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Special Points of Interest

- Lots of Photos
- Prepare for the Festival of Lights
- Drive & Dine - new feature
- Fisherman Whitney Ort

Summer on the Lake 2011

Leighla Winchester
(granddaughter of
Cindy & Vaughn Nickell)



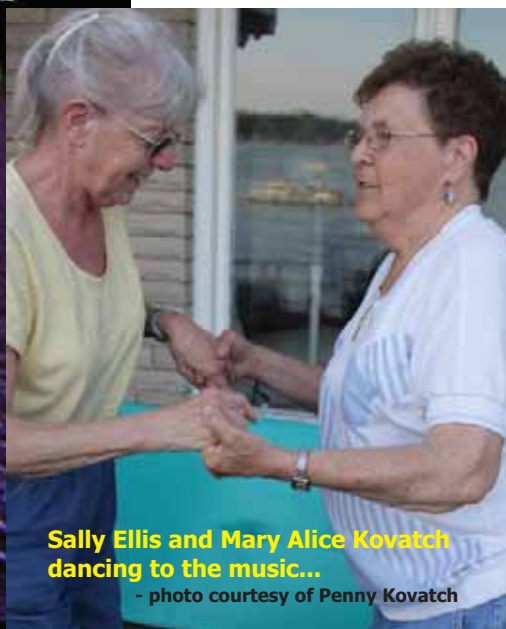
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**Sally Ellis and Mary Alice Kovatch
dancing to the music...**
- photo courtesy of Penny Kovatch

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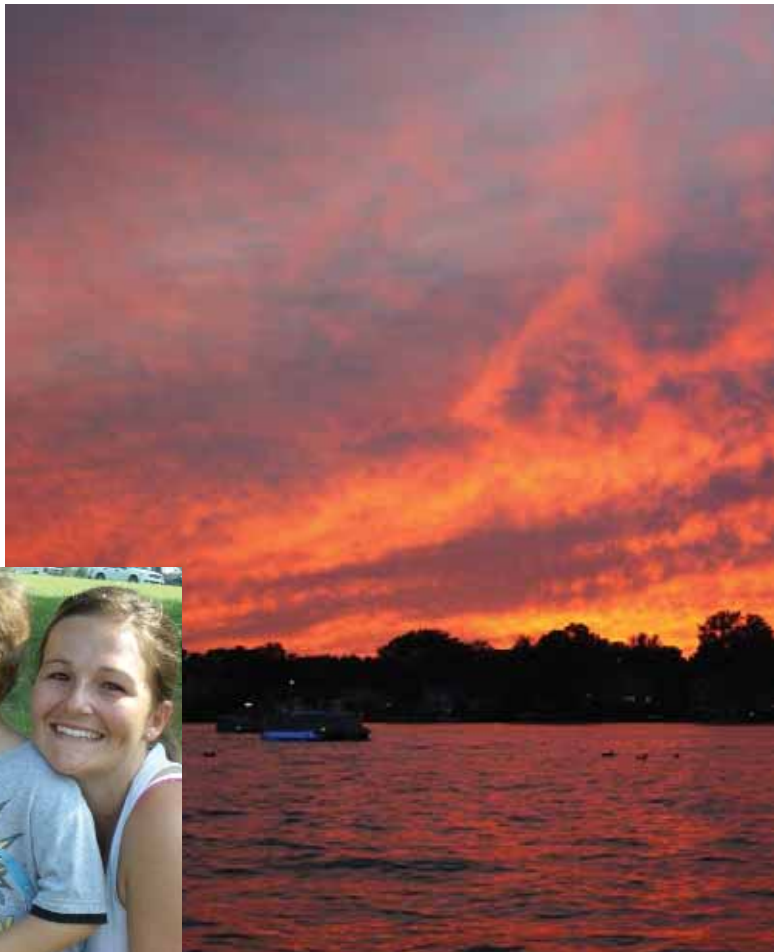
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Youth Fishing Contest - June 4th

(above) Emily Maddux, who won 1st place in the 12-13 year old girls' division

(right) Aiden Baker with his Mom Danielle
- story & more photos on page 25



Sunset before the fireworks - July 3rd 2011

Pet "Tails" - Calvin's Story

-Owners are Kim & Andy Cunningham

We moved to the lake about 5 years ago and purchased a house on Maplewood Drive. The homeowners had two wonderful dogs; the black lab was named Calvin. We had our own little dog, Wrigley. We moved into our new house in December, and the previous owners only moved a few doors down. Calvin was not happy about this move. He had lived in our new home his entire life and appeared quite confused with all of the moves and changes. Poor Calvin was so confused, he kept coming back to our house every day and we would wake up to Calvin at the door looking at us like we did not belong in his home.



He just would not accept the fact he did not live here anymore. His parents tried everything to help him adjust to his new home, but nothing appeared to work. He kept coming back to "his" home. Little did we know we had actually moved into Calvin's house. We did the only thing we could, we let him come home. We got a new lake house and a wonderful 6 year old black lab along with the house. We love Calvin, and the fact that this is his house and he lets us live here always makes us smile. He has made a great addition to our family!

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August 6 - Youth Fishing Contest
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August 20 - Corn and Sausage Roast
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September 24 - 3rd Annual Hog Roast
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November 12 - Fall Casino Night
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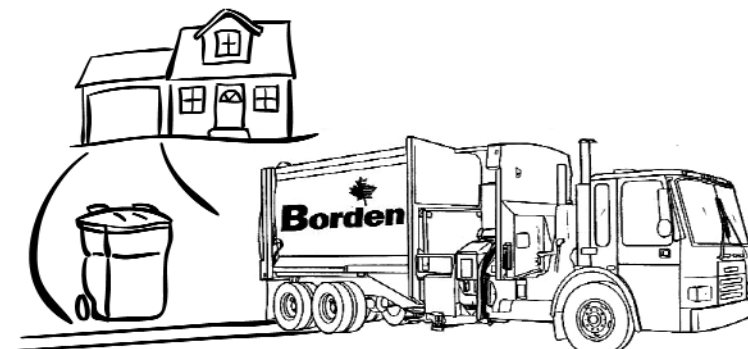
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-by Bob Meyers

It's the law. Having the proper life jackets and other flotation aids are a very important part of boating.

Life jackets save lives. An estimated 85% of all boat-related drowning victims could have been saved had they been wearing one according to the US Coast Guard.

In Indiana, before a boater leaves shore, he must be able to verify he has all legally required on board. All Personal Flotation Devices must be Coast Guard approved, be in good condition, be readily accessible and of proper size for the intended wearer.

Here is what is needed to meet the law:

1. All boats must have **one wearable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board.** These may be Type I, II, III or V.
2. Boats 16 feet or longer (not including canoes or kayaks) **must have at least one Type IV PFD on board.**
3. On board a personal water craft, everyone must wear a PFD.
4. Anyone being towed behind a boat must wear a PFD.

The five types of Personal Flotation devices are:

Type I: Offshore Life Jackets. These are heavy-duty life vests that are made for rough waters. They will turn most people face up in the water.

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waters and heavily-populated areas, where rescue is likely to be quick. They may not turn people face up in the water.

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Type V: Special-uses devices. These are hybrid PFDs and are designed for activities such as water skiing. Type V PFDs must be used for their intended purposes to be acceptable.

In addition, on waters of **Concurrent Jurisdiction** (the Indiana portion of Lake Michigan, the Great Miami River, the Ohio River, and the portion of the Wabash River that forms a border between Indiana and Illinois) the following applies:

* Children under 13 years of age must wear a PFD except when the child is below deck in an enclosed cabin or the boat is at dock or at anchor.

* Anyone towed on water skis, a surfboard, a kite or similar device must wear a Type I, Type II, or Type III PFD (Type V PFDs are not approved).



PROPER FIT IS IMPORTANT

Working in pairs, have one person (A) stand behind the other person (B) and test the life jacket for proper fit. While person B puts his arms straight overhead (similar to a football referee signaling a touchdown) person A should grasp the tops of person B's arm openings and gently pull up. Excess room above the arm openings and the life jacket "riding up" over the chin and face are signs of a "bad fit." A snug fit in these areas represents a "good fit."

A proper fit means once it's zippered and/or buckled, it should keep your head and upper shoulders above the water. If it fits too loose, the flotation will push the jacket up around your face. If your life jacket is too small, it won't keep your body afloat. When not using your life jacket (when you're not boating), store it in a readily accessible place away from sunlight and chemicals. Nylon and other synthetic materials used to make your life jacket will be harmed over time by ultra-violet radiation from the sun. Fabric that becomes discolored may indicate ultra-violet damage. In other words, don't leave your PFD hanging outside all summer exposed to the sun and expect it to be unharmed. Also, prolonged exposure to chemicals or exhaust fumes can attack the flotation's foam.

We hope this information is helpful to you and that your summer is safe because you are "fully vested". ■

Wearing a jacket isn't enough – it has to fit too!

A real-life story from Janette Jones, Bullhead City, Arizona - boatingside-kicks.com

Simply wearing a life jacket isn't enough – anyone putting on a jacket should make sure that it fits properly, and the straps are done up too! Janette Jones, a Bullhead City, Arizona resident tells her story of what



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Life Jacket

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happens when you wear an ill-fitting life jacket!

"When I was about 12 years old (I am now 40) I experienced a scary situation," wrote Janette Jones. "I was water-skiing and felt myself losing my balance. I threw my arms up and let go of the tow rope."

The young skier expected that she would simply lose speed and end up floating in the water, but that is not what happened. "When I did this (throwing up my arms) it caused me to slide across the top of the water," she continued. "This also caused my life jacket to move upwards on my body. The strap that was originally around my waist was now under my breast and the strap that should have been on my chest was over my head."

This shifting of the jacket put her in a dangerous position. The jacket ended up around her face, her hands were pinned over her head and she didn't have enough leverage to push the jacket back down or conversely, to remove it.

"I had a small opening vertically that I could see out of," she remembers. "Most importantly the water level was above my mouth and below my nose. The only thing I could do was tread water. I was depending on my legs to keep me above the water level."

Her tow boat didn't immediately stop when she let go of the rope. She watched in panic as it kept on going. However, in a very short order the boat turned around and came back towards the trapped skier. When it got close, the spotter on the

boat screamed out "She's drowning!"

"The boat captain panicked and jumped into the lake without his jacket," recalled Ms. Jones. "It didn't take long before the boat drifted away from both us. He hollered to throw a life jacket, which the spotter did, however, it didn't land near us."

The girl was finally rescued when the boat was brought right beside her. The captain was able to push her against the side of the boat and with the help of the spotter undid the strap that was pinning her arms in an upward position.

"Just because I didn't have my life jacket on properly, I put both my life and that of an innocent person in danger," recalls Janette Jones. "I now own a boat and have children. I also have had arguments with my kids about snugging up the straps on their life jackets. I still ski, but I can guarantee you that when I start to fall both my arms automatically come to my side, even though my jacket is tight!" ■

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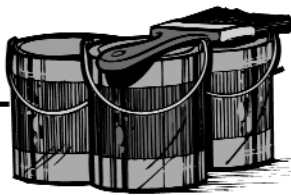


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Life on the Lake

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- by Amy Matherly

Just last week I was at a neighborhood store and was delighted to see that several of Simonton Lake kids have returned home from college for the summer and begun summer jobs. For many college co-eds the 12 weeks of summer provide time to work to make money for the following year of school.

Some of these 18-22 year olds might tell you that staying on campus for the summer is the best way to go. But, according to our Simonton Lake kids, summer at the lake is the best. Free room, laundry service (varies from home to home), good food (also free) and use of a car is a good deal. Add to that living on the shore of a beautiful lake. Why, it's no wonder that college friends want to come visit.

But there's a down side to this scenario. This child who has returned to your house has lived on his or her own for nine months. He or she has become used to living in squalor and sees nothing wrong with re-wearing underclothes or leaving a cereal bowl (with dried-on cereal) on the coffee table for days on end. It's the age old problem raised by almost-adults living in the same house with real-adults.

Hours are different for college kids. Lots of them sleep as late as possible and go to bed as late as possible. They've become nocturnal. They are up at night when you are trying to sleep. They are

sleeping when you are trying to run the sweeper. If yours is not a nocturnal kid maybe you are now living with a "not sure what my schedule is" person. You know he or she is working but other than work hours, who knows where they are! When they are on campus we worry but it's tempered because we are not waiting up. But when your windows are open and the sounds of a party drift across the water you ask yourself: Do you think anything good happens on the lake after midnight?

Don't worry about making enough food for them for dinner. They'll just raid the fridge when they feel like it. They don't mean to be messy or rude; they just have become used to living with other dirty, laid back people. Don't worry about changing their sheets. They've been sleeping on the same sheets for nine months.

There are those moments of appreciation. After living on boxed macaroni and cheese for nine months, anything you make is wonderful. "Thanks, mom and dad" goes a long way.

Until next time. ■

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What's Good For The Goose... Is Good For The Gosling.....

- by Bob Meyers

This month in our search of the sixteen lakes of Elkhart County, we have found Goose Pond. To see the pond go east into Bristol on 120. When you reach State Road 15, turn right (south). At County Road 10 turn left (east). Go to County Road 27. There you will turn right (south). Watch to your left.....Actually, you watch the road and traffic; have your passenger look to the left and let you know when he or she sees a body of water. That's Goose Pond.

Someone told me Goose Pond was named for a waterfowl, however for the life of me, I can't remember the name of that bird. When I drove the county roads that surround the Goose, I couldn't find a way to get close enough to this pond to wade in it because fence and barbed wire encircle the terrain.

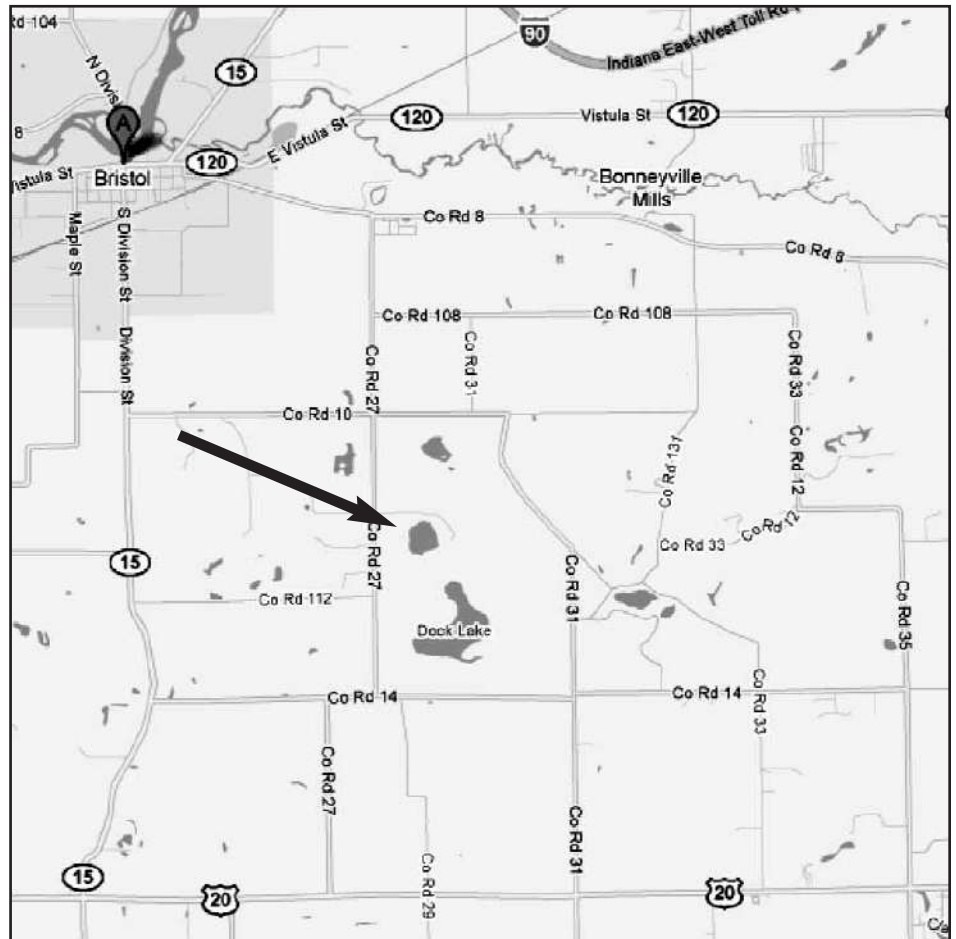
I do know one guy who, with his buddies, used to jump the fence and fish there years ago, however I will not mention his name because I wouldn't want to get him in any trouble. He said he caught many bluegill and small mouth bass here, but he didn't tell me how many were "keepers". I don't even know if he owned a fishing license. Once again, I don't want to get anyone in any trouble. Maybe you know who he is?

Anyone who would fish here would have to ask permission from one of the landowners in this region; that is, if you can find one. There, of course is no public landing, but then, this lake doesn't seem large enough for even a row boat.

You can get a good enough view of Goose Pond from the road. If you exit your vehicle, and listen, you will hear many varieties of birds chirping and singing as they enjoy the countryside, and every once in a while a horse drawn buggy will pass reminding you of a slower pace and more peaceful existence.

I understand there are quite a few geese that like to nest around this seemingly untouched small lake. The solitude and open grounds are ideal for raising their young and protecting them from predators. Therefore, "what's good for the goose is good for the gosling".

Next month we will visit lake number eight, Grange Lake. Until then, enjoy every moment of the greatest lake of all, the one you call home. ■



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A Channel Runs Through It

-by Connie Hart

Sometimes when you have been doing something for a long time with no result, the saying of "fish or cut bait" comes to mind. But in this case, a fellow neighbor on Forest Road has had lots of results with his line in the waters of Simonton Lake.

Whitney Ort celebrated his 95th birthday on May 19th. He and his late wife of 68 years, Doris have lived on the channel for 40 years and neighbors have to admit that they are still hooked on watching him make a cast at the end of

his pier.

If you have ever watched him with his fly rod, his skill is amazing. Whitney admits this is still how he catches most of his fish. Fellow neighbor, Bob Church says that on a good day he would catch 20 fish,

but Whitney would always out do him 2 to 1 with 40. The morning before I talked with Whitney, he caught a 19 1/2 Northern Pike off the end of his pier. Naturally there are no pictures for proof; he catches and releases now because he's not much for cleaning; leaving that to son, Rick.

Some of us remember a time when towards the end of each day, he and Ron Dannheiser, each in their own boat, with different styles and favorite spots, would be seen paddling and casting – trying to catch whatever the lake had to offer.

Watching them

from our yards offered a glimpse of peace and tranquility. "Reel" relaxation. Like that movie, "A River Runs Through It", we have "A Channel Runs Thru It - Fish Story".... Brad Pitt has nothing on Whitney. ■ (Color photo on back page)



Photos: (above) The 1970's.
(left) He kept charts each day to record his catch.
(below) Walleye caught in 1984.



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Wildlife in our Backyard

Eastern Spiny Soft Shell Turtles

- by Theresa Maier

The smooth soft shell turtle inhabits central United States preferring large unpolluted bodies of water.

Tim Cataldo of the Elkhart Environmental Center identified Simonton Lake turtles as Eastern spiny soft shell variety. These photos were taken in the Sail Bay Court Channel.

Populations of soft shell turtles have declined in recent years due to water and human pollution. This species ability to extract oxygen from water makes it particularly vulnerable to water pollution. Smooth soft shell turtles prefer unpolluted waters with sandy substrates such as lakes or rivers. Our

lake is obviously not polluted because of the large population of these turtles. On a leisurely pontoon ride we spotted soft shells dotting the sandy channel areas basking in the sun on large rocks and logs.

Female's sizes range from 9" to 16". Males range from 5" to 8". They nest May to August in the sunlight close to the water. The spiny soft shell turtles have a smooth carapace (shell) looking like a flattened pancake and a long tubular snout. They

have fully webbed feet (almost paddles), and a smooth shell that is extremely flattened and streamlined much like an outer skin instead of a shell.

When handled spiny soft shell turtles can be aggressive, that is if you can catch one. When a soft shell is picked up they are able to turn their head around and bite you. They often lay buried in the bottom, using their long necks and noses to reach the surface for air. They are strong and one of the fastest swimmers around. Can and will bite! Handle larger individual turtles by the rear legs, if at all.



They also scratch with their claws. They have been reported to squirt blood from the eyes when disturbed. Smooth soft-shell turtles are carnivorous and eat insects, crayfish, snails, worms, fish, amphibians, clams, isopods, spiders, and some plant material.

Soft shells can live up to 50 years in the wild. They can be difficult to approach and are fast-moving on land and in water. Captive longevity exceeds 25 years. ■

Information taken from: DNR State of Minnesota website and Gulf Coast Turtle and Tortoise Society at: www.gctts.org/drupal



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Carriage House Restaurant

- by Dave Foutz

It's difficult to think of anything I enjoy much more than eating. We all love and enjoy our neighborhood restaurants, but it's always interesting to venture out and partake of new tastes at different venues. I'm not into quantity, what I crave is unique favorable dishes which make everything else you've eaten pale by comparison. Another of my passionate pursuits is travel. It makes no difference whether it's near or far, I just love finding and experiencing new and interesting places. This is the genesis for my new feature for "Simonton Says," **Drive and Dine with Dave**. To make this series more interesting I have imposed a maximum driving time of a one hour, or what would be fifty to sixty miles. So for our first adventure I invited Kay and Dick Rhodes to accompany Carole and me for a unique dining experience at the Carriage House Restaurant.

Talk about history, the Carriage House occupies a former Brethren Church built in 1851. The building retains many of its original features, a common brick exterior and inside are hand-hewn walnut beams which are mortised and

pegged together. The restaurant was established in 1975 by Evelyn George who was a member of the Indiana Restaurant Hall of Fame, and continues to

be managed by her daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Adrian Cote'.

The Carriage House has received the AAA Four Diamond Award for the past twenty years and the wine list has received the Wine Spectator approval for twenty-five years. Pretty impressive, huh? Yes, and this is not even why we chose the Carriage House for dinner.

The Carriage House has one of the most beautiful French gardens in the area. This particular garden was inspired by a plan designed for a New Orleans man-



sion built in 1847. The garden has been at the restaurant since it first opened and has always been a delightful place for a sunset stroll and a drink before dinner. Finally, here's what's new and why we were excited about making the trip. The owners have added an area for alfresco dining between the restaurant and the garden that offers unrestricted views of the changing pallet of colors provided by the varying blooms of the many perennials. I will refer to this area

as a patio, however I believe the owners would take exception to calling it by that name as it is truly much more. Be that as it may, the patio is anchored by a pair of gazebos, one containing a full service bar with full flavor craft beers on tap, and the other containing the food prep area featuring a wood fired oven. The patio menu fea-

tures artisan pizzas, roasted chicken, and burgers. Now you should understand the attraction, a European inspired dining alfresco experience with authentic wood fired entrées and cold craft beer to wash them down. It doesn't get much better than that.

So how did it go? We picked the day the weather broke, you know the day following the string of ninety degree days. Who would have thought you should have brought a jacket? Now this is

See **Dine/** pg. 19



Bye, Bye Geese July 2012

-by Amy Matherly

I was complaining recently about a party that our local geese had in my yard right before we hosted a party for people. Ed Hickman, of North Shore Drive, stopped by last week and told me he had the solution. Ed told me he was picking up two plastic bags full of geese droppings every other day throughout the spring and summer. Geese, he told me, eat about four pounds of grass every day and daily rid themselves of about that same amount.

Tired of cleaning up his deck and lawn, he investigated and found a device called "Away with Geese." He decided to take a chance and ordered a unit. The device is a small tower with an on/off switch, a flashing amber light, a small solar panel, and a photo switch. The flashing amber light turns on at dusk and shuts off at dawn. Flashing every three seconds, the light disrupts the sleep of the geese. After a few nights of disrupted sleep, the geese go elsewhere. Since installing the tower Ed does not have any geese in his yard.

I checked with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to get their stand on this device or others like it.

While there are several options listed to keep geese away from yards, ponds or crops, devices like this are not given a pro or con. However, the other options listed by the DNR are fencing, chasing the geese, chemical treatment, balloons placed strategically or loud noises.

Under loud noises the use of firearms is discouraged. And, you aren't supposed to shoot the birds because they are protected. You are supposed to shoot in the air using the noise to scare the birds away.

Ed was so impressed that he now is a distributor for

the "Away with Geese" towers. Contact him at jhickman@frontier.com. ■

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Water-Based Unit

Dine

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customer service, in addition to the propane reflective heaters you expect on a patio, they had knit shawls for the ladies. I guess I could have had one too if I could tolerate the grief from Dick. Kay had the veggie burger and the rest of us had various kinds of pizzas. I love the blackened edges of a wood fired pizza. Carole and I split a bowl of tomato soup for a warming appetizer. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal and is looking for the next opportunity to return.

To make the thirty minute trip from Simonton Lake to the Carriage House, you should head west on the toll road. You will leave the toll road at exit 72 (South Bend West) and head north on US-31, where you will take the first exit, Brick Road. Turn right or west on Brick Road take the



second right at Orange Road, there will be a Carriage House sign at the corner tucked back in the bushes. Travel one mile north and the Carriage House is on the right at the intersection of Orange and Adams roads. It would be a good idea to make reservations but the staff said Tuesday and Wednesday are their slower evenings. The restaurant is closed on Monday. You can find their web site at www.carriagehousedining.com or phone for reservations at 574.272.9220.

I hope you enjoy your Carriage House dining experience as much as we did. I'm already thinking about the next trip or maybe multiple trips and pick the best. This is a really difficult assignment. Eat happy! ■

Cardboard Can Float - or Can It?

- by Staff Writer

- photos by Maria Hopman

Paddlers prove that cardboard can float - sometimes. The June 11th event held at Lakeshore Grill, challenged competitors to build a boat out of cardboard, then paddle it a total of 300 feet, from a dock to a buoy and back. Some made it all the way without sinking, but others felt more like the Titanic.

The weather was cool and sunny bringing out many spectators who watched from boats and even rooftops. One gal remarked how she planned her entire summer vacation around this boat race. Separate races were held for women and children (age 15 and younger), rather than lumping all ages and genders together.

Kimberly Sapikowski in her sleek boat, named "All Gulls, No Buoys," breezed through the course in 80 seconds, a winning time in the women's division. Dave Vogele, a 45-year-old put a total of about 12 hours into his boat, "Starvin' Marlin." One of the more unique designs showcased at the event, the light-blue boat was tailored to look like a shark, complete with fins, eyes and teeth.

The winner in the men's division was Andy Weaver, "Risky Whiskey," with

a time of 1:10.05 (won by .95 seconds). Andy invested 24 hours designing and building his unique catamaran boat. The cost was \$25 in cardboard and \$10 in tape. For the age 15 and younger fleet, the fastest boat was Hannah Cain, 2:20. ■





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Appetizers

- Crusty:** Thin crust with cheese, garlic and herbs \$6
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- Fat Tomato Bread:** House made honey herb focaccia bread baked with roasted tomatoes, melted cheese and garlic herb...\$6 Add pizza sauce, garlic butter or three cheese & tomato dipping sauce...\$0.50
- Chicken On A Stick:** Chicken lightly breaded and fried, tossed in our secret sweet-n-spicy sauce...\$7
- Meatballs:** Our house made meatballs topped with marinara and melted cheese...\$4
- Antipasto Platter:** Salami, prosciutto, capicola, roasted tomatoes, artichokes, olives and fresh mozzarella. Plenty for 2-3 people...\$11

Signature Fatty

Oven baked sandwiches served on our house made honey herb focaccia bread! Add Cortney Chips or House salad for \$1.5

- Camaroni:** Ham, salami, capicola, tomatoes, peppers, onions and provolone cheese drizzled with house Italian dressing...\$6.5
- Vegalicious:** Roasted tomatoes, artichokes, mozzarella and a balsamic glaze...\$6.5
- Fat Cluck:** Chicken, Bacon, basil, caramelized onions and mushrooms with three cheese & tomato sauce...\$6.5
- BL Tomato:** Bacon, lettuce, roasted red tomatoes topped with a basil mayo...\$6

Fattys

Served on an oven baked Italian bun commonly referred to as a grinder, sub or hoagie only much mo' better!!
Add Cortney Chips or a House Salad for \$1.5

- Meat and Tomatoes:** Hand made meatballs and tomato sauce topped with melted provolone cheese...\$6
- Porky Cheese:** Ham and cheese with basil mayo...\$5.5
- Ryno:** Sausage, pepperoni and mushrooms topped with pizza sauce and melted cheese...\$6

Pasta

Add a house salad for \$1.5

- Baked Spaghetti:** Spaghetti baked in our house made three cheese and tomato sauce topped with marinara and fresh mozzarella cheese...\$11 Add a Fat Meatball for \$2
- Fattuccine Alfredo:** House made alfredo sauce topped with fresh shredded parmesan cheese...\$11 Add Chicken...\$3 Add Shrimp...\$4 Add Salmon...\$5
- Garden Fattuccine:** Grilled artichokes, roasted garlic, sautéed spinach and roasted tomatoes tossed with herbed olive oil and white wine...\$12 Add Chicken...\$3 Add Shrimp...\$4 Add Salmon...\$5

It's a Wrap

Add Cortney Chips or a house Salad for \$1.5

- Chicken Basil Wrap:** Marinated Chicken breast, mushrooms and fresh basil served in a spinach wrap with alfredo pesto spread and crisp lettuce...\$6.5
- Garden Wrap:** Roasted red and yellow tomatoes grilled artichokes, mixed greens, fresh mozzarella and a balsamic glaze in a spinach wrap...\$6.5
- Salmin' BLT:** Wild Alaskan Salmon, applewood smoked bacon, tomatoes, baby spinach, capers and lemon dill mayo on a sundried tomato wrap...\$8.5

Pizza

Our own house made crispy thin crust pizza prepared with choice of one of our house made sauces and toppings!

- Sauces:** Red, Three cheese & tomato, Alfredo or Herbed olive oil
- Toppings:** Pepperoni, Ham, Sausage, Meatballs, Ground Beef, Marinated Chicken, Bacon, Prosciutto, fresh tomato, Roasted Tomato, Black Olives, Green Olives, Anchovies, Jalapeno Peppers, Pineapple, Green peppers, Spinach, Grilled Artichoke, Onions, Mushrooms and Garlic

Double Crust \$2.00

12" Regular Cheese \$10 add \$1.30 per topping

16" Large Cheese \$12 add \$1.60 per topping

Specialty Pizzas

- The Caprese:** Roasted red tomatoes and red onions with herbed olive oil and melted cheese on finished with balsamic glaze!
Regular 12"...\$14 Large 16"...\$17
- Creamy Italian:** Prosciutto, capicola, roasted garlic, basil and mozzarella on a three cheese tomato cream sauce
Regular 12"...\$14 Large 16"...\$17
- Chicken Veggie:** Chicken, roasted tomatoes, fresh spinach and grilled artichokes with a creamy alfredo sauce
Regular 12"...\$15 Large 16"...\$18
- Chicken Pesto:** Chicken and tomatoes with a basil pesto sauce and fresh mozzarella cheese. Regular 12"...\$14 Large 16"...\$17
- Margherita:** Herbed olive oil, roasted tomato, roasted garlic, mozzarella, parmesan and fresh basil Regular 12"...\$13 Large 16"...\$15
- Pasquale:** Red sauce, sausage, pancetta, roasted garlic & tomato
Regular 12"...\$14 Large 16"...\$17
- Aloha:** Red sauce, bacon, pineapple and onion
Regular 12"...\$14 Large 16"...\$17
- Meat Head:** Pepperoni, sausage, pancetta, ham, roasted garlic on a double crust Regular 12"...\$16 Large 16"...\$19
- Salmon Caper:** Herbed olive oil, smokehouse salmon, capers, red onion, mozzarella dill, hard boiled egg topped with a mustard sauce
Regular 12"...\$15 Large 16"...\$18
- Napoletana:** Red sauce, capers, kalamata olives, roasted garlic, anchovies and mozzarella. Regular 12"...\$14 Large 16"...\$17

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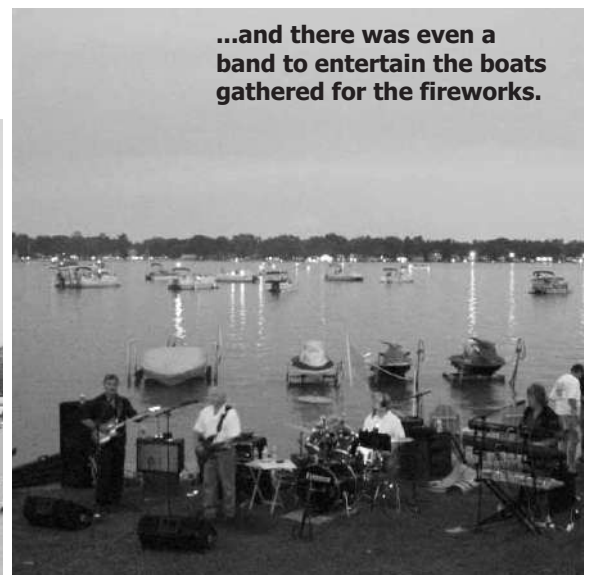
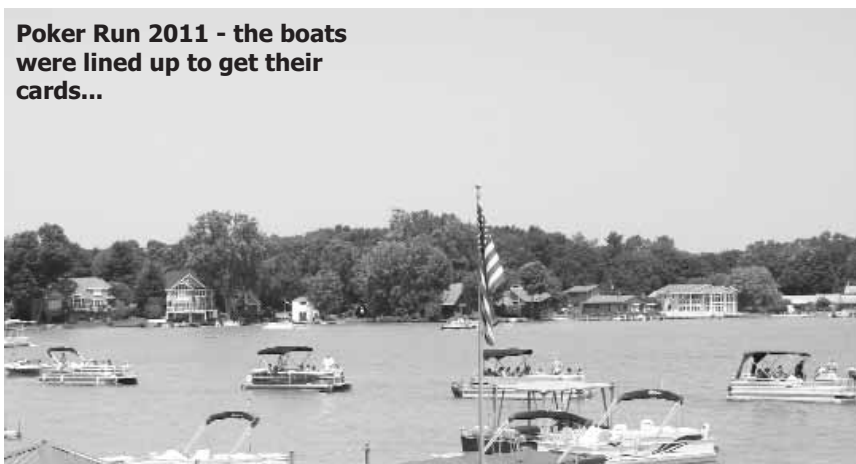
Annual Linn Family Clambake, held on 6/25! – this year's theme was a pirate's ship!

How are you spending your summer on the lake?



...and there was even a band to entertain the boats gathered for the fireworks.

Poker Run 2011 - the boats were lined up to get their cards...



Sportsmen's Club

Catch Phrases

-by Bob Meyers

What a terrific Fourth of July weekend on Simonton Lake. The cookouts and parties that

brought together families and friends filled the air with fantastic aromas and resounding laughter. All of you who participated in the Poker Run made it a an event to remember on what we thought was a perfect day until the next two which were even better. And the fireworks over the water were spectacular thanks to your generous donations. A big thank you to the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners Association for your help in securing funds for the fireworks show. The weather was ideal for the entire three day weekend and so were all of you.

The fun continues with activities

throughout the summer, so get some rest and prepare for more activities including the next **Youth Fishing Contest on August 6** as well as the **Corn and Sausage Roast on August 20**. Between now and then, the good times abound on the greatest of all lakes, your lake, Simonton.

Summer's just beginning, so's the fun....See you on the lake. ■



Jonell Kovatch and Kayla Ellis
- photo courtesy of Penny Kovatch



Off We Go Again!

-by Carole Foutz

It's summer again and we are gearing up for another vacation of exploring. I wrote last year in "Oh, the Places We'll Go!" about our "road" trip in Ireland. Both Dave and I both grew up in families that traveled frequently and for us it is something that has become a part of our lives. Our daughters have inherited this passion for travel as we have. During the time our children were young, we traveled frequently with other families. We would travel in caravan form, communicate via CB's, and the kids switched from car to car with their friends. That tradition began more than 30 years ago and while the kids have all moved on to travel with their own families, the adults are still traveling together. In fact, eight of us are resuming our tradition in July to travel to England and Norway. Even though some of our group has moved out of state or out of our original neighborhood, we mesh for

this travel for adventure and to rekindle our longtime friendship. We gathered here this past weekend to make final plans for next month.

We will be flying into London and meeting everyone there. We have a tour guide who will be our chauffeur into the countryside and the Cotswolds. This is the part of England with the little stone



its fiords. More than a year of planning has now gone by and it is almost time to depart. When our friends from Ohio left on Sunday they said, "See you in London!"

As author of this column, I can't help but think that our readers have so many stories of travel such as these that



cottages with thatched roofs. These villages are quaint and full of history which we intend to explore. After spending three days in this area, we are leaving from Southampton, England on a Princess ship for seven days exploring Norway and

could be told. **Our neighbors on Simon-ton Lake would love to have you share those stories.** You are welcome to write about your travel or you may call me at 262-3908 and I can write the story for you. **We love pictures too! In order to keep this newsletter interesting for readers and to keep the issues coming we NEED STORIES and YOU to help us!** The newsletter is about our Simon-ton Lake Community and that is you! Help us by sharing your ideas or thoughts. Call me or any member of the committee; we would love to hear from you! ■

June 4, 2011 Simonton Lake Youth Fishing Contest

- by Staff Writer, Photos by Maria Hopman

The contest sponsored by the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club, was held on June 4th. There were 39 participants in the event, and they enjoyed many prizes. Age groups in both boys and girls categories are 4-7, 8-11 & 12-14. The largest fish was a 15 1/2 inch Bass, caught by Michael Smoker.

WINNERS: (photo right - courtesy of George Bryerton)

- (Front Row L-R) Michael Smoker, Alyssa Young, Aiden Baker, Miranda Campbell, Grant Brekke, Noah Haas, Logan Pontius, Ashlee Kauffman

- (Back Row L-R) Kaitlin Merklin, Landri Collins, Anna Kirklen, Owen Lillick, Emily Maddux, Catherine Underly, Mekalya Gray

The area community owes a BIG thank you to Jim Friend, who has been the organizer since 1990. What a wonderful event for children and as you

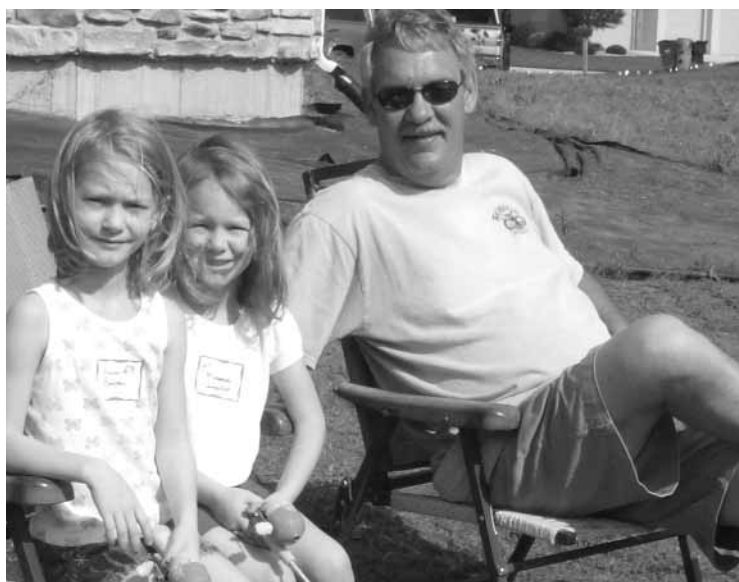
can see by the photos, it's a great way to spend quality time with your child.

Also a special thank you to all of the volunteers including Janie Friend, Joe Kilburn, Bugeye Hostetter, Bob Samplers, Greg McGough, Bob Putnam, Dick Martin, Jerry Casto, George Bryerton, Bill Gipson and Joe Arrendondo. ■

(right) Michael Smoker, who caught the largest fish, spending the day with his Dad Mike

(left) Alyssa Young (trophy winner) & Kevin Gipson

(below) Adrienne & Miranda Campbell (trophy winner) fishing with Grandpa Jim Cranmer



**Gene Chatain
& son Drew**



Mason Haas & brother Noah, who won 1st place in the 4-7 year old boys division along with parents Chad & Kim

More photos from the Youth Fishing Contest



Hailey Mullet & her Dad Ron

**JOIN IN THE FUN...
LIGHT UP THE LAKE!**

**2nd Annual
Lakeside Festival of Lights
August 6, 2011**

Simonton Lake is planning its Second Annual Lakeside Festival of Lights. We had so many positive responses from our first year with the event. We had many participants showing off their lights and creative abilities and many more residents getting out in their boats in the evening to enjoy the displays on our lake.

So, dust off your Christmas lights, jazz up something in your yard with lights.....anything goes! Remember, the channels are also participating so don't forget to view their displays!

There are no prizes, just enjoy the event.

SIMONTON LAKE AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION



Sarah Woods with her son Blayke

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners Association Annual General Meeting - May 23, 2011

- by Ginny Bellamy, Secretary

Vaughn Nickell, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Proper notification for this meeting to all members was verified by a reminder with Annual Dues mailing and also "Voice Shot" (home telephone). A motion was made by John Rose to accept last year's minutes and was seconded by Carole Foutz.

Treasurer's Report: Ryan Harding reported in Erin's absence. Last year we had 174 members and currently have 121. We ask that everyone encourage new members to join. Our revenue is currently \$5,000/membership and \$7,000/advertisers. The largest expense this year was the LARE grant and newsletter production which was approximately \$4500.00.

Newsletter Committee: Carole Foutz introduced Kay Rhodes for a few words. Kay then turned the program over to her husband, Dick. They need help with stories for the newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to give them a call...all ideas are welcome. Please remember to support our advertisers with business. Dick announced that SLAHA is now on Facebook.

Membership and Outreach Committee: Randy Hoff reported that in the past the committee has been responsible for planning events like the flotilla, parade of lights and the hog roast. The committee is meeting soon to plan this years events. If there are new neighbors in the Simonton Lake area, please notify Randy so that they can send them a packet of information.

Lake Safety Committee: Bob Kelsey

introduced the new chairman, Paul Wilson. Bob stated that all the buoys were put in over the weekend. There are new signs at the boat launch area which outlines the lakes and informs general lake safety rules. Neighborhood watch signs have been placed around the lake. Additional "No Parking" signs have been requested from the state. These will encourage only proper number of cars for the area and will stop scattered parking. A light will be installed soon at the boat launch which will ward off improper activities in the area. Paul Wilson explained that the committee has many new goals and always welcomes new ideas. Paul introduced Dustin Whitehead, our area DNR officer. Dustin said he is extremely busy as he is the only officer in Elkhart County to cover our lakes. They are currently hiring another officer who will be on board by next summer. Dustin reminded everyone to be sure to carry your license and registration when boating. Again reminding everyone to drink safely. Additionally, he advised that a life jacket is required for everyone on board and that boats 16 foot or longer require a throwable life preserver.

Casey Lehman, Elkhart County Police Officer, reminded everyone that he is patrolling the Simonton Lake area. Note that you may now report thefts or property damages online. Please also remember to call Chris Toles who is our resident contact with Casey.

Lake Environment: John Rose turned the program over to Bill Broderick who worked directly with the LARE program. This program was funded 90% by the state, 5% in-kind by residents, and 5% cash from our association. John Richardson of J.F. New gave a very informative slide presentation with regard to lake water drainage, specific plant life and also suggestions to maintain the present levels. He suggested that we set

up an "Ecozone Project" where there will be low activity and promote better plant growth. Suggestion was on the south east corner of Little Simonton.

There was discussion with regard to channel dredging specifically the area between the lakes. A committee needs to be formed to review the feasibility. It is presently estimated to cost \$120-125,000 of which 80% paid by the state and 20% by the association and residents (\$10-15,000). All seemed to be pleased with this possibility.

These are exciting opportunities, but we need more volunteers to serve on committees for these two initiatives...please call Bill Broderick

Weir Update - Ryan Harding reported that with persistent efforts by Dave Foutz, Bob Evans, and Vaughn Nickell, the county is stepping up to the project. We could begin to see activity this summer. Next step, the state will seek bids for this construction. This project was begun in 1992 and may soon be reality. Cheers to our lake association efforts!!!

Questions and comments were opened for all present. A question was raised by Jerry Broderick about the possibility of a light on Cassopolis by Lake Shore. Dave Foutz has worked on this and stated that it is a state highway and that they have already lowered the speed and placed a crosswalk sign. At present there is no interest in installing a light. The state is interested in traffic flow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM. An election of board members meeting was opened at 8:18 PM. John Rose and Bob Kelsey have accepted the continuance of their current positions and despite newsletter requests no others showed interest. Therefore, no election was necessary. This meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM. ■

The Face behind the Simonton Lake Newsletter

- by Theresa Maier & Maria Hopman

We've had so many comments about the exceptional appearance of our newsletter we thought you might enjoy hearing more about the face behind our Simonton Lake Newsletter. You'll agree our committee chairperson, Kay Rhodes does a fantastic job putting together our colorful informative association newsletter.

Maria asked Kay what made her take this project on? She reflected back to the association beginning. Vaughn (Nickell) and Carole (Foutz) approached her to chair the Newsletter Committee. Kay saw this as a chance to use her love of creativity and art to support her lake community. Being new to the lake, she was "blown away at the positive response from volunteers willing to get involved."

Kay, a Michigan City native, comes from a family of artists. A graduate of Nazareth College, Kalamazoo Michigan, she majored in art and for a few years taught art to Kindergarten through 8th grade students, in her hometown. She moved to Elkhart 25 years ago. Wanting her own business, Kay opened and ran the Sylvan Learning Center in Elkhart. Her love for being creative led her back into design, which developed into her own graphic and website design business, "kayrhodes-Design." Along with graphic work, she currently works on be-

tween 15 and 20 websites, among them St. Thomas Church and School, Bent Oak Golf Course and the Arizona Basketball Coaches Association. Kay works from her home office with a stunning northern view of Simonton Lake. She likes the flexible hours that allow her to enjoy family, friends and hobbies.

Kay's hobbies include kayaking, interior design, computer graphics, gardening, exercising and biking. But the best hobby of all is being Grandma to four grandsons! After visiting some friends (the Brekkes) on North Shore Drive about 6 years ago, she and husband Dick fell in love with the lake and its beautiful views. Luckily they were able to find a home to purchase and join the lake community.

Arriving at her home for the interview, her husband Dick walked us past a 7 foot high white fiberglass elk named "Elkabab". (photo on back cover) Kay painted the elk as part of a CAPS (Child and Parent Services) fundraiser and it will take its place with 29 other "Elk Art on Parade" elks scattered around Elkhart County this summer. You will see Kay's elk, colorfully painted with letters of the alphabet, on display in front of the Middlebury Public Library. In November, the elks will be auctioned off to raise money for CAPS.

When asked how many hours per issue she spends working on our artistically designed newsletter, Kay responded, "A good part of four days placing stories, editing, preparing photos, proofing, designing ads, etc." Kay's

favorite part is watching it all come together and organizing the content into the publication you have delivered to your door. She said, "It's definitely a collaborative project; it takes not only a great committee, but the whole community to put it all together."

Let's all be sure to thank this tal-



ented artist and lake neighbor for giving her special talents to make our newsletter so appealing! Thanks to the other "Simonton Says" Newsletter Committee members for giving their time and talents: Carole & Dave Foutz, Maria Hopman, Diane Marlow, Amy Matherly, Bob Meyers, Dick Rhodes, Theresa Maier, and our newest member Connie Hart.

Help out the committee and fellow lake residents by sending IDEAS you would like to have written about...or send your favorite picture or article... ..everyone welcome! Send in your articles or call someone on the committee to have someone write it for you! We take photos too! Hope to hear from you soon. ■

Elk Art on Parade

- by Staff Writer

Have you spotted any very large animals residing on our streets? **Elk Art on Parade** will benefit Child And Parent Services (CAPS), Elkhart County's non-profit child abuse prevention agency. It is a public art exhibition that places life-size fiberglass elk designed and created by local artists in county landscapes for the public to view and interact with. While the base elk sculptures remain the same, each of the artists was challenged to creatively con-

vey part of the culture of Elkhart County through their own interpretation of the elk as an object of art. Elk Art on Parade is funded through individual and corporate sponsorships.

To find out more about the project and to view the locations of the elks around

the county, check out the website elkartonparade.com ■



Treasurer's Corner

Below is a brief financial update on the association:

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.
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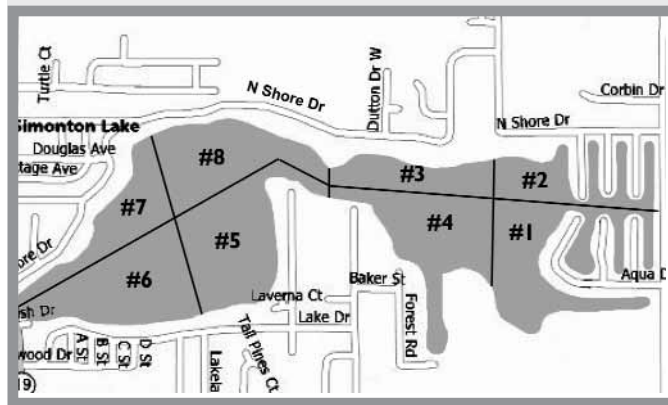
Item	Subtotal	Total
Advertising	5.00	
Fireworks Donations	3,525.00	
Other Events (e.g., Hog Roast)	0.00	
LARE Grant from State of IN	18,857.47	
Membership Dues	4,080.00	
Sales (T-shirts)	0.00	
Other (e.g., interest income)	19.28	
Total Income		26,486.75
Cost of Goods Sold (T-shirts)	0.00	
Total Gross Profit		26,486.75
Board of Directors (e.g., Hog roast, general meeting expenses, insurance)	728.88	
Fireworks Transfer to Sportsmen's Club	3,525	
Lake Environment (LARE Grant)	18,857.47	
Lake Safety	108.00	
Membership/Outreach	71.94	
Newsletter / Website	1,756.92	
Total Expenses		\$25,048.21
Net Position as of May 21, 2011		\$1,438.54

We are only 33 households away from 200 families for 2011-2012. Don't wait any longer – support SLAHA with your membership today!! As always, if you have any questions about our association finances, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Harding at eharding@nd.edu.

Area Representatives

-your delegates for neighborhood concerns

1. Tim and Phyllis Nusbaum 264-0965
2. Ann and Jerry Broderick 264-1331
John and Pat Brown 264-2258
Ken and Sue Ward 206-0450
3. Susie Broderick 262-0818
4. Jon Hart 262-1404
Randy Hoff 262-3432
5. Bob Meyers 675-0970
Cindy Nickell 262-3105
6. Dick Martin 264-7656
Ron Taylor 262-1332
7. Dave VanZile 264-5201
8. Susie Broderick 262-0818
Jon Hart 262-1404



*******Seeking Simonton Shutterbugs for a 2012 Calendar!** The association is interested in capturing picturesque moments on the lake to enjoy throughout 2012, but we need your help! To create a truly representative calendar, I will need help from neighborhood photographers who live on different parts of the lake. Please keep your cameras handy for beautiful shots of the scenes that surround us in all seasons. Then, submit your high resolution digital photos to me at eharding@nd.edu We'll try to have the calendar ready by this fall's Hog Roast on September 24th, so you'll have the perfect stocking stuffer gifts for the lake lovers in your family! Thanks in advance for your assistance and happy snapping!

SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

DUES: per household per year

- ☐ **Household:** \$30
☐ **Senior:** (70 and over): \$20
☐ **Senior Honorary Membership**
 (80 and over):
 FREE lifetime member

FIREWORKS FUND DONATION:

Donation Amount: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
with Registration Form

\$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2nd/Spouse Email: _____

Preference for contact: ☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ Mail

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

POST your Garage Sale, Items for sale, Want ad, etc. **FREE!!***

To place a classified ad, email: ads@simontonlake.org or call: 262-9816. 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.

FOR SALE: Fisher Marine Jon Boat 14 ft. Aluminum, 14" deep, 4 seater, 2 swivel seats, 2 oars. Call Jim at 574-262-1417. \$300.

FOR SALE: Two Thule Hullavator Kayak Carriers. The hullavator not only sits atop your vehicle but also lifts and lowers up to a 40 lb kayak from the side of the car up to the top and back down again with just the touch of your hand. No need to have another person to help you load your kayak. No need to buy, store and pull a trailer. Thule is the leader in kayak carriers. Aluminum, double coated steel construction. Accommodates Kayaks up to 36" wide. Two carriers fit on the top of an SUV. Visit Thule.com for Hullavator video. Call 262-4773.

WANT TO BUY: 8-10 horsepower used fishing boat motor. Call 262-2740.

WANT TO BUY: I've lost my marbles. At least my wife, Pam, thinks so. Actually, I buy old marbles. If you have any **old marbles** tucked away in your attic or basement, and want to sell them, give me a call. Or, if you have old marbles and want to know more about them, call me. Bob Shultz, 51096 North Shore, 536-6960 (mobile)

Seeking Simonton Shutterbugs!



MESSAGE BOARD

More information on page 22.

Save the Date

3rd Annual SLAHA and SLSC Hog Roast

September 24, 2011

We are planning the 3rd Annual Hog Roast on September 24th at the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club. It will be similar to the past with the Hog Roast and a carry-in. More information will follow in our August newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of our Simonton Lake neighbors at this event!

Simonton Lake Diagnostic/Feasibility Study - Elkhart County, Indiana - May 2011

- View the complete study online at simontonlake.org

Do you know someone who is having a birthday, anniversary, etc?
Email: simon@simontonlake.org

BE AWARE OF CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- 1. When a crime occurs:** Make sure you **first** report the crime to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. **Call: 911**
- 2. Secondly - CRIME TRACKING:** We encourage lake residents to forward safety issues (break-ins, vandalism, other crimes, etc.), so we can notify residents. Report to: **Chris Toles, Lake Safety Committee. Call: 574-266-7768**
Email: CMT6061@Comcast.net

We want to keep people informed about what is happening in our neighborhood, so you can keep a watchful eye. **If you would like to be notified when crimes occur around the lake, send your email address to simon@simontonlake.org** (Your information will not be used for any other purpose).

We wish you a Happy Birthday!

7/19	Cam Snyder
7/24	Emmett Riley Harding - 1 year old
7/29	Leighla Kay Winchester - 2 years old (grandparents Vaughn & Cindy Nickell)
8/5	Jaxon Patrick Kern - 1 year old

Happy Anniversary

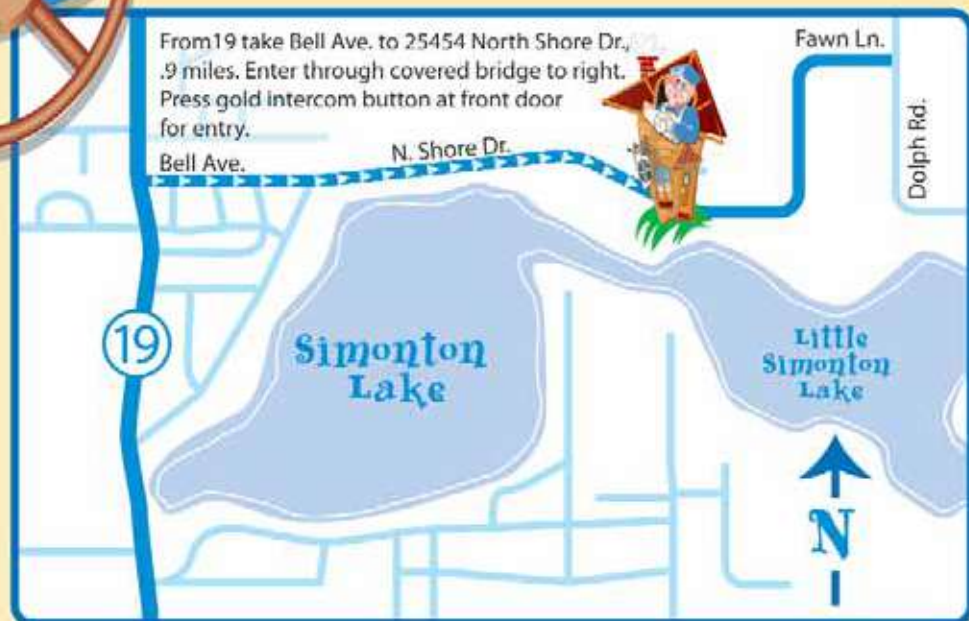
7/12	Kelly (Matherly) & Greg Shewmaker
7/12	Jenny & Nathan Montiel (daughter of Don & Carol Bradshaw)
8/19	Don & Barb Rosporo -50th



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

Mark and Nancy Walker are new neighbors on Simonton Lake. These folks on Blue Ribbon Lane have two canine children, Jack and Princess. Welcome to the lake.

You know this lake is a special place when former residents read our newsletter on the web. I was contacted by **Kurt Kazmierczak** former lake resident now residing in Colorado. He e-mailed to say how much he enjoyed reading the newsletter. He and his family lived on the lake back in '90's. Colorado is a beautiful place, he wrote. But one day he hopes to live back here at Simonton Lake.

Martins, martins everywhere and no room left in the bird house. After three years of nothing but sparrows, we have a full house of martins. We weren't sure if the birds flying around our house were the real deal. **Mary Noreus**, a couple doors down who also has a lakeside martin house, identified the birds. The trick, so we are told, is to elevate the house at the correct time in the late spring. I'm just happy I don't have to help my husband lower the house repeatedly and clean out the sparrows nests.

Haley King, daughter of **Tim and Kelly King**, was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Elkhart Memorial High School. Haley also won the Catherine Wolfe Award for Elkhart's outstanding female athlete. She will attend Colorado State and play golf for the university. Haley joins a number



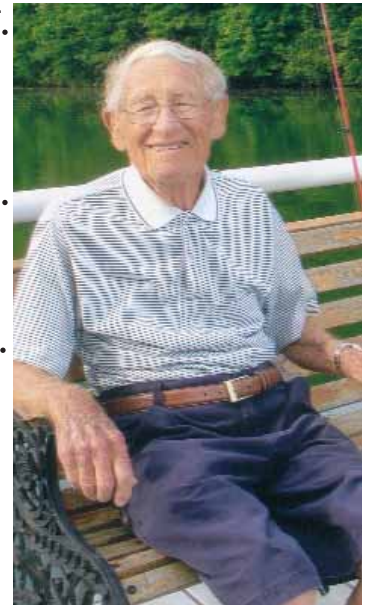
Kaitlin Merklin at the Youth Fishing Contest - story on page 25
Photo courtesy of George Bryerton

of other lake residents who have won the Catherine Wolfe award or the Tim Bringle Award for the city's outstanding male athlete. Those winners include: **Jessie Veenstra** daughter of Randy & Rhonda Stabler, **Dick Tate**, **Sean Broderick**, son of Bill & Susie Broderick, **Ben Matherly**, son of Ryan & Amy Matherly, & **Mike Stock**, Linda Wilson's brother Bob Herrick, BJ and Dave Gawthrop's son, Rod Gawthrop.

Congratulations to graduate of Elkhart Memorial, **Beau Broderick**, son of **Dodie and Stewart Broderick** and to all our graduates around the lake. Welcome home to those returning from college for summer vacation. It's nice to see you.

Don and Barb Rospopo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19th. Congratulations on your golden anniversary.

Susie Broderick turns 40 on July 1. Well, she has a birthday on July 1st and she told me she was 40. That makes me 44. I like it!



Say hi to my sister, Cindy Rosenberg, over the weekend of the 4th. She came up from Florida to visit last year over the 4th and said she had such a good time, she'd be back next year. With two kids in college I figured that was just a dream. But she planned all year and will return to the greatest lake weekend ever.

Jody and Eric Landis, who have lived on North Shore Drive for a year and a half, welcomed their first child, daughter Brynlee Grace Landis on June 1st 2011. She weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.



I don't know how many of you have visited the SLAHA website. It's nicely laid out, easy to navigate and very informative. simontonlake.org

"Elkabet" spotted at the lake - see story on page 28.

