010

- by Amy Matherly

Each year in May my husband takes me up to Varner's Greenhouse for my Mother's Day gift—flowers. I get some flats and some geraniums for the pots down by the lake and my tomato plants. Usually there's something I can't live without and on this one shopping trip each year he says nothing about it. He just pushes the cart and pays. I'm happy. He's happy because he doesn't have to shop for a gift. All is well.

I think Mother's Day is pretty easy for lots of us. Even if the recipient doesn't have outside space to plant flowers, an arrangement with a card is nice.

Father's Day, on the other hand, is not so easy. Not that men don't appreciate flowers, but you just don't see people flocking to the greenhouse or florist for their Father's Day gift. For my dad fair tickets is the answer. He loves the Elkhart County Fair and can be found there almost every day of fair week, unless it's in the 90's. (He doesn't like it when he passes out at the fair.) Sometimes there's a concert at the fair that we know he'll like. The Oakridge Boys concert a few years ago was a real special night for him. It rained hard and then came the lightening. The fair officials made us leave our seats. Daddy just sat there. He had on a raincoat and didn't care that there was lightening all around. He came to see the Oakridge Boys and he wasn't leaving until they sang. The storm died down. The Oakridge Boys sang and he smiled so hard that we thought his teeth would pop out.

My husband's favorite Father's Day Sundays were days spent out at Osolo Little League when the kids played back-to-back games. Watching the kids play ball for six hours plus some hotdogs, popcorn or nachos—who could ask for more?

Of course if you can't think of anything else, a shirt is always good. But, you know that's like opening a gift at Christmas and finding socks. You need them and they're nice socks, but—no wow factor.

Now, you also can get something you want but just wrap it and put your husband's name on it. You have to be careful on this one. A camera, for instance, is ok. A lawn chair would also pass. But, women's perfume, probably not.

Maybe time is the best gift of all. So when we see you dads and granddads out on the lake with a boatload of kids and grandkids, we'll know the gift you got for Father's Day.

Until next time. ■

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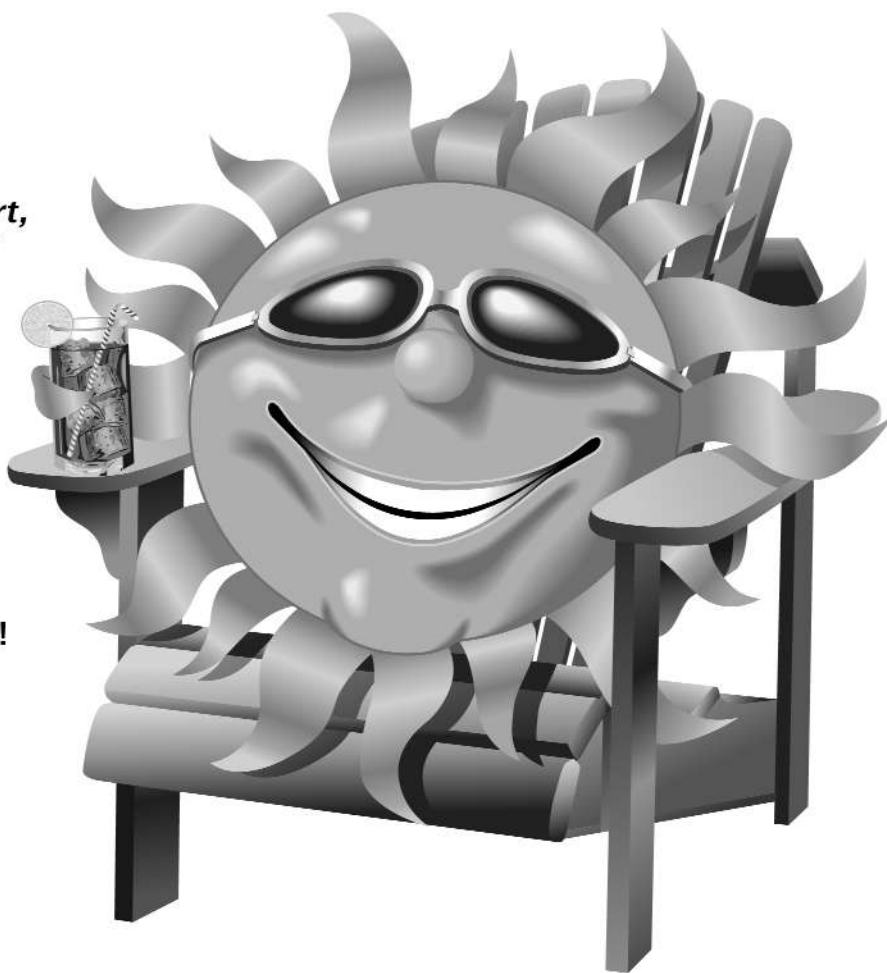
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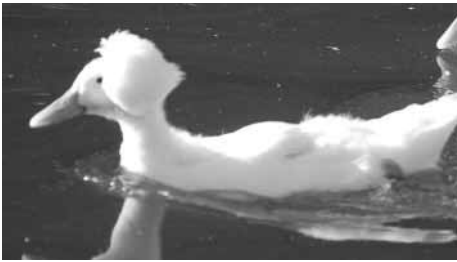
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Wildlife in our Backyard

**Can you Identify Wildlife Found
on Simonton Lake?** See how many you can
match with their pictures. (Answers on page 26)

- A. Hooded Merganser
- B. Mute Swan
- C. Crested Duck
- D. Cartoon Theme for Boat Parade 2010
- E. Jellyfish
- F. Loon
- G. Muskrat
- H. Watermilfoil
- I. Lesser Scaup
- J. Blue Heron
- K. Sand Hill Cranes



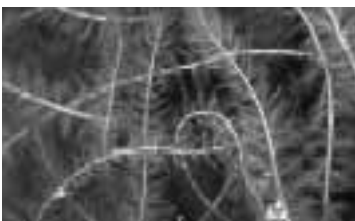
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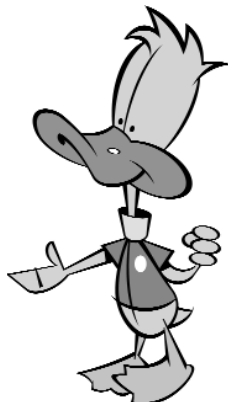
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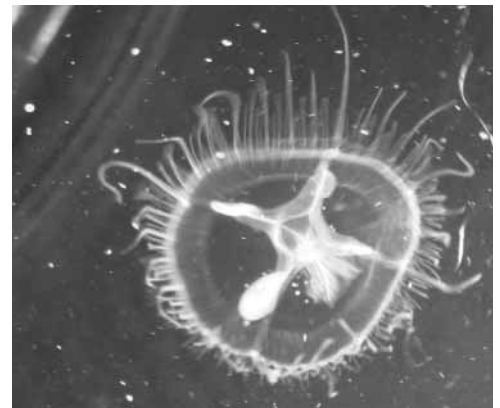
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The History of Water Skiing

-by Amy Matherly

I was intrigued by an article I read this winter written by Steve Batchelor on the beginnings of water skiing.

He writes: Water skiing began in 1922 when eighteen-year-old Ralph Samuelson of Minnesota declared that if you could ski on snow you could ski on water. He first tested this theory on Lake Pepin in Lake City, Minnesota, towed by his brother Ben. The two brothers spent several days experimenting before July 2, 1922 when Ralph dis-

covered that leaning back with the ski tips in the air led to successful waterskiing. The next skis the brothers used were made from barrel staves, then they progressed to snow skis before Ralph fashioned the first pair of water dedicated skis from some lumber he purchased and shaped. These skis were bound to the feet with leather straps and a long window sash was used as a tow rope. Ralph continued to experiment with and perfect his waterskiing technique and equipment. On July 8, 1925 during a Lake Pepin exhibition he performed the first ever water ski jump using a 4'by 16' greased ramp. Ralph never patented any of his waterskiing

equipment. That was first done by Fred Waller in 1925 who patented his Dolphin Akwa-Skees. In 1940 Jack Andresen invented the first trick ski, a shorter finless version of the standard ski.

As a result of Ralph Samuelson's work and the development of equipment, waterskiing became an exhibition sport in the late 1920's and 30's. The first competition was staged in 1939 when the American Water Ski Association was formed and held the National Water Ski championships at Jones Beach on Long Island, New York.

There are now an estimated 11 million water skiers in the U.S. alone. ■



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-by Bob Meyers

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If you have any questions or wish to donate prizes, please call tournament chairman Jim Friend at 262-1417.

This year the **SLSC Poker Run on Simonton Lake will be held on Saturday July 3rd**, rain or shine. The hand denominations are: \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00, rain or shine. The hands can be purchased at: Lakeshore and Pete's, rain or shine, Thursday and Friday from 5 PM to 10 PM or Saturday from 10 AM to noon.

There is a new location for the Poker Run tent where your cards will be opened. The big top will be standing on the open lots west of the channel between the Big and Little lakes, on

The first SLSC Kids Fishing Contest of the year will be held **Saturday, June 12th** on Sailbay Court. All girls and boys ages 4 to 14 are invited.

There is no entrance fee. Each contestant fur-

Northshore Drive. Just look for the tent and Bugeye's red white and blue hat as you listen for the band. Poker hands will be opened between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. The band will be playing your favorites from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We have been promised by event chairman, Dick Martin the weather will perfect. Even if he's wrong (and he never is) a great time will be had by all.

And now the main event. **THE ANNUAL SLSC FIREWORKS DISPLAY.** Get ready for the greatest show on earth. It will be held over the beautiful water of Simonton Lake on Independence Day, the day we celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth. On Sunday night, July 4th, the skies will light up with color and splendor as the sounds of "oohs" and "ahs" travel over and around the water. July 5th is the "rain date". **Your donations for the fireworks display are greatly appreciated ... see form on page 25.**

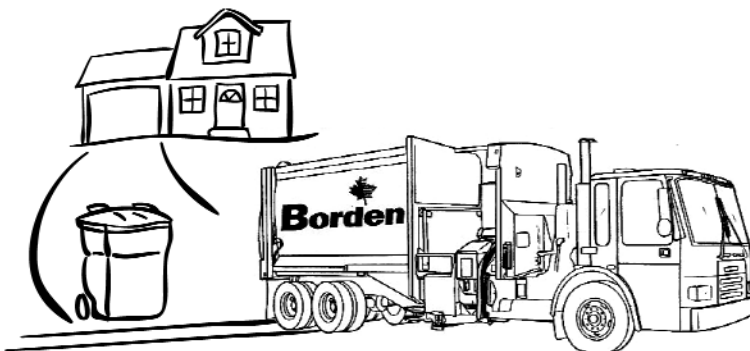
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We want to turn this into one of the best traditions on the lake, and we need your participation. The Membership/Outreach Committee of SLAHA has organized the 2nd Annual Boat Parade, this year it will be held on June 12th, rain date June 13th.

Competition will take place again in 3 classifications: jet ski, speed boats and pontoons. **VERY IMPORTANT: There will be only 1 theme for decorating your craft this year — CARTOONS.**

Any type of decorating is allowed but must be socially acceptable. Judging your craft will include the following categories which will lead to an overall score. The highest in each classification wins.

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- 2) costumes
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- 4) choreography and animation
- 5) size and detail of decorations and use of color.

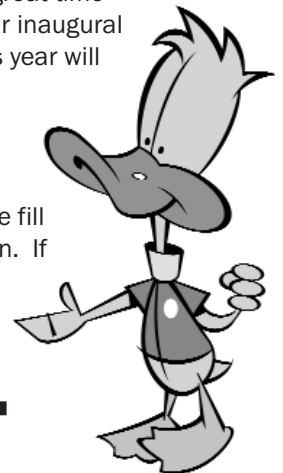
You will receive 5 extra bonus points if you are an SLAHA current member the day of the event.

The parade judging will start at 2 pm. The parade route will again 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 at approximately 3 pm for the 3 life ring trophy presentations, which will hang and be displayed in **Lakeshore Grill, Pete's and Wakeside Marine** until next years event. **COME ON AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS.** 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.

We had a great time last year in our inaugural event and this year will be bigger and better. Entry fees are the same as last year, so please fill out and mail in. If you have any questions, please call Jack Griffith,

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2nd Annual Boat Parade

June 12th
(Rain Date - June 13th)
Judging starts at 2 pm
Awards given on the
sandbar at approxi-
mately 3 pm

THEME: Cartoons

CLASSIFICATIONS:
Jet Skis
Speed Boats
Pontoons

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Saturday, June 12th, 2010, Rain Date Sunday, June 13th

Judging starts at 2:00 pm, Awards Presented at 3:00 pm on the sand bar

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Theme: Return to Summer _____

Patriotic/Memorial Day _____

Classification: Pontoon _____

Speedboat _____

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Are you Ready to Grill?

-by Amy Matherly

In the middle of the winter when I'm out walking I occasionally smell the sweet smoky smell of meat being seared on a grill. But whether you use your grill all year long or store it in the winter, the beginning of the summer season is a good time to make sure your grill is safe and clean.

According to Emili Senneogen, contributor to the TLC cable channel, keeping a clean grill is the secret to great grilling. She says, yesterday's steak marinade won't taste good on today's lime-grilled tilapia. Just like a cast iron skillet, cooked-on flavor can be a good thing but you don't want your grate coated in spices and melted cheese.

Spraying or rubbing your grill grate with a light olive oil coating is a good way to keep meats from sticking, and it also makes for a good grill cleaner. Use a scrub brush or grill scraper to remove the rest of the caked-on food and spice. Simply rinse the grate with water and your grill is nice and clean. You can remove the grates and do the rinsing in the yard to prevent a wet mess in your grill tray.

If you've let your grill get out of hand and it's coated in cooked-on food, you may need to remove the grate and take care of it with some soap and water. This is always a good idea to do at the beginning and the end of the grilling season. If your sink is large enough, you can use it for your soak, otherwise you'll need to use a washtub or plastic bin. Or maybe even your bathtub. Fill the sink or bin with warm soapy dish washing liquid and let the grates soak for at least two hours. The longer you soak it, the easier it will be to get the gunk off. After the soak, remove the grate and scrub it with a stiff wire brush, rinse it and let it dry. Make sure you never use any harsh chemicals like bleach or a chlorine powder. After all, this is what you cook your food on. You can also look for an all-natural, chemical-free liquid soap for your soak.

WHEN YOU GRILL

Make sure your grill is on a level surface and away from your house and overhangs. When using a charcoal grill never add lighter fluid directly to hot coals. Also, when using a charcoal grill place the cover on the grill and close the vents when finished and allow the coals to burn out completely. Let the ashes cool for at least 48 hours and then dispose of the coals in a non-combustible container. If using a gas grill make sure the connection to the gas tank is secure and without leaks.

Check out some grilling recipes on page 20, and watch for more great grilling recipes in upcoming issues...SEND your best grilling recipe to simon@simontonlake.org ■

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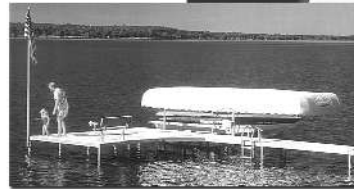
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Grilled Chicken Breasts, 3 Ways

-From Good Housekeeping

This simple recipe for grilled chicken breasts on the bone with crispy skin and juicy meat takes on a new dimension when one of our flavorful mixtures is rubbed under the skin — Sun-Dried Tomato & Basil, Garlic-Herb, or Sage-Butter.

2 whole(s) (about 2 1/2 pounds) bone-in chicken breasts, split
1/2 teaspoon(s) salt
1/4 teaspoon(s) coarsely ground black pepper
Choice of Seasoning Mixture, (see below)

Directions

1. Prepare one of the Seasoning Mixtures
2. With fingertips, separate skin from meat on each breast half. Rub equal amounts of Seasoning Mixture under skin of each breast. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper.
3. Place chicken on grill over medium heat, and cook about 25 minutes or until juices run clear when thickest part of breast is pierced with tip of knife, turning over once.
4. **Sun-Dried Tomato and Basil Seasoning:** In small bowl, mix 2 sun-dried tomatoes packed in seasoned olive oil, minced, and 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, finely chopped.
5. **Garlic-Herb Seasoning:** In small bowl, mix 2 garlic cloves, crushed with garlic press, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary, 1 tablespoon olive oil, and 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel.
6. **Sage-Butter Seasoning:** In small bowl, mix 1 tablespoon margarine or butter, softened, and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage leaves.

Polynesian Drumsticks

-From Good Housekeeping

A quick marinade adds a sweet and tangy glaze to grilled skinless drumsticks — a favorite with everyone in the family.

1 can(s) (8 ounces) crushed pineapple in unsweetened pineapple juice
1/4 cup(s) (packed) brown sugar
3 tablespoon(s) soy sauce
1 tablespoon(s) (grated) fresh ginger, peeled
1 clove(s) garlic, crushed with press
12 (about 4 pounds) chicken drumsticks, skin removed

1. In blender, puree pineapple with its juice and remaining ingredients except drumsticks. Spoon 1/2 cup pineapple mixture into large self-sealing plastic bag; reserve remaining pineapple mixture for grilling. Add drumsticks to bag, turning to coat. Let stand at room temperature 15 minutes.
2. Remove drumsticks from bag; discard bag with marinade. Place drumsticks on grill over medium heat and cook 15 minutes, turning over once. Cook drumsticks 10 to 15 minutes longer, or until drumsticks are golden and juices run clear when thickest part is pierced with tip of knife, brushing twice with reserved pineapple mixture and turning occasionally.

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Smoked Trout Dip

-by Cam Snyder

This was a recipe I obtained from my neighbor Kathy Andersen at a recent holiday party. I loved it so much I asked her for the recipe and we now have it on the catering menu at the Chubby Trout. I tweaked it a little bit because I found out she borrowed it from a co-worker as well!

It's a chilled dip and makes a great dip to pack in the cooler for a day on the lake or a deck party! Smoked Trout is a little tough to find locally so feel free to substitute smoked salmon if you like.

- 8-10 ounces smoked Rainbow Trout (substitute smoke salmon if cannot find trout)
- 16 ounces cream cheese
- 8 ounces sour cream
- Three tablespoons capers
- Three tablespoons horseradish
- One table spoon Old Bay Seasoning
- One tablespoon McCormicks Smokehouse Pepper (you can find it at Martins)
- One teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Dash of sea salt
- Box of crusty baguettes or your favorite crackers!

Let cream cheese thaw to room temperature to soften.
Blend all ingredients except trout using spatula.

Once blended fold in the smoked trout. Be careful not to break the fish too small as you fold!

Season to taste with smoked pepper or cayenne, if needed depending on how much heat you want to create.

Scoop into serving dish and sprinkle light dusting of Old Bay seasoning on top for color and a little more flavor prior to serving.

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Below is a brief financial update on the association:

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January 1, 2009 – May 10, 2010
CASH Basis Accounting

Item	Subtotal	Total
Membership Dues	\$2,470.00	
Advertising	476.00	
Events (Boat Parade & Hog Roast)	0.00	
Other (e.g., T-shirt sales, interest income)	14.94	
Total Gross Profit		\$2,960.94
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		\$1,553.55

Please recall that our fiscal year begins in January, but our member dues and advertisers renew in the spring. 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.

We're Inviting You to Show Your Support with 2010-2011 Dues!

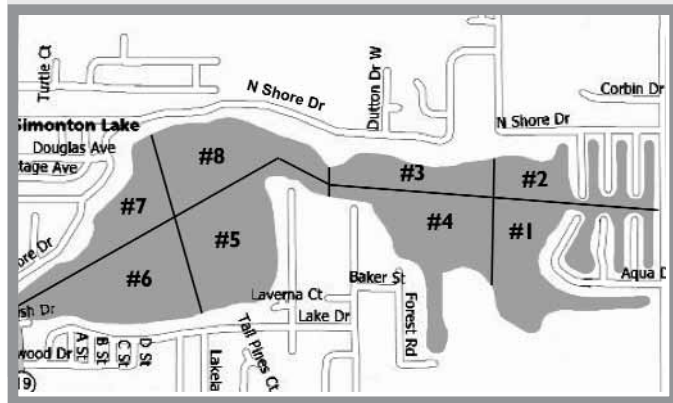
Before you get immersed in summer fever, please take this opportunity to support our lake community by renewing your annual membership in our association! Membership dues remain unchanged. In a generous gesture, **the Sportsmen's Club will also be offering a 20% discount to SLAHA members who book their facility (a \$200 value).** Note that your current membership

will need to be verified before the discount is applied. If you are already a member, an invoice for 2010-2011 SLAHA dues was mailed to your home the week of April 19th. If you are not already a member, this is a great year to join. Please fill out the membership application contained in this issue of the newsletter – we would love to have you involved in our community! We truly appreciate your support of and participation in our organization.

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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 lake-side. **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!



15th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Donation Form

Poker Run - Saturday, July 3rd Fireworks - Sunday July 4th (Raindate - July 5th)

To secure the contract with the fireworks company, the Sportsmen's Club is asking for contributions as soon as possible. Your donations assist in the success of the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club sponsored events. F & F Fireworks is once again planning a great display for all to enjoy. Osolo Fire Department will provide the usual support for safety of this event. Thank you for your assistance. Remember the fireworks display is financed by the generosity of all residents around the lake.

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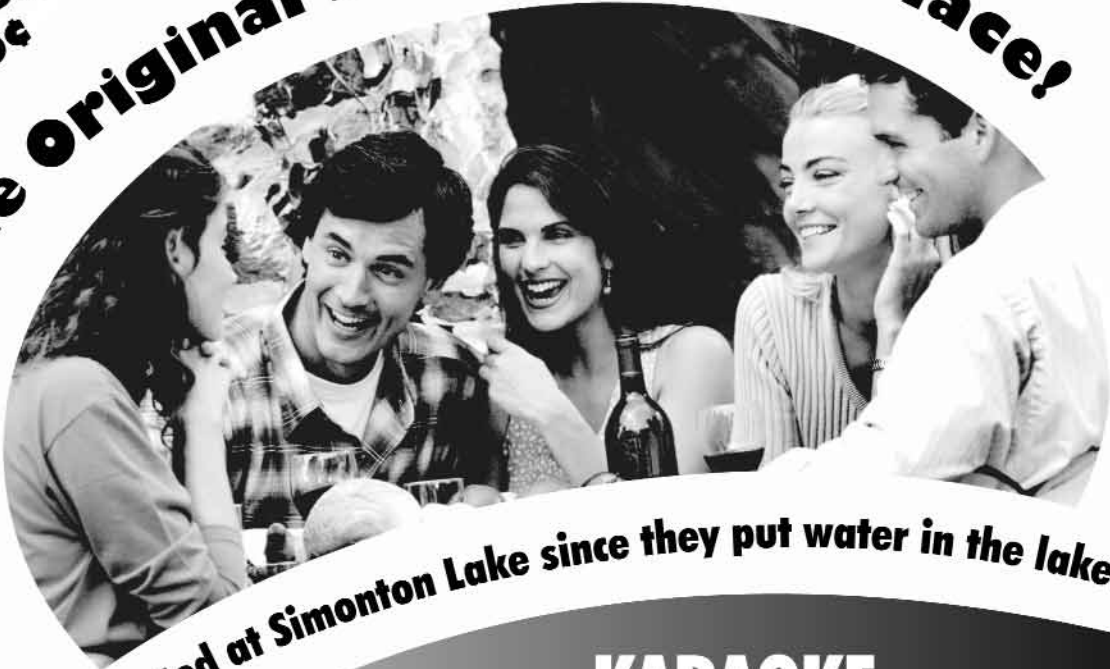
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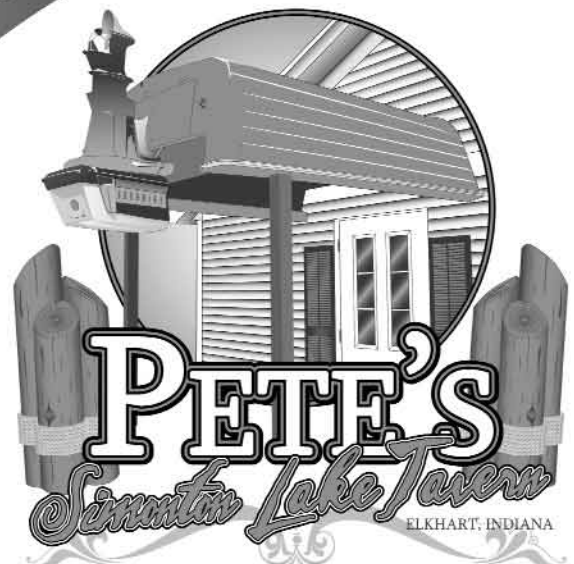
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She has some new pieces on her blog www.dragonflydesignsbylelea.blogspot.com. She's moved into making bracelets as well as necklaces. If you see something you like but want to tweak it or you want to come up with something totally different, feel free to contact her at (574) 264-5120. She loves making one-of-a-kind special pieces. With everyone's help Leanne was already able to donate close to \$400 to

Lake Safety Committee Update

The safety committee wants to remind lake residents to notify Chris Toles via email in regard thefts, crime, break-ins, vandalism, speeding & any other issues that the Elkhart county sheriff would be involved in. The Elkhart Sheriff is very interested & willing to work with us. Email Chris Toles, cmt6061@comcast.net

Susan G. Komen for breast cancer! Leanne has decided to switch from donating to Susan G. Komen to the United Cancer Services, which donates to local folks. The United Cancer Services donations have dropped dramatically and they really need the help.

Cardboard Boat Race - June 19th

The much anticipated Lakeshore 300 Cardboard Boat Race is Saturday June 19th. The detailed race rules and boat guidelines are available at the Lakeshore.

You must build a boat no longer the nine feet long out of corrugated cardboard and duct tape and paddle it around a course 300 feet long with one person. The boat with the quickest time wins a \$100 Gift Card a month for a year! Last years winner Roger Cain paddled his boat in 58 seconds.

The entry fee is \$75 per team. Entries must be turned in and paid for by Wednesday, June 16th. No entries will be accepted day of the race.

10:00 AM Check in

11:00 AM Drivers Meeting and Boat Inspection

12:00 AM first boat floats

A portion of the proceeds go to benefit Elkhart Community Hospice through the Simonton Lake Sportmen's Club. We are limiting the field to 60 boats. For information or to sign up, stop in Lakeshore Grill or send an e-mail to cam@chubbytrout.com

Raising Money for United Cancer Services

Lake resident, Leanne Brekke continues her jewelry design work in honor of her sister who is battling breast cancer.

Birthday Greetings!

6/11 Dick Rhodes

6/14 Pam Shultz

6/16 Bill Leighton

6/24 Theresa Leighton

6/28 Martha Nickell

Answers to "Identify Wildlife", page 10

1. C. Crested Duck
2. J. Heron
3. K. Sand Hill Cranes
4. H. Watermilfoil
5. B. Black Swan
6. F. Loon
7. D. Cartoon Theme for Boat Parade 2010
8. I. Lesser Scaup
9. A. Hooded Merganser
10. E. Jellyfish
11. G. Muskrat

Answer to "Splash of Trivia", page 12

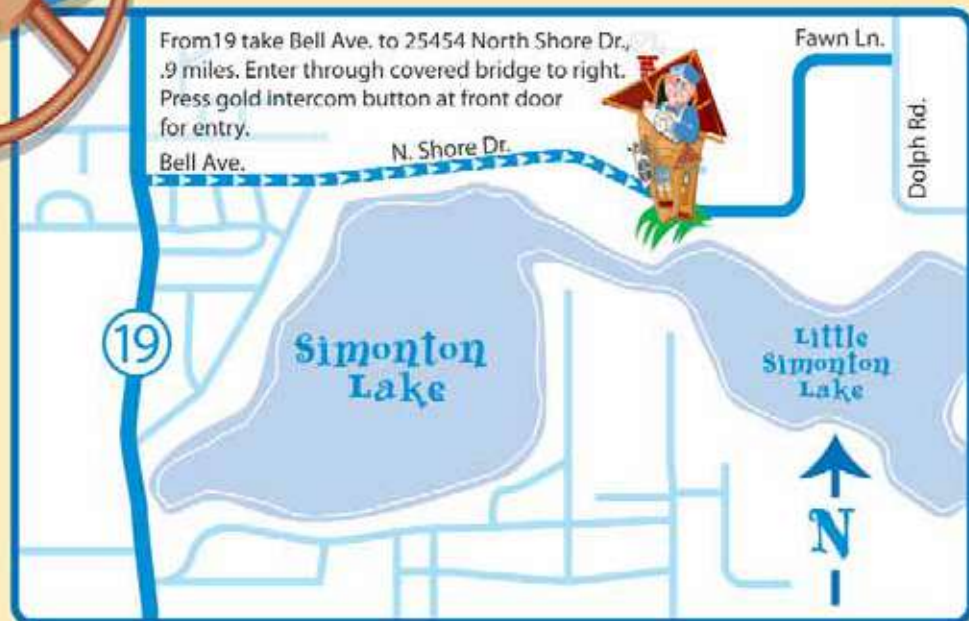
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Our sincere condolences go to **Sandi Flickinger** whose husband, **Rex**, passed away last October, at the age of 60, after a four-year battle with cancer. Rex had six sons, Chad (Amy) Flickinger of Groveport, Ohio, Curt (Shelly) Flickinger of Wakarusa, **Corey and Codey Flickinger**, at home, Jim Klosowski of Indianapolis and Todd (Lisa) Klosowski of Elkhart; one daughter, Cheri Flickinger of Elkhart, and nine grandchildren.



John Cessna, son of **Stephen and Maralee Macumber**, Aqua Drive, just completed his three-year Masters of Fine Arts degree at Purdue University, studying Film and Photography. Part of his three-year program included writing a textbook to be used for undergrad film students. He hopes to continue teaching at the college level.

Congratulations to **Shelly Snyder**, daughter of **Linda & Steve Snyder**, Twilight Drive, who is graduating from DePaul University.

Susie and Bill Broderick will be grandparents for the first time in August. Daughter Cami and husband Ab Saleh are the parents. Grandson, Henry William, will be born in late August.

I am starting an unofficial contest for the most **spiders** living in a kayak. My goodness, you'd think the spiders wouldn't want to live so close!



Fifth Generation Picture

Wow! Five generations growing up at the lake! Holding the babies (Bayleigh and Owen) is their Great Great Grandma **Phyllis Kidder**. On each side of her are Phyllis's Great Grandchildren; **Justin and Megan**. Behind Grandma Kidder (from left to right) are **Vickie Dubbert**, her daughter and **Teresa Wargon**, her granddaughter. This picture was taken on Easter Sunday 2009. Bayleigh Sue Hovarter, daughter born to Megan and Kent Hovarter, November 10, 2008 and Owen Walker Herrli, son of Justin and Ryann Herrli born December 11, 2008 are the newest members of the family. Great Grandma Phyllis Kidder has been a resident on Simonton Lake for over 40 years.

Sadly, we lost lake resident, **Gerre Arnold** last year. I've had some folks ask if someone else on the lake would take up the flag burning ceremony.

Phyllis Nusbaum says she has swim trunks and matching life jackets for little grandsons, Preston and Thomas. We'll have to look for the new ensembles on their boat this summer.

Are there going to be pirates on the lake this summer?

In response to the article about the **old IGA property**, the most popular request was for a farmer's market. Not sure that's going to happen but it's a nice idea.

I can't wait for the first **Lakeside Festival of Lights on July 31st**. I love decorating for Christmas and used to spend some time stringing up lights on our lake-side desk. But after a few years I stopped because no one really sees the lights. But, now I'll get those lights down out of the attic and set to work. Can you just imagine if everyone does it? It will be beautiful! What a great idea!! (See page 24 for details.)