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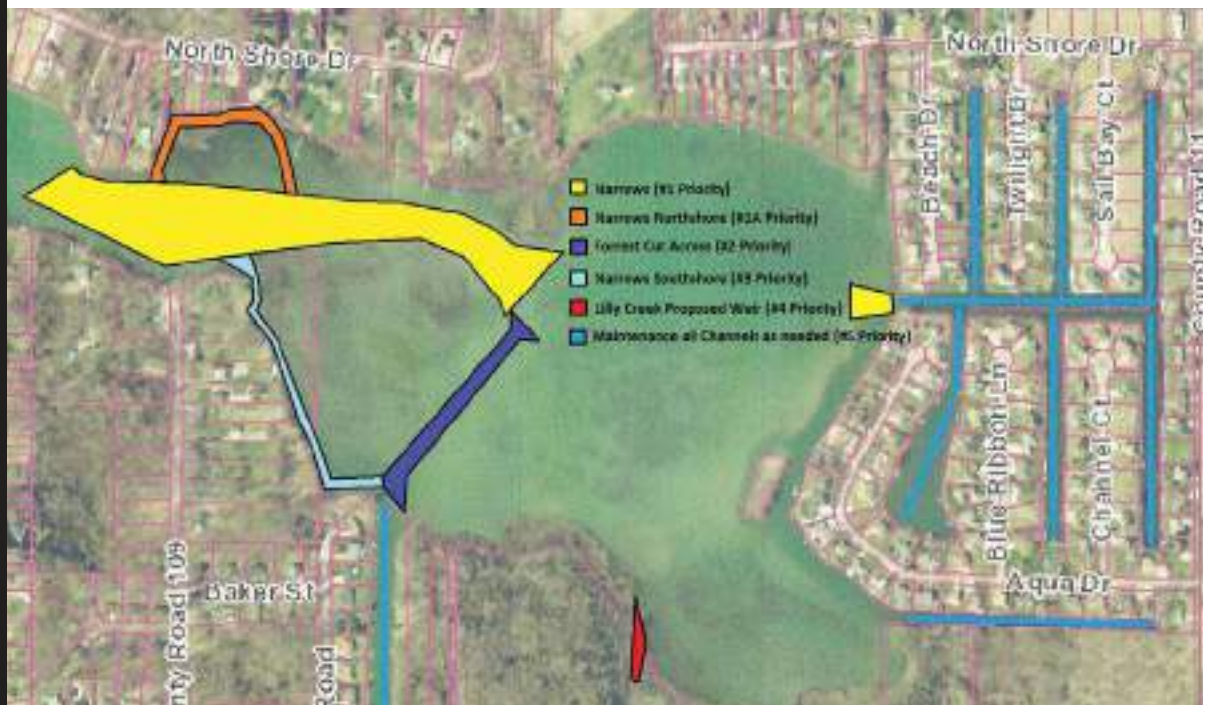


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Featured photo of the month by Lou Putnam



A map of suggested areas for sediment removal in the lake and channels is shown above. Three consultants have submitted proposals to develop a sediment removal plan. Please take a few moments to review the map and inform members of the Environment Committee of your thoughts. Your input is very important. The more residents who give opinions and offer information, the more comprehensive the final proposal submitted to the State will be. Read more on page 28.

What does the SLAHA do for you?

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Summer Fun



4th of July 2012 - Tom and Carla Pontius dancing. Carla's brother, Doug Shaffer lives on North Shore, on the little lake.

Photos by Maria Hopman



SIMONTON LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB YOUTH FISHING CONTEST - JUNE 9, 2019 TROPHY WINNERS (More photos pg.30)

Front Row: Keegan Thursby G--8-11 1st Place, Noah Haas B--4-7 1st Place, Lexi Hapner G--4-7 1st Place, Madalynn Gray G--4-7 3rd Place, Logan Pontius B--4-7 2nd Place, Adrian Campbell G--4-7 2nd Place

Back Row: Mike Smoker B--8-11 2nd Place, Mason Haas B--8-11 1st Place, Madison Boomershine G--8-11 3rd Place, Dylon Eaton B--8-11 3rd Place, Landri Collins G--12-14 1st Place, Sarah Joy G--8-11 2nd Place, Not Pictured: Billy Graham B--12-14 1st Place, Zack Gray B--12-14 2nd Place, Dray Nelson B--4-7 3rd Place, Largest Fish: Mike Smoker 13 1/2 inch large mouth bass, Most inches: Keegan Thursby 143 inches

**Look for more photos in our
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August 4 - Youth Fishing Contest
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August 15 - Ecozone Meeting at
Sportsmen's Clubhouse - 6pm

September 1 - Fireworks

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September 9 - Hog Roast

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November 10 - Fall Casino Night
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Wildlife in our Backyard

ECOZONE? WHAT'S AN ECOZONE?

-by Amy Matherly

Last year a water quality study was done by the state for Simonton Lake. The results were good. Our lake is doing ok. However, some suggestions were made to continue this status.

One suggestion was the establishment of an **ecozone**. The state has come up with the name "**Ecozone**" to designate an area where no motorized water craft go. You can still fish the area, use an electric trolling motor, canoe or kayak. You cannot anchor. But, no ski boats, motorized fishing boats, no jet skis or wave runners. Buoys would mark the ecozone. Folks who live near an ecozone are allowed to use a motorized boat to get out to use their lake.

Lake Syracuse and Lake Wawasee were the first lakes to have an Ecozone back in 2002 just two years after the Ecozone law was passed. Actually Lake Wawasee, the largest natural lake in Indiana, has several ecozones. Tippecanoe and Manitou have areas as well.

Ecozones include wetlands, marshes and shallow areas. Areas like these not only provide a habitat for fish and wildlife but also filter nutrients and sediments that hurt water quality and they recharge groundwater. One

area lake with an ecozone noted that the area acted as self-sustaining fish nursery.

Lakes that do not protect these areas find their water quality in danger as at

Lake Tippecanoe in Kosciusko County. There the wetlands areas and plants had all but disappeared and had to be re-established in order to save the lake. Some lakes in Indiana where all the cat-tails and lily pads had completely disappeared had to actually bring in the plants and put them back in their lake one at a time using lake residents as volunteers. Why would they do this? To keep their lake from dying.

Scientists tell us without human beings on lakes the disappearance of these essential features might never happen. But, when humans collide with a lake ecosystem there can be trouble.

The biggest culprit in the destruction of wetlands, marshes and shallow areas is motorized watercraft. Boat motors disturb the bottom, cut up plants and create wakes that throw sediment onto wetland plants making it difficult or im-

possible to grow. Bedding areas for fish are disturbed.

Let me be clear that the state cannot and will not force the residents of a lake to establish an ecozone. They will only allow a lake to do this if the residents are in favor.

And, if we would establish an ecozone, **we want to find a way to do it and not impact our motor boat activities** that many of us enjoy.

If we would do this where would we establish an Ecozone?

The leading suggestion has been the inlet leading to Lily Creek. It's a small area, would still allow us room to ski and run our boats. And, there are no homes in the shoreline of this area so no one would have their frontage in the zone.

Could it be elsewhere? Sure. We'd like to hear your thoughts. Should we have an ecozone at all? We'd like your opinion. Would you like to be on the ecozone committee? Contact Amy Matherly at 262-4773 or Diane Marlow at 262-2262.

JOIN US to talk about the Ecozone Wednesday, August 15, at 6:00pm at the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Clubhouse. ■



Entrance to Lily Creek
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Elvis Sighting

-by Anne Harbaugh

Wednesday, July 1, 2012, I saw Elvis (aka Irv Cass) at the Niles City Park concert. He sang for over an hour looking and sounding the way I remember the "young" Elvis.

Irv Cass (mother Carol Cass, Lake Drive) did not become interested in Elvis until after he graduated from high school shortly before Elvis died in 1977. Always interested in music he worked as a DJ in the area including the Moonraker disco bar in South Bend which I remember from the 70's as a FUN night club.

At age 18 he did his first impersonation as Jerry Lewis for a Labor Day telethon. Modeling, including for Starcraft speed boats and male dancer are also in his history.

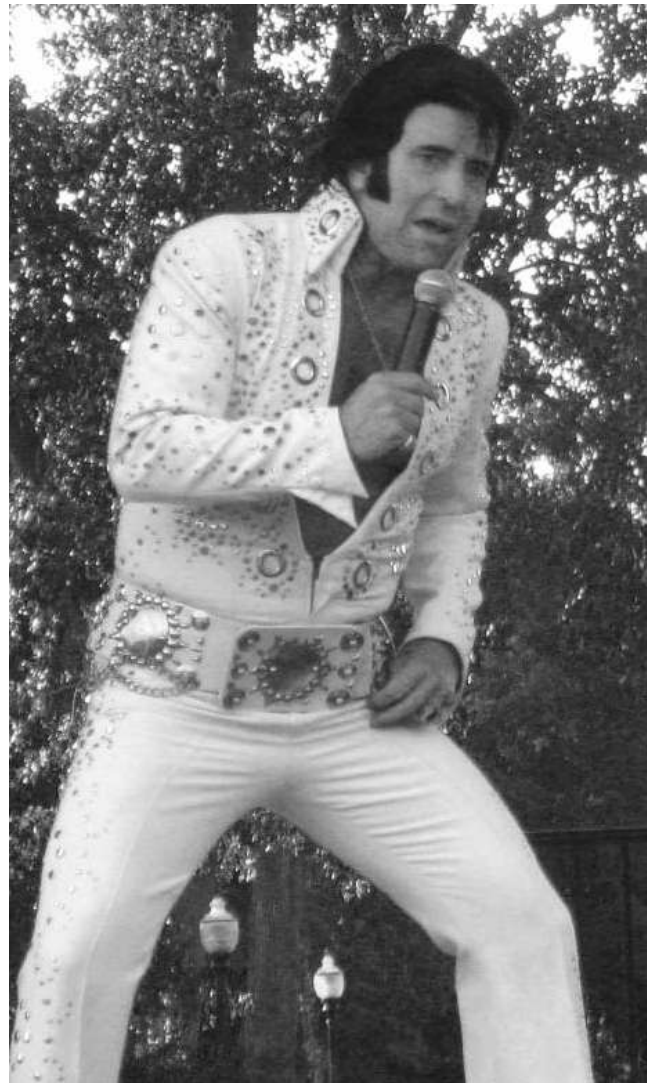
His real start as Elvis began in 1991 at the Ramada in Rose-land. With no costume he entered an Elvis contest which he did not win but was approached by someone in the audience who suggested he grow his hair, sideburns and get a costume as he had a great voice. Within one year he was Elvis with Legends in Concert in Las Vegas for 10 years.

As Elvis, he has traveled to England, Australia, the Philip-pines and on many cruise ships.

Irv has also perfected Tom

Jones. After a costume, wig and dialect change he was unbelievable as Tom Jones. I know he looked and sounded better than the real thing! It amazes me how he can sound so "Elvis" and then so Welsh! Irv tried out with Legends in Concert and is awaiting word if he will be in the show again, this time as Tom Jones.

Along with Elvis and Tom



Jones, Irv can produce any celebrity you want: Rod Stewart, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, etc. for your next lake party, wedding or event. For inquiries contact irvencass@yahoo.com.

For me I will be anxiously awaiting my next Elvis sighting and would love to spot him at our lake! ■

(Photo on cover of newsletter is Elvis (Irv) singing to Anne years ago when she went to one of his concerts).

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Dining Al Fresco

-by Dave Foutz

One of my most cherished memories of growing up on a farm is harvest time. It was during the 1940's and farming was a very labor intensive business. Much like the Amish do today, farm families would gather together and help each other harvest the crops. Work would begin early in the morning while the temperature was still relatively cool. The men would begin working in the fields and the women would start preparing the noon feast.

Being too young to work in the fields, I was left to help the women. Sawhorses were set up and covered with long boards under towering pine trees that shaded the house. White table clothes covered the roughhewn boards which held heaping serving dishes of mashed potatoes, fried chicken, green beans, and freshly baked bread and fruit pies. Large sweating pitchers of ice cold home-made lemonade provided relief from the heat of the day.



At the stroke of high noon the men would appear in their sweaty blue, cotton work shirts and bib overalls and collapse on the ground against the trees. The women would fix their husband a heaping plate of food and the conversa-

tion would begin that would last for about an hour and a half, at which time the men returned to the fields and the women would erase all evidence that a significant social event had occurred.

The term "al fresco" comes from the

Italian language and means outside in the cool, which pretty much sums up my experiences on the farm. Houses and particularly kitchens with wood cook stoves were very hot and not a good place for field hands to relax on a hot summer's day. Having been imprinted by these experiences, one of my most anticipated summer activities is eating a tasty meal outside by the lake, closely followed by sitting on a patio at a local restaurant with friends drinking a tall cold draught beer. People who live along the Mediterranean seem to have a proclivity for outside dining proba-



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When Deb Weaver lived in town she was asked if she wanted Lola, a Black Lab mix puppy that was following the paper delivery man in Deb's neighborhood. A house down the street from Deb's had yellow police tape around it because of a drug raid earlier. A neighbor said Lola belonged there, but the owners were taken to jail. Deb asked a friend of hers, Bob Foster if he would take Lola in. Since Bob had just lost his Black Lab, Casey, he agreed. And now for the *fairy tale ending*... 3 years later Bob and Deb got married, moved to Deb's house on Deer Run...so Deb ended up taking in both Bob & Lola... and they are living happily ever after. ■



Photo by Maria Hopman

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Dining

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bly because of the milder climate and their more relaxed attitude. But then again doesn't it sound pretty much like life on the lake?

Living and dining outside really isn't that difficult, all you need is a little imagination. As lake residents we have the first requirement solved, a beautiful view. The second requirement is shade. If you are lucky you may already have a tree or you can build a pergola, or maybe a grape arbor. Then add a table and chairs, some casual seating furniture, and of course, a grill. Now you are ready to enjoy the al fresco life.

I am seeing more and more outside

rooms as I motor around the lake, but one in particular has really caught my eye. If you cross the little lake, go into the channels, turn right at the first channel and look to your left. This is the beautiful home of Ron and Pam Duncan. Their outdoor space is dominated by a beautifully sculptured locus tree that shades the entire multilevel maintenance free deck and dining area. The area is decorated with dark stained wicker furniture with brightly colored thick cushions and toss pillows. Stone paths lead to other recreational areas of the yard through the manicured landscaping. The space has a west expo-

sure and in the late afternoon on a 95 degree day it was exceedingly pleasant sitting in the conversation area. This space maximizes the opportunities to enjoy our short summer season and encourages entertaining friends and family.

This coming winter would be a great time for you to go to the local lumber yard or book store and stock up on outdoor space planning books. Next year you too could be enjoying the pleasures of dining al fresco. Oh, by the way I could probably work one of your events into my social calendar. ■

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Your Township Trustee And What He Can Do For You

-by Kathy Shewmaker

As residents of Simonton Lake we are aware of the many tiers of governmental offices which represent us – national, state, district, county. Closer to home, we have an officer who advocates for our township and the people in it. His title is Township Trustee.

Duties of the trustee include the following:

- *Maintain any records for the township.* These records are open for public inspection.
- *Receive and pay out township funds* (example is property taxes)
- File township reports
- *Attend all meetings of the township executive body* (advisory board members are Dick Griffen, Prudy Holtzhausen and Doug Thornton)
- *Provide fire protection.* The Osolo Township Trustee contracts with the fire station on Buddy Street and EMS on County Road 4 rather than try to manage the departments himself. Fire and ambulance equipment is purchased through the township trustee's budget, and he is involved in the process of capital expenditure purchases.
- *Administer assistance to the poor in the township.* In general, we can count on our trustee to assist with meeting basic needs such as clothing, food, household supplies, medical assistance, shelter and utilities. Other services include burials and transportation to seek employment. When someone is in need of help, the township trustee's office is the place to start. Referrals are made

from there. Elkhart County has guidelines for assisting the poor, and those rules are followed in the Osolo office. 3% of the township trustee's budget is for poor relief. It should also be

noted that this duty is managed closely because the trustee is personally liable for all funds administered to these people.



The term of office is four years and begins on January 1st after the general election. **Ben Russo** is the current Osolo Township Trustee, and his office is located at:

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Phone: 574-262-2175

Mr. Russo has held the office since 2003. He invites anyone who wishes to tour the fire station or township trustee office to call him. He tries to maintain an office environment that is approachable by constituents but at the same time is responsible to all of us as taxpayers. ■

IT'S A ... CELEBRITY ROAST

-by Bob Meyers

That's right; we're having a celebrity roast. However we will not be roasting D. Martin or F. Sinatra or B. Hope or D. Rickles. We're roasting A. Pig.

Yes, on **September 9**, the SLSC / SLAHA will be roasting A. Pig at our

4th ANNUAL "I SURVIVED THE SUMMER" HOG ROAST

This is a great time for you to see your lake neighbors while enjoying terrific food.

Here are the facts:

When: September 9

Where: The Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Clubhouse

Time: Gates open at 4 pm / social hour 5 / dinner at 6

Ticket price: \$6 pre-sale / \$7 at the door

Where to buy a ticket: Sportsmen's Club members and Association officers

What to bring: a salad or side dish or dessert. Bring your own drinks (water and coffee will be provided)

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Simonton Chronicles

Maplewood Lane Saw Many Owners in Early Days

-by Carole Foutz

I found another story to tell and this is of Lot 11, Maplewood, Simonton Lake. Bernie Swinehart contacted me about sharing her abstract. As stated before, old abstracts were given to land owners by banks many years ago when paper abstracts became obsolete and the new microfilmed abstracts replaced them. Perhaps now, that process has even been replaced. I mentioned in previous articles, there is always a story when reading through these interesting pages of time.

Bernie's abstract's last date was dated August, 1966 and that is when Phillip and Anna Leonard purchased the home on Maplewood from Jack and Mary English. Anna is Bernie's given name. Bernie has lived in her home since 1966. She retired from CTS having worked there 45 years. She cannot imagine living any other place and still loves living on the lake. Bernie grew up, on and around Simonton Lake.

My first impression when reading this abstract was that this land has had many owners, many more than most that I have seen when studying old abstracts. Often this land on Maplewood was the center of disputes in court. This all made for quite an interesting story:

In 1846, when the first recording of this land was written in the abstract, a public auction of land was held. Almost

350 acres of land was being auctioned around the lake. Nathan Newell bought 93 acres for \$372 at \$4 an acre. This was Lot 1 which was the Maplewood area. Lot 2 was purchased by Salmon Johnson which was 245 acres and mostly lay north of the lake. (You may remember this from my last story.)

Nathan died without a will in 1900. He had a son 14 years of age as his only heir. For two years a series of long legal court proceedings followed. Many family members decided that they would like part of young Nathaniel's land. The court decided that each of the family plaintiffs in the case would get some of the property. Mary Newell Kahler had been appointed his legal guardian until he was 21. It was during this time that she gave some of the land to relatives

failure to make the land contract payments. Mr. Replogle ended up as owner of the land again. The second time Replogle's sold the land in 1942, was to George Gothiea. Once again, the land changed hands in 1947, to Maurice Longenecker for \$1,500. In 1948, Jack and Mary English purchased the home and it remained with them until 1966 when the Leonard's bought the home.

One could only speculate if the reason for the early lawsuits was for the inheritance value as I doubt there were any dwellings on the property at that time. Following in the 30's and 40's, one could guess that the dwelling was a small cabin used for recreation and not a permanent home. Bernie pointed out the section of her home that was the oldest part of what she referred to as the cabin area.



which was in Nathaniel's name. Additional law suits followed over ownership but Arthur and Charlotte Replogle ended up with Lot 11 by 1923. They were related to the Newell family. In 1936, they sold lot 11 of the Silver Beach subdivision of Maplewood to Mr. Leroy Gay but by 1937, the land was back in court by

Thanks again to Bernie for sharing the story of her home and land with us. I hope you are finding these stories interesting. As we circle the lake and do a little digging in old documents, there is always a new story to be found. ■

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-by Bob Meyers

A terrific and fun filled Poker Run was held June 30. Here are the winners:

\$20 Hand

- 1st place - Unknown
- 2nd place - Vinny Vance (played by Cam)
- 3rd place - Wyatt Haynes

\$10 Hand

- 1st place - Deb Southerland
- 2nd place - Steve Wagoman
- 3rd place - Lynne Stuart (split by party of 24 at her home)

\$5 Hand

- 1st place - Cari Waggoner
- 2nd place - Frank Espitia
- 3rd place - Unknown

Event chairman, Dick Martin offers a special thank you to all who participated in the events as well as the giving of your generous donations for our Independence Day activities.

Chairman Martin added, "It is unfortunate we had to postpone the major event of the day".

The second Youth Fishing contest of the season will be held Saturday, August 4. The lines hit the water at 9 am. Be there about 8:30 to sign in and get instructions. Watch for the flier. Any questions? Call Jim Friend at 262-1417, chairman of the event for the Sportsmen's Club.

Calendar of Events

- August 4** - Youth Fishing Contest
- September 1** - Fireworks
- September 2** - Fireworks rain date
- September 9** - Hog Roast
- September 29 and 30** - Fall Turkey Shoot at the clubhouse
- November 10** - Fall Casino Night at the clubhouse

Now we can look forward to the Fireworks display. So plan your party, get those lawn chairs set up and let's celebrate. Fireworks on Saturday, September 1st with a rain date of Sunday the 2nd as we celebrate the Fourth of July all over again. Then slide right into Labor Day. Now that's celebrating!

The Hog Roast hosted by the Simonton Lake Homeowner's Association and the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club will be held Sunday, September 9. Watch for information on this terrific way to see your neighbors.

SLSC will have the Fall Turkey Shoot Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, the 30th. See a member for details.

A lot of fun events and Simonton Lake, who has it better than this?.....See you on the lake. ■

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What does the SLAHA do for you?

- by Carole Foutz

What is the benefit of having a Homeowner's Association on Simonton Lake? **Here are just a few of the accomplishments:**

- A \$35,000 Indiana LARE Grant (DNR) was secured for a "Diagnostic Study" in 2010. The SLAHA paid a portion additionally for the study. This grant was strategic in order to set the benchmark for what was needed to improve the lake's water quality for the future.
- A \$7,500 Indiana LARE Grant was secured this year for planning for sediment removal. It was secured for enhancement of our water quality which was born from the Diagnostic Study. We will submit an application for a grant for this project this fall which could amount upwards of \$300,000. The Ecozone project is also in the planning stages and was inspired by the original study. The Ecozone committee will meet August 15 at the Sportsmen's Club.
- Buoys for the lake were purchased, maintained and placed yearly.
- SLAHA works to support the Simonton

Lake Sportsman Club with the July 4th fireworks display.

- The "Simonton Says Newsletter", a quality newsletter, is published and distributed to all residents of the area 6 times a year.
- The Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's Association's website is maintained and updated regularly also storing and making available all of the past newsletters.
- Recycling was initiated because of interest of our residents and started with Borden.
- The Lake Safety committee has provided residents a source to refer any potential hazards, resident concerns of safety, etc. This committee does have a communication relationship with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department and the DNR but does not work with or give recommendations to either.
- The Membership and Outreach Committee is responsible for membership, works with distribution of newsletters and provides social opportunities on the lake such as the Hog Roast, past Boat Parades, etc.
- The Lake Safety Committee has posted Neighborhood Watch signs around the lake, lake safety signage was posted at the landing, a light was installed also at

the landing, and the committee has taken on the task of cleaning up the landing. The Public Landing is owned by the state of Indiana and theoretically maintained by the state, however, the SLAHA has taken on the responsibility of keeping it one step safer and cleaner for our residents and users.

- Several open meetings have been called since our first year of SLAHA. Some are annual meetings of the Association, others have been organized for specific concerns of our residents. SLAHA attempts to provide an open forum in all meetings, inviting anyone who may be able to provide information to better facilitate issues. SLAHA's philosophy is that our work is conducted through the committee structure and all members are encouraged to participate in those committees.
- The "weir" project which goes back nearly 20 years is still being planned and the SLAHA continues to attempt to keep it alive. The advantage that Simonton Lake has now in getting this project to move forward is that SLAHA now EXISTS! Having an organized body behind this project is a real plus. SLAHA still remains hopeful that the weir will be built sometime soon. ■

Life on the Lake

August 2012

- by Amy Matherly

I've got a "rainy day list". When I leave school for the summer I have in mind some outside jobs and some inside jobs. The inside jobs are on the "rainy day list." Now laundry, washing dishes, the day-to-day jobs get done rain or shine. But painting, cleaning closets and drawers- these things are rainy day jobs.

Well, this summer the "rainy day list" just isn't getting done like it has in the past. Actually, it's been so hot that I haven't felt frustrated when I have had to do a job inside. But, hot sunny weather means company comes to the lake to get cool. So, the "list" remains about the same as it was when I made it in May. Well, last week at the end of the Doctor's vacation I took a look around the house and thought things didn't look all

that bad. On the surface things are in order.

We've got a dark wood floor and it hides a lot. I'd run a quick mop over the floor regularly. But, on the "rainy day list" it clearly stated "clean wood floor". That meant a thorough, into the corners and under the furniture cleaning. I was just waiting for that rainy day when I would hunker down and get into to every crack and crevice and bask in the shine of this pristine wood floor. But for now, it was just fine.

Then one morning when I was walking across the kitchen in my socks I stuck, not permanently, but briefly, to a spot in the kitchen.

Rain or no rain, the list must be done before school begins in August. Until next time. ■



Summer 2012 Rain Gauge

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"RAYBALL"

- by Connie Hart

There are lots of activities that keep us busy during our (at home) time around and on the lake. If you are like us, most of those activities are chores. But when we have free time, there are so many fun things to choose from. Wish I could clone myself so I could be in multiple places at one time not missing anything that could bring out loud laughs and memories. I had such an opportunity last night after going by boat on a wonderful summer's evening to the Schuler's on Lake Drive. I needed to meet with Ray and Phyllis to wrap up this story and capture some photos. Several of their neighbors had dropped by and as we talked together, it turned into a glorious good time.

When Ray and Phyllis Schuler find some free time for outdoor fun they have only to go to their lakeside yard and play a few games of "RAYBALL". I was lucky enough years ago to try for the first time,

we can replace that game with Rayball. Those odds are even better now after last night. Ray introduced the game to our son, Austin who after playing with Ray loves the idea of our own table too. I got to play with some of their neighbor ladies and let me just say, Sue Taylor has a wicked serve.

The game is played a lot like tennis, with tennis balls on an oversized, heavy duty ping pong table and the paddles are larger than a ping pong paddle made from wood with drilled holes. Scoring is the same with much friendlier terms for calling out the score. My favorite term is when the ball hits the side of the table and flies off out of reach of your opponents, that's an "edgy".



Ray first came upon this game after a vacation in the Bahamas in 1985 and it was not long after he had his first table built by the Amish. Phyllis recalls that they thought he was building an outdoor dining table suitable for any normal sized Amish family of 10 or 12. During the winter months he continues to play with friends and family at his garage in town, using a small Nerf ball instead of the tennis ball. Recently they donated a table to the YMCA.

So if being out on the water is not always where you want to be

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my hand and backhand at this game while visiting their neighbors, Randy and Wendy Cooper. I remember it fondly, which is surprising because that same evening, I discovered a refreshing drink called "Jolt" (like the "Monster" drinks of today – full of caffeine). Following those games, I went home and did laundry until the wee hours of the morning. Ever since I have wanted to have a table set up in our yard too. Maybe when we finally give up the sand volleyball court



There Is Nothing *Square* about *Round Lake*

- by Bob Meyers

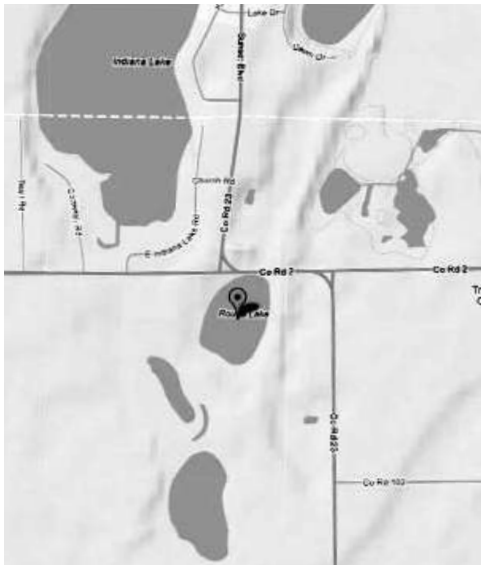
In our quest of the “Lakes of Elkhart County”, this month we visit Round Lake. Round Lake can be found in a *rectangle* sided by C R 2 to the north, County Road 104 to the south, C R 21 West and CR 23 to the east.

Round is actually more of an *elliptic paraboloid* than a *circle* because of the vertical cross sections. Occasionally I get sloppy and refer to this configuration merely as a *paraboloid* which is unfair because you may take my description as a *hyperbolic paraboloid* or one that may cause a second look using more coefficients.

Round Lake falls into an *ellipse* and is a part of a *polygon* of several small bodies of water all lying in a *plane* that seems to form a *googolgon* of many bodies of water within probably more of what you would want described as a *hecatonicosachoron* than say a *chiliagon* or an *optical enneagon*. At least, that's the view I got. You may see it differently, especially if you view it from an aircraft.

If you want to fish this lake, you have to jump a fence and will be on private property. There is no public access; however you get a great view of the *quadric cylinder* from County Road 2. You may also view the Tri-Lakes that form a *triangle* north and west of Round since you are in the area.

Next time we will visit Wolf Lake. Until then.....enjoy YOUR Lake the best of them all, Simonton. ■



Rayball

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and you have a ping pong table, drag it outside and decide if a “Rayball” table is something you want permanently in your yard, but be careful – you too might get hooked and you will be mowing around this for summers to come. Ray surrounds his table with astro turf for those wet or dewy nights under the lights. For this year's traditional Labor Day Tourney they could possibly be playing under the lights of our fireworks display which was “dried out” for the July 4th celebration. Pontoon by their house and cheer them on.

Hey, if we get enough tables in our lake area, we could possibly start our own league. Yeah Right... right after we mow the yard, pull weeds, trim bushes, wash windows, cook dinner, do the dishes, laundry, power wash something, put in the pier and repair whatever needs repair. ■

THE NEXT ISSUE will come out the beginning of October. We will feature our 1st Photo Album issue

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I'm Just Saying

-by Connie Hart

Ya know how you are always wondering **where's the beef** or **how come** certain phrases develop? **Whatever**, the reason, buzz words can be helpful tools in getting across your meaning **or not**. Many have become an annoyance while parenting. **Really!**

Dude, you're killing me. Everything is not, **awesome**. Can you **get down with that?** Overuse of these words and phrases make me want to **pull my hair out**. Please **don't go there**, cuz it might just turn out bad and it would **suck to be you**. You **catch my drift?** Just kidding, Geez, **can't you take a joke?** Get over it. Everything is **hunky dory** now. Please don't get all **jiggy** with it. This article is making me so stressed that I need to **chill out** and **chow down** with some **munchies**.

During this **gnarly** weather, my neighbor was working hard in his yard and I told him he looked really hot. What do you suppose he

thought when he smiled, stood up straight and ran his fingers through his hair. He said yah, I'm **totally fly**. I went back in the house for the swatter.

Later, I mentioned to my husband that I had made reservations for dinner and he replied **cool beans**. I hadn't planned on going for Mexican, but as we headed out for the evening he said I was **bitchin'**. That wasn't very nice. I said what did he mean by that and he said **get on board**, the **cat's meow**. He must be losing it. We don't have a cat and we were not going by pontoon.

Sooooooo, I bet as you read this you can come up with several on your own. **Sweet!** Anyway, I hope you have had fun with this. **Like** would we **like** even be able to talk without using some of these? **No Problem**. Can I, **real quick** say, the latest phrase seems to have taken hold. That's **Cool**, I find myself using it quite often. **I'm just saying**. How about a new one we could get started ... **Ever wonder?** ■

Simonton Lake Ski Clubs

-by Carole and Dave Foutz

We all love the lake and consider it a privilege to be able to enjoy its beauty, but can you imagine what it must have been like to be a kid living and growing up in this idyllic setting? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out the if you grow up around water you are going to be very fit and pretty darn good at water sports. In previous editions we have featured the skiing exploits of pioneers like Chet Matherly and Peanut Macowitz, along with them the next generation of Dick Martin and Dan Hardwick, but arguably the epitome of lake skiing occurred between 1972 and 1980. A lot of things came together during that time to help elevate water skiing to nearly a professional level.

The formation of a ski club was the vision of Billy Hanna and Brad Brubaker who by June of 1972 had enlisted the help of John Nusbaum and Rich

ski jump. Building a competition ski jump by a group of teenagers was no small undertaking. As construction and organization proceeded other lake youth began to join the club. One of those new members, Kathy Nickell, came up with a name for the club, Sundance Ski Club.

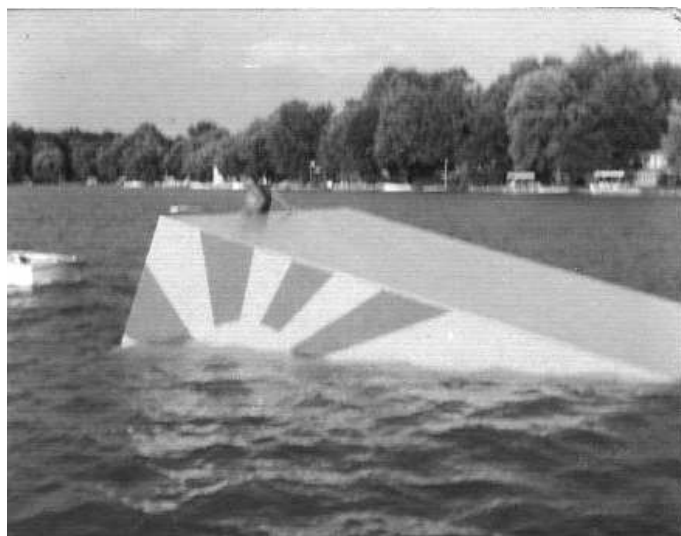
The first show for the club was performed on August 25, 1972.

Some interesting background information about the club is that most of them learned to ski behind outboard fishing boats. John Nusbaum owned the first in-board boat on the lake. Ski boat technology was progression at the appropriate time to enhance the performance of the club.

As time passed, members would drift away and new members would be added. New tricks would be developed

leadership.

Along with the name change came a more intense focus by the members. The shows became more elaborate, practice took more time, and the financial burden of putting on two major shows a summer became greater. A



show contained somewhere between ten and fifteen tricks and were designed to last between 45 and 60 minutes. Shows required many participants. Of course there were usually about 15 skiers, boat operators and spotters, follow up boats to pick up dropped skis, announcers, and people to organize the equipment. A typical show required about 30 people to make it run smoothly.

The show site was on the northeast part of the big lake as it narrows to the channel to the little lake. This is where the ski jump was situated. Along with the original jump a slalom course was added. Skiers designed bright colored matching costumes. There was even a skiing dog, "Bubba Nickell" as well as several other dogs. The boat technology continued to advance using more powerful V8 engines which were needed to pull as many as 5 skiers at a time. Some of the more unique acts the club performed were the 5-man pyramid, a skier on human skis, the boat doing a 360 degree turn while pulling a skier, a 3-man barefoot pyramid, a skier doing a 360 degree spin off the jump, a barefoot start off of the jump and slalom expeditions.



John Nusbaum, Heidi Compton, Billy Hanna, Dave Steed , Jayne Steed

Townsend. Rich and John had previously been skiing with the "Jumping Joes," a club formed by a group on the St. Joseph River. The addition of John and Rich proved to be an important addition as their previous club experience was instrumental in accelerating the formative pace. John took charge of the organization and Rich began construction of a

based on knowledge gained from the experience of previous members. Along with membership changes, the club's name changed too. By the late 70's the club was known as the Spraymasters Ski Team. Dave Steed became the president in 1979, but Bill Hanna and a few of the original members participated and continued to provide knowledge and

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Most observers watched from their boats on the northeast side of the lake. Other spectators could drive in and park at the end of Maplewood and there was no charge but donations were taken. However proceeds were usually given to worthy causes and not used to offset costs.

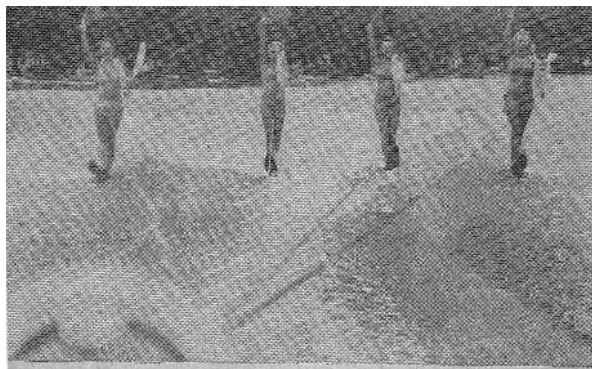
This article is being written from the fond recollections at a gathering of John Nusbaum, Bill Hanna, Heidi Compton, and Dave and Jane Steed. The group recalled many good times and were amazed that while no life jackets or safety equipment were used, any incidents were minor



MEMBERS OF the Spraymasters Ski Team, set to give a show July 4 on Simonton Lake at 2 p.m., posed recently on team's boat. Members in the front row are (from left to right) Bill Hanna, Mike Mello, Jeff Bowdoin, Heidi Johnson, Jeff Phillips, Tonda Phillips, Jayne Statsman, Scott Statsman, Rob Jenks, and Dave Steed. Members in the back row are Aaron Warlick, Robin Andersen, Dana Lockwood, Todd Suterman, Eddy Johnson, Sam Overkuser, Red Yoder, Dawn Rasgups, Jeff Yoder, and Joe Kilgren. (Truth Photo)

even though the tricks were very difficult. The final reflection of the group was about the ski jump; it was born in Bill Hanna's yard, stored at Deb Pickrell's and died at Jane Stutsman Steeds. It

was clear being with the group that the ski club was a very important part of growing up on the lake. ■



PHILARISIN on act for the weekend skiers Club Water and Show on Simonton Lake today, are (from left) Kathy Nickell, 16, of 534 North Shore Dr., 960, Pickrell, 14, of 4821 Maplewood Dr., Pat Finch, 16, of 1015 North Shore Dr., and Mike Mello, 14, of 521 North Shore Dr. The show, starting at 2 p.m., will be in the cove at the northeast corner of Simonton Lake. There will be no admission charge. (Truth Photo)



THE SKIERS' PYRAMID was among the stunts performed by John Nusbaum's Sundance Ski Club Thursday at Simonton Lake's Fourth of July celebration. The skiers are (from left, bottom) John Wisely, Brad Bruhaker and Billy Hanna, and (top) Brenda Scott and Karen Kauffman. Earlier, lake residents paraded in decorated boats as more than 300 persons watched from their boats and on shore. (Truth Photo)



UP GOES THE SPRAY as Dane Slabaugh, 25848 N. Shore Drive, Simonton Lake, works on his slalom technique. Truth photographer Mark Sweeney caught Slabaugh, a four-year competitor, as the water skier was practicing for a tournament which on Bass Lake at Ki



Dave Steed and Benji Dennlinger

Reunion of Simonton Lake "Kids"

A reunion of "kids" who grew up on Simonton Lake a generation ago met Saturday, July 14 at Lakeshore. Originally the gathering was for the reunion of the Class of 1967 but the kids of the 60's, 70's and 80's were added for this event. This event was organized by Tom Townsend and Carol Strauss Weaver. Memories were enjoyed and shared by those who attended. I wonder how many other "reunions" of "lake kids" are meeting to reminisce.

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Back row: Dan Hardwick, Debra Vandyke, Johnny Backman, Cinde Heston, Deb Todt Rowland, Tom Townsend, Janet Platz Leer, Gig Todt, Marsha Vetter, Cheryl Vetter, Jim Rider

Front row: Dick Martin, Tom Avery, Lloyd Warlick, Carol Strass Weaver, Dennis Chapla

Photo taken by Deb Rowland



4TH ANNUAL "I SURVIVED THE SUMMER" HOG ROAST

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DATE: The evening of September 9th **WHERE:** Sportsmen's Clubhouse on C.R. 11.

TIME: Gates open at 4pm. Social Hour at 5pm. Dinner served at 6:00pm.

WHAT TO BRING: We will provide the hog & table service, each person or couple needs to bring a dish to share and bring your own beverages. Water and coffee provided.

PRE-SALE TICKETS: For sale by Sportsmen's Club members and Association officers for \$6 or (\$7 at the door)



Ice Cream

- by Dave Foutz

Recently I ran across a list compiled by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development of the top 10 ice cream shops in the state. (URL below) What caught my attention was that four of the ten shops are located in Elkhart County. An important point should be clearly made from the beginning; this list was about the shops, not necessarily the quality of the ice cream. This is an important point as cute or just weird may have trumped flavor in the survey. However, this article was my inspiration piece to strike out and sample as many kinds of ice cream at as many shops as possible, compile a regional survey and report back to residents about which businesses deserve their attention.

If you are not an ice cream addict you may not be aware of a sweeping change occurring in the ice cream industry, now read this carefully.....self-serve, soft-serve sold by the ounce. When you enter one of these establishments you pick up a cardboard tub, move to where the crowd is huddled around a wall of dispensers offering various flavors of soft-serve ice cream. You may mix as many flavors as you wish and pile on as much as you like, but remember you are paying by the ounce. But this experience isn't over yet; before you reach the scales, you must run the toppings gauntlet where every kind of nut, candy piece, cookie crumble, and syrup flavor is available. This has to be one of the fastest

growing retail food formulas. The reason for the growth in this concept is of course, people like the product, they have fun, and if you have a limited degree of self-control, they can be a reasonably good value.

A perfect example of this type of business is Honey's Frozen Yogurt located in the Linway Plaza in Goshen. Local entrepreneur Kelly

Huffman is the creative spirit behind this new enterprise. The eighteen frozen yogurt flavors at Honey's are created with fresh ingredients such as real

think of it as health food that tastes good and the senior citizen discount makes the deal even sweeter.

The traditionalist in me still enjoys a hand dipped flavored ice cream with loads of butterfat pressed into a sugar or better still, waffle cone. This is where you become an ice cream snob. Pay attention to the kind of ice cream you eat. As you move up the quality chain, there's Valpo Velvet, Hudsonville, Sherman's, and the crème de la crème: Kilwin's. Sherman's churn their many amazing flavors in South Haven, Michigan. Sherman's ice cream is sold throughout the area at a number of retail shops, but on a crisp fall day you owe it to yourself to take a drive to South Haven and visit the

Honey's Frozen Yogurt located in the Linway Plaza in Goshen



peanut butter, strawberries, vanilla beans and even bits of cheesecake. Each flavor is either low fat or fat free, and all of the yogurts contain the live and active yogurt cultures that are so good for your stomach. I kind of like to

dairy. You won't believe the size of the servings and the coffee is always complimentary. Kilwin's ice cream is only sold at Kilwin's Candy Shops.

Or maybe you enjoy your hand

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Life's a Beach... at least it is when the water is low...

Photos of the lake in 1999, when the water levels were even lower than they are this summer...due to the digging out of Lily Creek.



(Above) Kaija Williams, Great granddaughter of Jim & Janie Friend - 1999 (Right) Photos from Dennis Maloney. Notice the underground springs bringing cold water into the lake.

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dipped ice cream in a dish in the form of a sundae or maybe a "Funky Monkey." This is the new specialty at the Olympia in Goshen. Yes, they have more to offer than the best candy turtles in the world. If you haven't been there you have missed a truly classic "soda fountain." But back to the "Funky Monkey," rich vanilla ice cream, sliced banana, peanut butter sauce (my new favorite), hot fudge, and top with chopped pecans from the turtles.

One area shop that is both unique and serves very tasty ice cream is Rocket Science located in Coppes Commons, the former Coppes cabinet factory in Nappanee. As you watch, a Rocket Science employee will add, and then mix the ingredients in a stainless steel bowl. The concoction contains a basic ice cream mix, various syrups, fresh fruit, candy pieces, or cookie crumbles. Then the bowl with the customer's selection is placed under a nozzle where liquid nitrogen is dispensed. As the worker mixes the concoction vigorously, there is sputtering, fizzing and pretty soon a white cloud of vaporized nitrogen rolls across the countertop and envelops the worker and the mixing bowl. It looked very much like a scene from the movie "Back to the Future." At Rocket Science you can enjoy a tasty ice cream creation and a few minutes of theater all for one price.

I have arguably saved the best for last. Finishing in first place on the Indiana Office of Tourism and certainly a strong contender on my list is another one of those places that just makes you scratch your head and ask how does this place do

this much business. I'm talking about The Chief. If we're looking for a movie that would typify the Chief it would be "Happy Days." The Chief opened in 1962 on the southwest corner of West Lincoln Avenue and Chicago Avenue in Goshen and it doesn't appear to have changed since that time. The parking lot is still unpaved, but that's OK because the lines are so long there's no room to park if you wanted. Another feature characteristic of the past, the Chief is only open in the summer. What makes this place so successful? They just sell really good ice cream at a really good price. There are fourteen flavors of a creamy dense consistency that seems more like gelato than traditional ice cream, but the result is sensational.

It seems that the southern half of the county is where you'll find the best ice cream action and I didn't even mention South Side Soda Shop. Throw the bikes in the back of the wagon and head to Goshen for a ride on the Pumpkin Vine and finish with a tasty ice cream treat at any one of a number of great ice cream shops.

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Passing of the Torch or in This Case the Rod

-by Connie Hart

We are sad and happy to tell our readers that Whitney Ort is standing on the piers of Heaven fishing with the angels after passing away on Tuesday, June 5th. You may remember the story in our newsletter last year recalling some of Whitney's fish tales. At that time, this 96 years young fellow was still fly fishing from his pier on Forest Road.



Whitney was employed for more than 30 years at CTS Corp as a tool and die maker prior to his retirement in 1979. He was a member of First United Methodist Church for several years.

Whitney enjoyed fishing, camping, golfing, playing card games, square dancing and traveling. He and his wife Doris (of 68 years before she passed in 2008) loved their home on Simonton Lake, spending time at a cottage on Harwood Lake and their winters in Florida.

We offer our condolences to his surviving family and children; Nancy (Dick) Simmons of Otsego; David of French Lick and Rick (Hope) currently living in Whitney's home on the lake. Whitney had seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

I'm sure for Whitney, the BIG ONE doesn't get away and he gets to happily catch and release whatever he now hooks. We here on Forest Road will miss watching him cast his line from the fly rod over the still waters of our channel. ■



SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT

A map of suggested areas for sediment removal in the lake and channels is shown on page one. Three consultants have submitted proposals to develop a sediment removal plan. Please take a few moments to review the map and inform members of the Environment Committee of your thoughts. Your input is very important. The more residents who give opinions and offer information, the more comprehensive the final proposal submitted to the State will be. The committee will apply for a LARE grant to help fund the project.

The following representatives can be contacted if you have questions, information or thoughts about the sediment removal sites:

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Buckeye and Family

- by Bob Putnam

While back, we did a story about Buckeye, the Dock Dog competitor. During Buckeye's travels, his owners, Bob and Georgia Evans made a lot of friends who also had dogs competing in Dock Dog events.

Not too long ago, the Evans' received a phone call from Traci Butler, a fellow Dock Dog owner. Butler is the owner of a chocolate Labrador named Willow and lives in the Canton, Ohio area. This phone call turned into a match-making date for Willow to spend some time with Buckeye. At this point, you probably can guess how things went between Buckeye and Willow...everybody went home happy.

The arrangement made between the Evans and Butler was that as the owners of the sire, they would get pick of the litter if things went as planned. Well, the plan worked and puppies were on their way. Evans knew that Lou and I had lost our two black labs, Boomer and Radar to old age at 14 years each, a year apart.

He graciously offered the pick of the litter to us which was accepted without hesitation. Lou's only apprehension was how big a dog we were going to get since Buckeye goes 90 plus pounds! I told her not to worry.

On March 21st, the litter, sired by Buckeye – the yellow lab and Willow – the chocolate lab, was born. The litter had three males and seven females. No chocolate and no yellow labs, all black! Perfect, I thought to myself.

When the puppies were four weeks old, Bob and Georgia drove Lou and me to Canton, Ohio to check out the little rascals. This was quite a sight, but they were much too young to make any decisions. We waited until Mother's Day weekend (May 12th) to return to Canton and make our pick. Between March and May there was a lot of joking about bringing home two puppies. We knew the pup would have lots of energy and the thought of two puppies to "entertain" each other was intriguing. But TWO PUPPIES after senior dogs!!! Could we do two?

Lou and I finally had to make a choice and Butler was very helpful. She

understood our lifestyle and what we planned to do with the puppy. Both Boomer and Radar were certified therapy dogs and we want to get him certified when the puppy was old enough. Of course, Butler was hoping we would entertain the idea of entering Dock Dogs events. We picked out a male (only two of the three were of the build we wanted) and named him Bogey. Then, looking at all these cute siblings to Bogey, we decided to pick out another one – a female for Lou – and named her Birdie. So the two siblings came to Elkhart and can walk down the street to visit with daddy Buck.

Obedience training started at an early age. Already through Puppy Kindergarten classes at Kryder's Veterinary in Granger, they are signed up for obedience classes at Top Hat and Tails in Mishawaka. After receiving all their shots in early July, they started swimming in little Simonton and are learning to retrieve. There are big plans being made so Bogey and Birdie can learn from Buckeye on how to be Leaping Labradors just like Dad and Mom. ■



Bogey w/Bob, Buckeye with Bob Evans & Birdie w/Lou. Photo taken by Linda Phillips, Classic Critters Pet Photography.



(upper left) Brianna Andrews, (upper right) Billy Grehan,
(lower left) Rachel Sherman & Dusty Bower, (lower right) Sarah Joy with Dad Preston.

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4th of July Celebrations



(above) Digging for change...

(below) When it gets over 90 degrees, the north-siders toss the chairs in and relax...



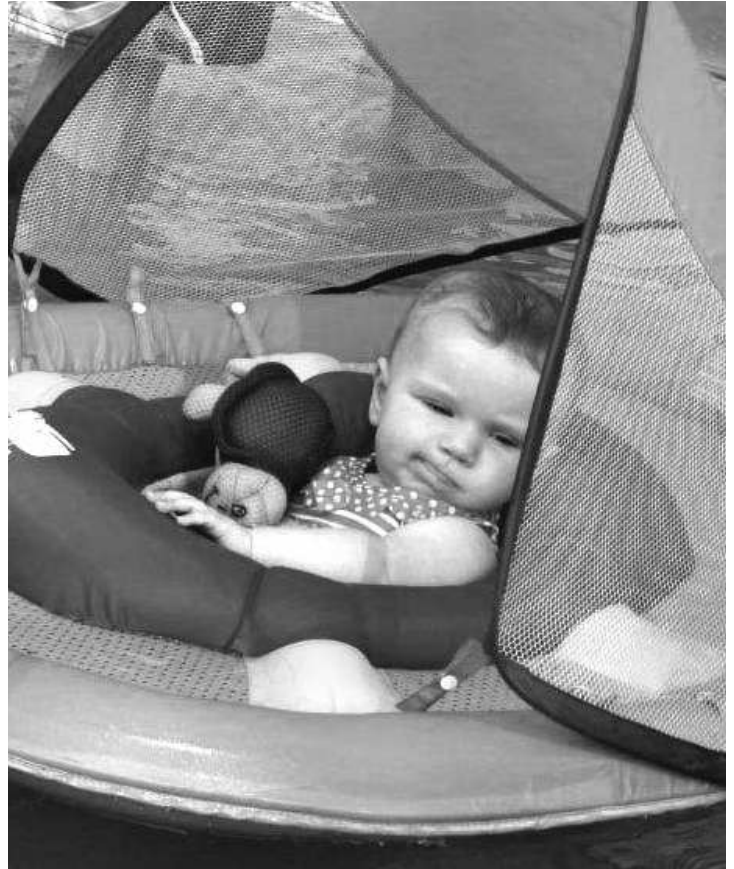
(below) Karen Graham, Lake Drive...Spicing it up for the holiday festivities

Photos by Maria Hopman



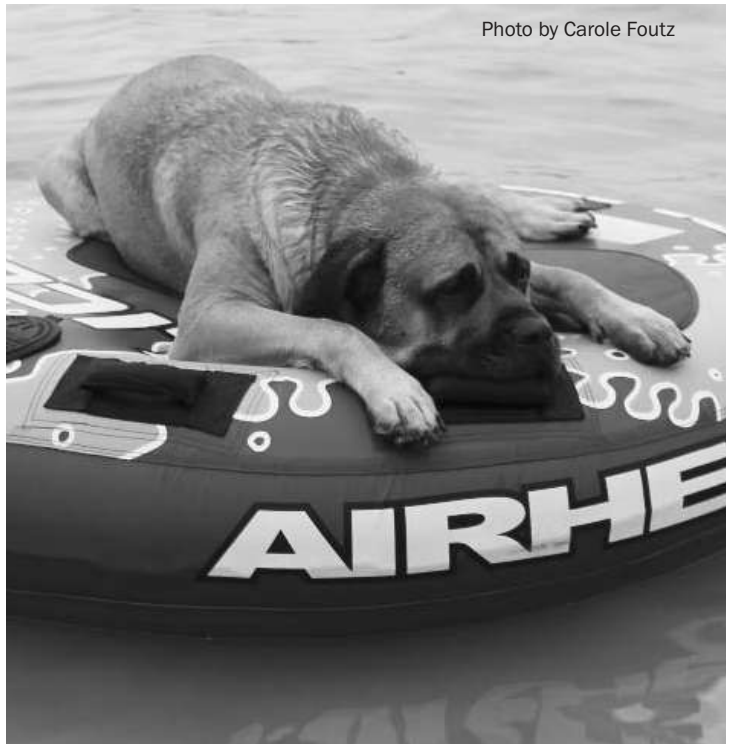
(below) Ron & Sue Taylor's (Lake Drive) granddaughter, Olivia making her 1st visit from Brooklynn NY to Simonton Lake. Now she knows why her Mommy (Jodi Taylor McKee) misses where she grew up!

Photo by Jodi McKee



(below) This is taking the **Dog Days of Summer** to an extreme.

Photo by Carole Foutz





(above) - Keegan & Avery Thursby, North Shore Dr. sliding on the zipline in their yard.....splash into the water.

Photos by Jennifer Thursby



Photo by Carole Foutz

(above) - A relaxing day on the lake...

(left) - Drayton Nelson with Grandma Sherri Swaney at the Youth Fishing Contest held in June.



Photo by Maria Hopman

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Treasurer's Corner

Below is a brief financial update on the association:

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.
January 1, 2012 – July 27, 2012 (CASH Basis Accounting)

Item	Subtotal	Total
Advertising	\$520.00	
Fireworks Donations	3,350.00	
Other Events (e.g., Hog Roast)	0.00	
LARE Grant from State of IN	0.00	
Membership Dues	4,160.00	
Sales (T-shirts, Calendars)	10.00	
Other (e.g., interest income)	25.13	
Total Income		\$8,065.13
Board of Directors (e.g., calendars, Hog roast, general meeting expenses, insurance)	\$1,485.26	
Fireworks Transfer to Sportsmen's Club	3,205.00	
Lake Environment (LARE Grant)	0.00	
Lake Safety	1,079.96	
Membership/Outreach	0.00	
Newsletter / Website	1,773.06	
Total Expenses		\$7,543.28
Net Position as of July 27, 2012		\$521.85

Current members: Please don't forget to pay your SLAHA dues for this year! New residents or non-member neighbors – we also welcome your involvement!!!

Last year, we had our best membership year ever, but we came in a tantalizingly 3 members short of 200 households. This year, we really want to make it over that milestone! Please fill out the member information card below.

As always, if you have any questions about our association finances, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Harding at eharding@nd.edu.

SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

2nd/Spouse Email: _____

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Participation Interest: _____

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

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

Please check the appropriate box below if you are **NOT** willing to share this information in a directory sent to members. We will not share this list outside of the association without your permission. _____ Address _____ Phone _____ Email

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. Maria Hopman 262-1655
Anne Harbaugh 264-7792
4. Jon Hart 262-1404
Randy Hoff 262-3432
5. Bob Meyers 675-0970
Cindy Nickell 262-3105
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Ron Taylor 262-1332
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Jon Hart 262-1404
8. Maria Hopman 262-1655
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DUES: per household per year

_____ **Household:** \$30

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We wish you a Happy Birthday!

8/5 Jaxon Patrick Kern - 2 years old
 8/19 Cindy Nickell
 8/19 Amy Matherly
 8/23 Henry William Saleh - 2 years old
 (grandparents Susie & Bill Broderick)
 8/26 Erin Hoffmann Harding
 8/31 Adam Moore - 7 years old (grandson of Theresa Maier)
 9/3 Diane Marlow
 9/8 Lois Sellers
 9/11 Tim Taylor
 9/14 Wyatt Samuel Skipper - 4 years old
 (grandson of bufford & Becky Skipper)
 10/3 Frieda Baskerville - 94 years young
 10/5 Kyan Joseph Wilson - 3 years old
 (grandson of Linda & Paul Wilson)



Happy Anniversary!

8/18 Ron & Sue Taylor
 8/19 Don & Barb Rosporo
 8/28 Doris & Chet Matherly
 8/28 Dave & Betty Gawthrop - 41 years
 8/29 Kristin (Foutz) & Mike Newkirk - 3 years
 daughter of Dave & Carole Foutz
 9/1 Jon & Connie Hart - 39 years
 9/12 Cami (Broderick) & Ab Salee - 3 years
 9/22 Pam and Richard (Zinny) Zinsmeister - 56 years
 10/7 Tom and Deb Swanson - 40 years



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).

JOIN US

to talk about the Ecozone

Wednesday, August 15, at 6:00pm
 at the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Clubhouse.
Read more information on page 6.

A big thank you goes to **Bob & Becky Hamilton** who have taken it upon themselves to clean up the unsold lots on Sail Bay Ct. and also have kept the area mowed. They surely fit the definition of great neighbors.

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FOR SALE: Eclipse II exerciser; Total Gym 1500 exercise system; and Cardioglide total body motion - low impact. Each at \$75.00. Call Sue Ward - 574 206-0450.

FOR SALE: 2003 Yamaha Wave Runner 1200XLT, 3 passenger, cover and lift included. Asking \$4500. Please contact J.V. at 574-532-7942.

FOR SALE: New heated pole barn, 2 story, lots of room for storage, with well water on site, perfect for RV storage. Maplewood Drive. Call: 574-596-4740. \$120,000.

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)

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Pat & Kathy Sapikowski's son Derek was married to **Isabelle Brown** on July 20, 2012. **Isabelle** and her parents **Tom & Danielle Brown** are from Flint, MI. Derek and Isabelle met at Snowfest in Frankenmuth, MI in 2010. They were married on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University where Derek is employed in the IT Dept. Derek is a 2000 graduate of Elkhart Memorial High School and a 2004 graduate of SVSU. Isabelle is a 2006 graduate of U of M and a 2011 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. They honeymooned in the Bahamas.



Camden Curtis Niederwerfer was born on Thanksgiving 2011 to **Bryan and April (Willis)**, weighing in at 6lb. 15 oz. The family lives in Madison, Wis-



Beth Dinneen and Doc. Ralph Inabnit, married Fri, June 22nd.

Congratulations to **Lonnie Waggoner** who grew up on Lake Dr. and now has returned to live there with his new wife, **Cari** (from

Edmond, Oklahoma). They met in college at the University of Oklahoma (he was a music major, and she has a degree in math). They were married on April 14th. Lonnie's Parent's are **Tedd and Patricia Waggoner**, Lake Dr.



A big welcome to our new neighbors: **Dorothy & Jim Troyer, Toby & Shelby McGraw, Mark Bullock, Mark & Nancy Walker, Leroy & Dee Graber.**

consin, but April grew up on Simonton Lake. Doting grandparents are **Curt and Wendy Willis**. Curt moved to the lake when he was 2 years old, and last year



he and Wendy built a new home on the same location where he resided for 50 years.



Katherine Byrns, daughter of **Charlie and Laura Byrns** and **Neil Lane** were married this June at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Family and friends

from ten different states came to witness the ceremony. Katie wore her mother's veil and carried her grandmother's handkerchief. You may recognize Neil from Martins Supermarkets on C.R. 4 where he is the frozen food manager. Katie will be working at Elkhart Memorial High School this fall. The couple took a cruise to the eastern Caribbean and is living in Elkhart. Congratulations.



Elliott Reed Harding was born on Monday, July 2nd at 7:33 am, weighing in at 8 lbs, 11 oz and measuring 20.75 inches. Congratulations to his parents, Erin & Ryan Harding big brother Emmett. (Photo left)

Harold L. Leer, 69, passed away Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Elkhart General Hospital. His wife **Janet** survives along with a daughter, Erin (David) Rumpfelt, and a son, Michael (Laurie) Prugh, both of Elkhart and six grandchildren.

Harold graduated from Elkhart High School in 1961. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then attended the University of Hawaii. He was director of sales for Tom Naquin Co. in Elkhart and then owned Harry's Humidor. Harold will be greatly missed by the lake community. Our hearts go out to Janet and family.



On June 22nd, **Garett Osterlou** proposed to **Caitlin Case** in Linton's gardens on Maplewood Dr. Both grew up on Simonton Lake. Garrett is the son of Robin Osterloo, Blue Ribbon Dr., Caitlin is the granddaughter of **Jim & Vicki Dubbert**, Maplewood.

Richard W. "Dick" Tait, 81, of Elkhart, passed away Saturday, July 7. Surviving are the love of his life, **Sally Flynn**; two sons, Marty and Bryan Tait, both of California; and his grandchildren. Dick was a life-long resident of Simonton Lake. He was proud of his athletic contributions, supported other athletes all of his life and recognized the way in which athletics can make teenagers in to honorable young men. How we will miss him! To Sally and family, our thoughts are with you.

