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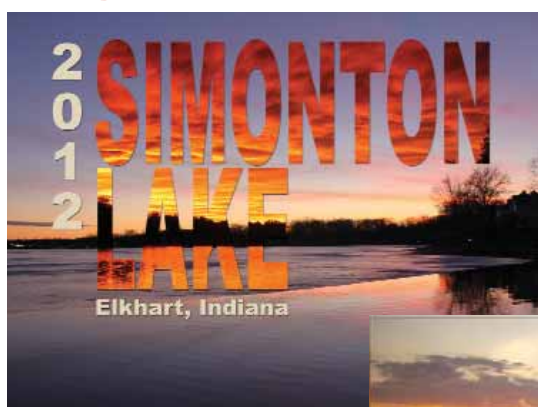
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Special Points of Interest

- Local Family part of 9-11 Memorial
- A Unique Opportunity
- Get Your 2012 Calendar
- Lots of Photos

Enjoy scenes of the lake year round!



Simonton Lake is a beautiful place to live and enjoy. We are grateful to all of our friends and neighbors around the lake who submitted photos for our 2012 calendar. At \$10 each they make great gifts for the holidays. To get a copy please contact Erin Harding - 312-771-6397 eharding@nd.edu or Carole Foutz - 574-262-3908 clfoutz@aol.com.

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New Publication Schedule

After much discussion, the "Simonton Says" staff has decided to change our publication dates. The new schedule will mean that issues will be published **every two months throughout the year.....** February, April, June, August, October, & December. While the number of issues will remain the same, we've spread out the issues to give our staff more time to collect information, write stories and submit pictures. We'll begin our new schedule after the new year.

"Flowers Have Souls to be Nurtured"
-- Read the story about Gigi Connor and her gardens on page 29.
(photo below)



Photo by Maria Hopman

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(left) the Brekke family travels to New York City - story on page 6

(right) beautiful sunset photo sent to us by Marlene Taska

Youth Fishing Contest...details on page 22



(below) John & Gigi Conner relate their story starting in Italy & ending up at Simonton Lake. - story on page 28



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Pet "Tails"

-by Bob and Joann Church, Forest Road

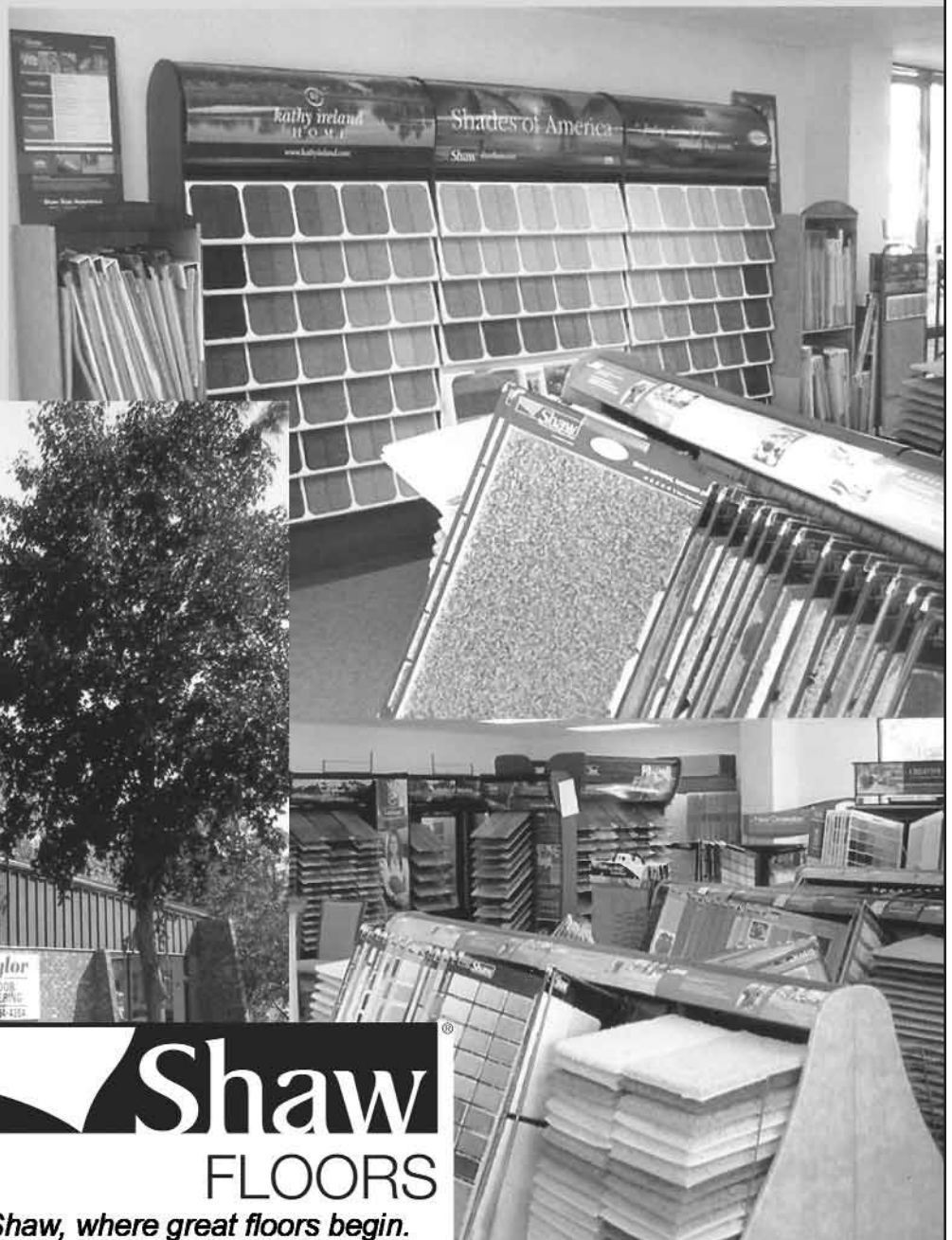
Hi, my name is Elsie and I'm new to the lake. My first home didn't take care of me and I ran away. My second was nice, but I couldn't stay because of something called allergies. I was really afraid and had a few issues when I came to live with my Mom and Dad, but I'm so happy now. I'm learning new things and I get lots of treats; I even get a treat for going potty outside. My Mom likes to throw things away - like my ball. Being the good dog that I am, I go and get it and bring it back, again and again. (Will she ever learn?) My favorite game is "I'm gonna get ya". My Dad chases me all over, then I chase him, then we roll on the floor. He's so much fun. I like boat rides but don't like to get my hair wet...I go from cute to scary in one splash. My next hurdle is to learn to "go" on a leash. Does anyone know what that means?? See ya around the lake, I'm the happy one! ■



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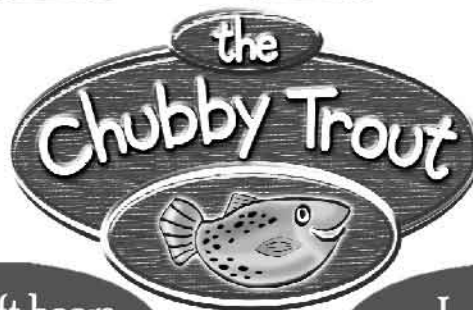
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In Memory of 9/11

The Contribution of an Elkhart Company

-By Chelle Costello

Reprinted from the September 2011 issue of The Family Magazine of Michiana

“Last week, Dan took a call. On the other end of the phone was an artist he’d met at a tradeshow last year who began to explain how he’d been commissioned to create a memorial metal cross to be erected in front of the church across from the Trade Center grounds. And he wanted a metal book created with all the names of the victims that would be on a stand at the foot of the cross. Could Indiana Micro Metal Etching do that?”

So begins the blog of Leanne and Dan Brekke, owners of the Elkhart company Indiana Micro Metal Etching, about their experience creating a book that holds so much meaning for our nation.

Collaboration

The artist who contacted them, Jon Krawczyk, had been commissioned to make a cross for St. Peter’s church at ground zero. Originally, the church had erected a cross found in the rubble at the World Trade Center (two beams of steel in the shape of a cross), but that had been moved to the World Trade Center Memorial, much to the dismay of those who saw it as a violation of the separation between church and state.

However, the cross stayed, and St. Peter’s found Jon Krawczyk to create a new one for them. Made from flowing hollow steel, the new cross reflected the sky, the sun and the faces of all who saw it. Now, Krawczyk wanted a book to stand at its base.

symbol of hope. It speaks of life’s journey and to life’s limitless potential. For the innocent, whose lives were taken from them, this cross stands as a memorial. For the courageous who faced death so others might live, this cross stands as a tribute. For all of us, walking



Krawczyk had met Dan Brekke at a conference where he was impressed by Brekke’s trademark metal etching business card. When Krawczyk decided what he wanted for his memorial cross, he knew who to call.

the streets today, this cross reflects who we are and who we choose to become.

And the back of the base plate would read: "Dedicated to all who perished in the attacks of September 11, 2001. They will always be remembered."

"They collaborated together in the spring," Leanne says, "and figured out what they wanted to do. The book was to be made of stainless steel, eighteen pages long and held all 2,976 names of the victims of the September 11th attacks." Etched on the front cover of the book would be these words:

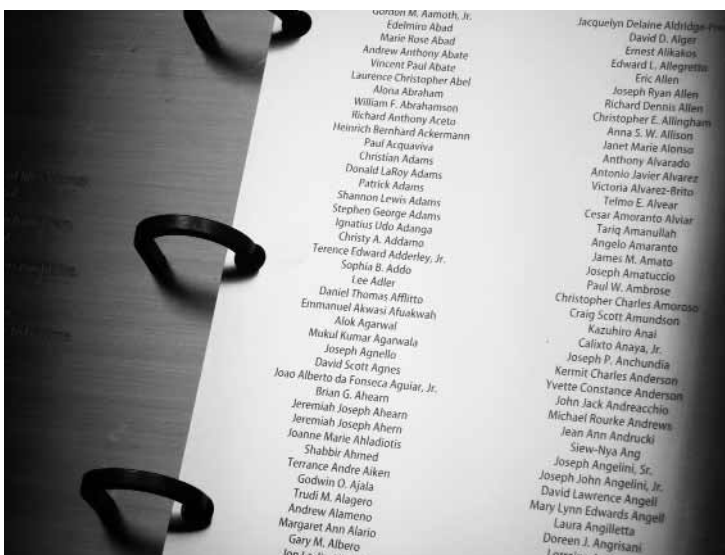
The cross is a

Notes of Memories and Love

The Brekke’s got to work on the book, which they would be donating along with the help of many companies around Michiana. Once the design was settled, Leanne says the physical construction took about a month to complete.

"Jon went across the country with this cross," Leanne says. "Since it was hollowed out, he left a portion of it open and invited everyone who saw the cross to slip in notes of loss, love and hope. When he came to pick up a few pages of the book from us, he brought it for the kids at St. Thomas to see. One child put in a bracelet in remembrance of his

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Memory

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mother, who had just died," Leanne remembers. "My neighbor, a nine-year-old, wrote on a slip of paper that this cross was beautiful, and God would be proud." "Krawczyk had a few pieces of steel from the World Trade Center, and eventually plugged that hole with them, which will rust and slowly bleed down the side of the cross.

Dedication

"We traveled with the finished book to the dedication ceremony, which took place on August 11 this year," Leanne recounts. "Walking along the streets of New York, I just wanted to thank every policeman and firefighter I saw – I mean, you know they had to have realized what might happen when they ran into those burning buildings."

The book was placed on a base at the foot of the cross, which was surrounded by candles and flowers and was hollowed out for more notes, memories and mourning to be tucked inside it on



folded slips of paper.

"During the ceremony, people were looking at the book and feeling it, finding names of the loved ones they'd lost," Leanne says. "Jon gave a speech and said the cross and book were a symbol

of America....you know, everybody is different, but it didn't matter that day. We dropped everything that day to help each other out, and that's what it was all about. I'm just so blessed and honored that we could be a part of something that is so huge and has touched so many people."

The Brekkes will be making more books to donate to the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania crash site. **They will also be donating a book to the Elkhart Fire Department, which recently received a piece of the World Trade Center.** (photo left - See story & more photos on page 9) Eventually, Leanne says they'd like to make smaller version available for anyone to buy. Keep an eye out at indymetaetching.com for more information. ■



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On September 11, 2011

-by Bob Meyers

They came driving cars. They came driving trucks. They came riding motorcycles. They came riding bicycles. Many neighbors walked. They came carrying babies. They came carrying flags. They came carrying Bibles. They all came because they hadn't forgotten.

Hundreds came to the Osolo Township Fire department, the department of your township, on Sunday, September 11, 2011 for the unveiling of the eight foot World Trade Center beam and the dedication of the memorial that the fire department erected.

The firefighters of the Osolo station cover our part of the county. They, like the ones who went into the twin towers on September 11, 2001, don't know what they will be facing when they respond to any given call. They just know, like those who climbed the stairs of the towers that day, they are going to answer the call and do what needs to be done, no questions asked, no selfish thoughts.

The dedication of the memorial was an act of brotherhood. These firefighters weren't thinking of themselves this Sunday afternoon, they were thinking instead of the 343 fellow firefighters / paramedics who gave their lives ten years ago. Their thoughts were of their brethren who entered those buildings with no remorse knowing they were not coming back.

Our fellow lake residents, Dan and Leanne Brekke, made at their company, Indiana Micro Metal Etching and donated to the memorial, a book etched with the names of all who gave their lives that day. Others donated additional items, many donated time and labor.

If you haven't visited the memorial on the west side of the

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Those who constructed this monument, those who came by car, by truck, by motorcycles, those who came on bicycles, those who walked, those who carried babies, flags and Bibles to attend the dedication, along with the firefighters of the Osolo Township Fire Department, will never forget, nor should we. ■

This September as we remembered the 10 year anniversary of 9-11 conversations centered on "where were you" when those terrible events happened. One local resident visiting New York City on a vacation had reservations for lunch at "Windows on the World" a World Trade Center restaurant. They were delayed by a friend who decided to join them. If not for that they would have been at the top of the tower at the time of the attack..



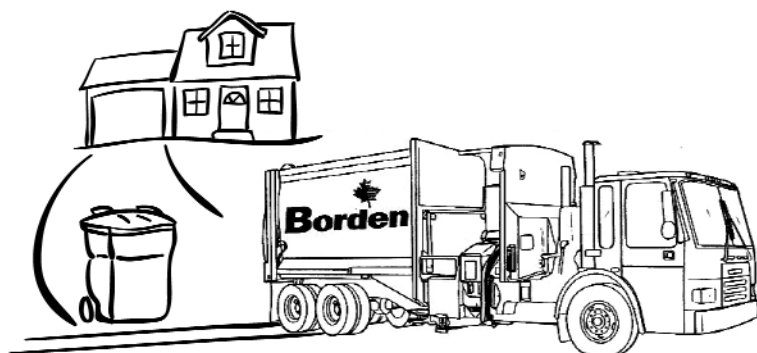
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November 2011

- by Amy Matherly

During the summer the Elkhart Truth printed an article by Tim Rozgonyi from the St. Petersburg Times on "Steps to a Good Marriage." This article had 45 steps! That's a lot of advice for newlyweds to remember. Here are some highlights:

- Write into the wedding vows: "I promise to faithfully replace the toilet paper whenever I use the last of it."
- The cruelest question you can ask a husband is: "Notice anything different?"
- If you've truly forgiven your spouse for something, you'll never bring it up again.
- If he forgets your anniversary, don't freak out about it. If he forgets your name, do.
- If you say "What can I do for you, honey?" do so sincerely, not just as you pass through the kitchen.
- Every little disagreement doesn't have to snowball into a discussion about the relationship.
- When he says, "You might have a point there, honey," what he's leaving out is "if you weren't so full of crap."

- If your dog gets more snuggle time with your wife than you do, you're in trouble.

Out here at the lake we've got a few items unique to lake marriages:

- If she asks how she looks in her new swimsuit and you don't think it's a good look, say, "It's not as flattering as your other suits." Not, "It makes you look fat."
- If you know more about fishing than you do about your wife, you might be headed for trouble.
- Wait until you are with friends at Pete's or Lake Shore to tell your spouse you have once again lost the anchor.
- Never, never, mention that it might be too windy to burn leaves. Just stand by with the garden hose at the ready.
- When a new recipe is what's for dinner, take a small portion and give it a try. If it's bad, privately make yourself a PBJ.
- Make sure you've got gas in the boat before taking your spouse for a cruise. Same goes for the grill before cooking dinner.
- Never say the pier looks crooked or lopsided. Just live with it.
- During the summer remember to close the windows when you have an argument.
- Also, remember that sound travels on the lake.

Finally this poem from Odgen Nash:

To keep your marriage brimming
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Whenever you're wrong admit it
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Until next time. ■

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We have found our "Pet Tails" articles to be very popular. We never have to worry about the next article because many of you lake folks love your pets and send us lots of pictures and information. I am sorry to report the passing of two of those pets. Skeeter, **Chet and Doris Matherly's** dog passed away early this fall. You may remember Skeeter rode with Chet each morning as he rowed his kayak around the lake. Sadie, **Ryan and Amy Matherly's** dog also passed away this fall. (It hasn't been a good year for dogs at the Matherly households.) No more walks with those beagles down North Shore.

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Who has the Ideal Beach? Maui? Aruba? The South of France?No, the winner is Elkhart County.

- by Bob Meyers

The lake we are reviewing for this edition is the lake that shares the northern most section of Osolo Township with Simonton Lake. You only have to drive east on County Road 4 a couple of miles, turn south on any of the streets with lake names and you are at Heaton Lake.

I talked with someone who has lived on the north side of Heaton Lake since the middle 1930s. She remembers the county trucks placing oil on the gravel roads to keep down the dust.

During the 1930s - On the north side, there were only four homes that were inhabited twelve months of the year. The other six or so were occupied only during the summer months. Some of the early neighbors she remembered were,

the Donald Kegg family, the Bertha Overhausers, the James Thompsons and the family of Margery Wright and

her parents. Margery later became Margery Madlem, a name many of you remember. Summer home owners who lived in Elkhart during the winter months included the Calvin Deckers, the Buster Browns, the Laidlaws and the Evans.

While one of the main attractions over the years on the north side of the lake included Lucifer, the resident groundhog, the south side had a public beach that like so many properties, became privately owned. One of the owners over the years was Mishawaka mayor Margret Prickett, then other members of her family, then the Ed Ramsey family and now Ideal Beach is owned by the city of Elkhart and is a part of Elkhart's Park and Recreation Department.

On the southeast side is a public easement where one may "put in" a boat, however there doesn't appear to be parking for your vehicle and trailer. Heaton Lake is a "no wake lake" except for certain hours in the afternoon.

Heaton is a beautiful, peaceful lake now surrounded with homes that make up neighborhoods of terrific people who, like the residents of your lake, enjoy a piece of Osolo Township where time hasn't stood still, but every moment is savored.

In the next issue we will write about the next Lake of Elkhart County, a lake that almost disappeared, Hunter Lake. ■



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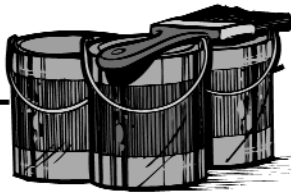


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A Unique Opportunity!

-by Jack Tucker

When have you ever had the opportunity to do something or, anything for that matter, which could greatly affect your life and the lives of those around you? Interesting thoughts, no doubt, but that is exactly what you have in front of you today. **The Simonton Lake Area Association has three projects available for you to get involved in.**

The first is the dredging of the sediment between the big lake and the channel to the little lake. This particular project was at one time cost prohibitive with dollars needed to complete the work at upwards of \$900,000. With state aid that is available to us as an association right now, we can get this done with much less of a financial pain on our part! If you want to see this come to fruition the opportunity to get this done is in your hands!

Secondly, there is an eco-zone project for the southeast corner of the little lake. This project will help the wildlife habitat and aid in better fishing! This area is already a no-wake zone, so nothing

is taken away from boaters or skiers.

The third opportunity is a weed project. As noted from the lake study that the SLAHA had completed last year, we do have invasive weed species in our lakes and channels. These need to be watched by someone to make sure that they don't overtake the lake. If you think someone will do that for you, then you will be surprised that no one has done it so far! Many have banded together and used their own money to kill weeds. Did you know that this can be done for us relatively inexpensive if "someone gets involved in a committee"? The old saying is "if you're not part of the solution then you are part of the problem".

Please take this time to get involved with one or more of these projects as these are new areas and we do NOT have committees yet to pursue these issues. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to begin a new lake project.

The SLAHA's Board of Directors gets much credit sometimes but also gets undue blame for what eventually happens on our lake. If the truth be known, the association is a committee driven organization made up of people like you, making the decisions and doing the work. **So we NEED people just like**

yourself to take advantage of this unique opportunity "to do" or "not to do" for the LAKE! All you need to do is notify any board member that you want to be involved and we can make that happen!

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3rd Annual Simonton Lake Area Hog Roast - September 24, 2011

- by Carole Foutz

About one hundred area Simonton Lake residents enjoyed the beautiful fall evening on September 24th at the Annual Hog Roast at the Simonton Lake Sportsman Club. A hog was roasted on site and a pitch-in was assembled. Residents and families came together for an evening of visiting with friends and neighbors of Simonton Lake. After the meal, the microphone was passed and everyone was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and share their time on the lake as well as some very interesting stories! This activity gave everyone a chance to

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meet several new families. We were also surprised to learn and have with us that evening some who have lived here for more than 60 years! After the meal, many enjoyed a bonfire as the evening was rain-free and warm.

We thank the Sportsman's Club for the wonderful facility and the Membership Committee of the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association for organizing the event. It is the goal of both groups to provide this yearly event for all Simonton Lake residents to get together and enjoy a warm evening of food and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you all next year at this enjoyable event! ■



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Wildlife in our Backyard

Butterflies in Our Backyards

- by Theresa Maier

As I thought about wildlife around the lake in preparation for writing this article, a beautiful bright orange monarch butterfly gracefully glided past me on the porch. Have you noticed this past summer how many gorgeous butterflies there are around the lake?

A butterfly is a day-flying insect of the order *Lepidoptera*, the butterflies and moths. The butterfly's life cycle consists of four parts: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Most species are up during the day and sleeping at night. Butterflies have large, often brightly colored wings, and conspicuous, fluttering flight. Butterflies comprise the true butterflies, the skippers and the moth-butterflies. The Monarch will migrate over long distances.

Some butterflies have evolved symbiotic and parasitic relationships with social insects such as ants. Some species are pests because in their larval stages they can damage domestic crops or trees; however, some species are agents of pollination of some plants, and caterpillars of a few butterflies (e.g., Harvesters) eat harmful insects. Culturally, butterflies are a popular motif in the visual and literary arts.

Strange Butterfly Facts:

1. Butterflies range in size from a tiny 1/8 inch to a huge almost 12 inches.
2. Butterflies can see red, green, and yellow.
3. Some people say that when the black bands on the Woolly bear caterpillar are wide, a cold winter is coming.



Photo by Maria Hopman

4. The top butterfly flight speed is 12 miles per hour. Some moths can fly 25 miles per hour!
5. Monarch butterflies journey from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, a distance of about 2,000 miles, and return to the north again in the spring.
6. Butterflies cannot fly if their body temperature is less than 86 degrees.
7. Representations of butterflies are seen in Egyptian frescoes at Thebes, which are 3,500 years old.
8. Antarctica is the only continent on which no Lepidoptera have been found.
9. There are about 24,000 species of butterflies. The moths are even more numerous: about 140,000 species of them were counted all over the world.
10. The Brimstone butterfly has the longest lifetime of the adult butterflies: 9-10 months.
11. Some Case Moth caterpillars (Psychidae) build a case around themselves that they always carry with them. It is made of silk and pieces of plants or soil.
12. The females of some moth species lack wings, all they can do to move is crawl.
13. The Morgan's Sphinx Moth from Madagascar has a proboscis (tube mouth) that is 12 to 14 inches long to get the nectar from the bottom of a 12 inch deep orchid discovered by Charles Darwin.
14. Some moths never eat anything as adults because they don't have mouths. They must live on the energy they stored as caterpillars.
15. Many butterflies can taste with their feet to find out whether the leaf they sit on is good to lay eggs on to be their caterpillars' food or not.
16. Butterflies and insects have their skeletons on the outside of their bodies, called the exoskeleton. This

protects the insect and keeps water inside their bodies so they don't dry out. ■

Black-Crowned Night-Heron

- by Amy Matherly

Late this summer along the north shore of the big lake, several neighbors stood outside their homes trying to figure out who or what was screeching into the night. Once our eyes adjusted to the dark, we found the creature was a bird and had landed on top of a boat canopy. This hunched, stolid-looking form was a Black-Crowned Night-Heron. While folks on the little lake say they hear these birds quite often, this was our first experience with this bird commonly known as the Squawker. A pair of white plumes at the back of a dark head mark this bird whose scientific name means night raven. In flight the night herons have a stockier appearance than other herons. Birds average 23-28 inches long. Every evening well after most of the day-feeding herons have gone to roost, the night herons emerge from their roost sites. All that the birds seem to require is a stand of protective vegetation, some quiet and proximity to water. Their nests look like haphazard piles of sticks heaped on supporting branches. Eggs are pale bluish green and several nests are usually built in colonies. ■



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Bangers and Mash

- by Dave Foutz

This summer Carole and I, along with six other couples, took a little trip across the pond to jolly old England to chat up the royals and in the process discovered the pure pleasure of the English pub and the culinary delight known as pub food. Now, I know you're going to point out this surely exceeds the one hour drive limit, but for this issue it's all about the food. Somehow in the passing of history we in the U.S. have strayed from the concept of the neighborhood pub. Throughout Ireland and the United Kingdom the pub remains an important social institution in every neighborhood. It's practically required to daily spend some "seat time" at the bar with a pint in your hand discussing the current political and social issues. Now this kind of heavy lifting can cause one to really work up an appetite and here's where pub food becomes the star of the show.

I don't think there's a self-respecting yank who doesn't immediately associate fish and chips with the English pub, and rightfully so. It would be difficult to guess how many orders of fish and chips were consumed by the eight of us but every one was shared and evaluated by the group. All were delicious, but none better than the first, which makes me somewhat skeptical of subjective evaluations. Fish and chips originated in the United Kingdom around 1860. It typically consists of very lightly battered fish,

traditionally cod or haddock from the icy waters of the North Sea, which is deep-fried and accompanied by, deep-fried 'slab-cut' chips. The chips are typically thicker cut than American French fries. A portion of mushy peas is a popular side dish. Carole always took a pass on the peas. The dish is usually served with a slice of lemon and without any

condiments, however vinegar is usually available. For my money McCarthy's on the River Walk serves the best traditional fish and chips in the area. Enjoy them with a pint of Smithwick's ale and you'll be living the "pub life."

Carole's favorite pub fair was the hearty meat pie. While fish and chips appear very similar in presentation, the meat pie is served in several different forms. About the only commonality is the slow cooked center of beef and vegetables, much like a stew with some sort of crust. These similar ingredients can take on very different appearances when served. You might imagine a two crust meat pie baked in a typical pie plate. That is one variety. At St. George's Pub in London Carole was served a fabulous meat pie in a six inch crockery pot with an incredibly flaky puff pastry top crust that brought a large smile to her face. Arriving late to our hotel one evening after attending a play I made a dash to Victoria Station for a chicken meat pie that resembled a calzone. This version is very convenient because it is finger food and like the others keeps the flavor and juices inside. All were very tasty and each served their purpose very well.

My favorite pub food, also a classic, is bangers and mash. Bangers and mash, also known as sausages and mash, is a traditional English

dish made of mashed potatoes and fried sausages, the latter of which may be one of a variety of flavored sausage made of pork or beef or a Cumberland sausage. The dish is usually served with rich onion gravy. It can also often be found served with fried onions. Although it is sometimes stated that the term "bangers" has its origins in World War II, the term was actually in use at least as far back as 1919. The term "bangers" is attributed to the fact that sausages, particularly the kind made during war under rationing, were made with water so they were more likely to explode under high heat if not cooked carefully; modern sausages do not have this explosive attribute.

For my money Pete's is the closest thing to a neighborhood pub we have on the lake. So Friday evening, while chatting with all the "lakers" that were enjoying the pub atmosphere, I thought I'd do a little research for this article. I asked Merle, the proprietor, what was his classic pub dish. Cheeseburger was his instant response. He related that nothing approaches the classic burger with a generous slice of melting American cheese in popularity. In fact Merle maintains that if you don't serve a quality cheeseburger you might as well not even bother to open for business.

Next time you climb up on the stool at the bar and order a cold draft, you might want to say; "I'll take a cheese burger with that." Then you will be truly enjoying the pub life. ■





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Sportsmen's Club

Catch Phrases

-by Bob Meyers

Thank you to all of you who made the Fall Turkey Shoot a huge success. Joe Kilburn and Joe Arrendondo did a terrific job as co-chairmen of this event as they gave away one heck of a lot of Jim Friend hams and, of course, those Larry Bellamy turkeys just in time for Thanksgiving.

Don't miss the annual Casino Night at the Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, November 12. See a SLSC member for details.

Check out these fantastic photos of the Youth Fishing Contest. There were over 100 people who attended. A big thank you goes to Jim & Janie Friend who organize the event each year.

As we near the holiday season, the time for reflection, we thank you, the people of Simonton Lake for making

2011 our best year ever. As we look forward to 2012, we look especially forward to seeing you in a year of promise and a year of fun at the Simonton Lake

Sportsmen's Club. We appreciate you and all you do to support our activities.

Only eight months until summer. ...
.....See you on the ice. ■

Reid Murray with his Dad Chris showing his 3rd place trophy for Boys ages 8-11.



Photos by
Maria
Hopman

Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club Youth Fishing Contest, 8/6/ 2011

Trophy Winners (Pictured on page 2)

First Row

Adrian Campbell	Girls ages 4-7	3rd Place
Nadalyn Gray	Girls ages 4-7	2nd Place
Max Shriener	Boys ages 4-7	2nd Place
Lucus Jenkins	Boys ages 8-11	2nd Place
Brannigan Jenkins	Boys ages 4-7	3rd Place
Noah Haas	Boys ages 4-7	1st Place
Avery Thursby	Girls ages 4-7	1st Place

Second Row

Kaija Kirklen	Girls ages 12-14	2nd Place
Mckayla Gray	Girls ages 8-11	3rd Place
Kayla Long	Girls ages 8-11	2nd Place
Brody Long	Boys ages 12-14	1st Place
Adam Donnelly	Boys ages 8-11	1st Place
Reid Murray	Boys ages 8-11	3rd Place
Keegan Thursby	Girls ages 8-11	1st Place
Landri Collins	Girls ages 12-14	1st Place

Back Row

Jordan Bowman	Boys ages 12-14	2nd Place
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Largest Fish Mckayla Gray 12 Inch Bass



Sisters both win First Place in the Youth Fishing Contest
Keegan Thursby, Girls ages 8-11 - 1st Place and Avery Thursby, Girls
ages 4-7 - 1st Place

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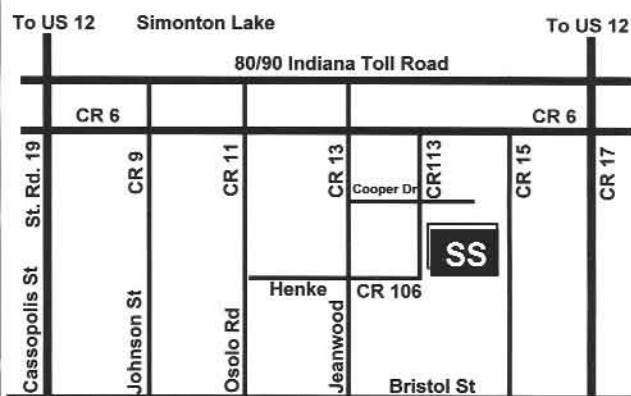


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Are You Willing to Help, for the Sake of the Lake?

-by John Rose

Well, summer is over, but our committees are still running strong for our lake community. As mentioned in our General meeting in May, the Lake Environment committee chaired by Bill Broderick finished their first big challenge by getting the Lake Study completed to better understand the needs of our lake, and to set a baseline for our beautiful lake. Great Job and Thank you to everyone that is on this committee!!!!

Now this Committee is moving on to its next projects and is in need of a lot of help. There are two projects currently going on with this Committee, the first is the Sediment removal project for the channel between the two lakes, and the second project is the Eco-Zone back in the South East corner of the little lake behind the Is-

land. Both of these were brought up at our General meeting in May. These are two very important projects for our lake that don't have enough people to really support them the way they should be. So the Lake Environment Committee is looking for volunteers to be on this committee and support these two projects and see them through to completion.

So I am asking everyone that is reading this to please consider joining this committee and have a vested interest in our lake so that we may maintain it and enjoy it for many years to come. If you are interested in joining and helping out on these two very important projects that this committee is driving, please contact me and I will add you to this group so you will be able to see their success first hand.

Thanks So Much for Everyone's Support!!

See you on the water,

John Rose, Vice President SLAHA

E-mail:

JohnRose11@comcast.net

Home Phone- 574-333-2433 ■

Youth Fishing Contest held on 8/6/2011



Photo submitted by Jim Friend

(above) Kaija Kirklen, Girls ages 12-14 - 2nd Place

(below) Nadalyn Gray, Girls ages 4-7 - 2nd Place & McKayla Gray, Girls ages 8-11 - 3rd Place & Largest Fish Trophy - (12" bass) with parents Thomas & Melissa Gray

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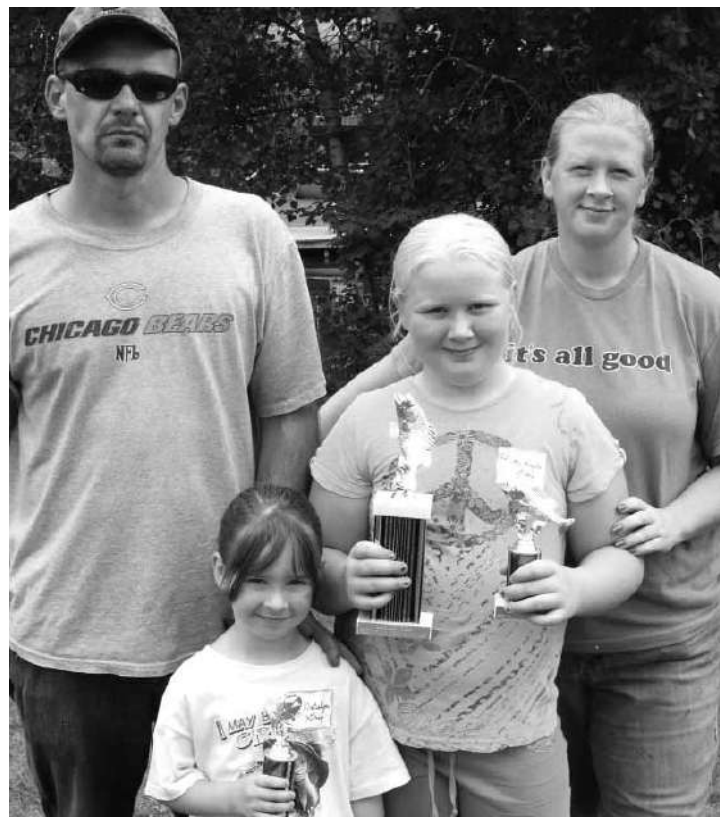


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**Photo from the Youth
Fishing Contest held on
8/6/2011**

Miranda & Adrian Campbell (holding her
3rd Place trophy for Girls ages 4-7) with
Grandpa Jim Cranmer

Photo by Maria Hopman

Community Workout

—by Theresa Maier

So what is a community work out anyway? I arrived home one day to find a Community workout flier in my mailbox. I noticed the colored half-page fliers hanging from paper boxes up and down Lake and Maplewood Drives. The flier shouted FREE Community Work Out at an address on Maplewood Drive. My curiosity peaked!

Maybe you had a flier in your box. I thought what a great idea – invite all the neighbors on the south and east side of the Lake to attend a workout session early on Saturday morning. Or is early on a weekend a good time?! Curiosity got the best of me so I got up bright and early on a Saturday morning to follow the traffic pattern to Cathy Anderson's house. Along came Cathy with bright orange parking cones placing them along Maplewood Drive. She explained that Cross Fit Michiana planned a family workout day for the warm Saturday at the gym. Lake people like to be outside on nice days. Cathy offered to have breakfast and exercise at her lakeside

home on Maplewood Drive. The gym owners asked if they could place fliers in neighbors' mailboxes to invite them. As I was leaving cars, vans, jeeps and trucks began parking along the white fence at the end of Maplewood Drive. Excited children, guys and gals joined Cathy, John and family to work out accompanied by music. Cathy says about 25 total participated in the workout. Thanks Andersons for thinking of your



lake neighbors – did you make it down for the workout? I hear it was pretty intense with participants lifting other participants over their heads.....that would have been a sight to behold. Thanks for the entertainment lake neighbors. ■



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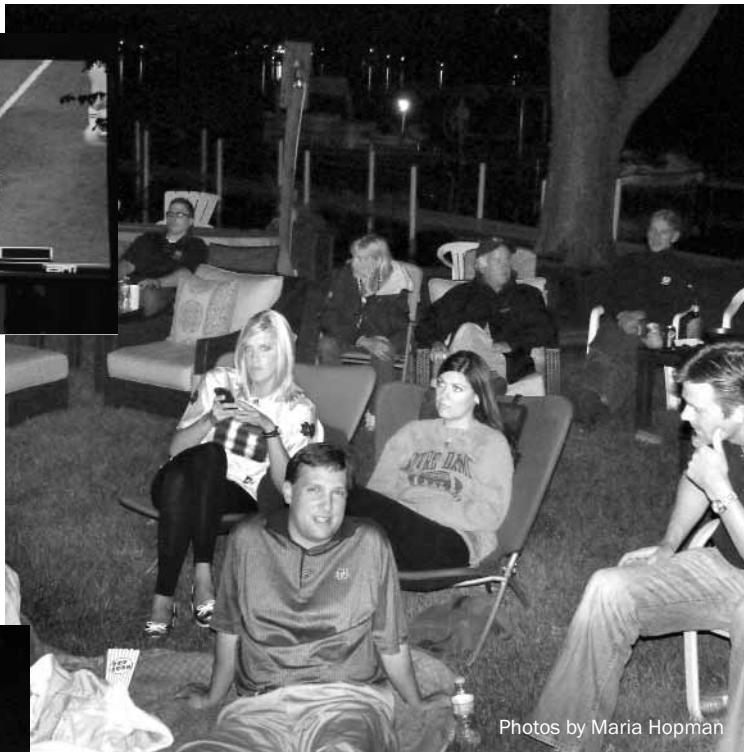
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Photos by Maria Hopman



The Flag burning ceremony begun by Gerry Arnold was conducted this year at the home of Dwight and Linda Bowser on July 3rd. The Elkhart County VA Affairs Officer, Drew McClain, conducted the program. ■

Photos supplied by Dwight and Linda Bowser



Simonton Chronicles

Flowers Have Souls to be Nurtured

-by Theresa Maier & Maria Hopman

Twenty- three year old Gigi Gheller moved from her home in Vicenza, Italy to her sister's in Homestead Florida to study English. Shortly before

Photos by Maria Hopman



her return she met John Conner who was in the military. Two months after he was sent to Italy they were married. After two years they returned to Elkhart near John's family. They started a business in metal stamping and have been here ever since, living at Simonton Lake for 20 years. Gigi operates a business "The Merchant of Venice" selling fabric at Shipshewana Flea Market.

Gigi brings her love of beautiful colorful gardens from Italy. As children, she and her sister were required to water geraniums in the window boxes for her mother. After moving to America Gigi was homesick for her family and began

gardening for a feeling of home. John built window boxes for her colorful flowers. The boxes caught on as neighbors began to build flower boxes as well. Gigi's sister still has the lemon trees and oleander from their parents' home gardens of Italy.

Gigi's love of color began the bright blue pot theme here at the lake too!

According to Gigi gardening flowers is contagious. Gigi says "flowers have souls to be nurtured." She mentioned how therapeutic it was for her during cancer therapy to garden outside. Gigi says her love of flowers comes from her family culture of active gardening because of their innate ambition to produce beauty. If you visit Italy you'll see colorful flowers and scenes everywhere! Gigi brought many gardening tips from her family to America - lucky for us at Simonton

Lake! Gigi's carefully arranged multi-hued vignettes include pottery, iron shapes, mosaic café tables, wood, glass, stone sculptures all dispersed among the gorgeous flowers throughout her yard. The gardens showcase her lovely home where her gregarious, warm personality glistens. Maria and I were welcomed with treats of cappuccino, cookies and hugs while we had the



pleasure of getting to know Gigi Conner. John was gardening in their newly acquired lot next door preparing for an "October in the Garden" party. Be sure to watch as their beautiful gardens spread further north. More amazing scenes are sure to happen. Thanks for a delightful morning, Gigi & John! ■



Treasurer's Corner

Below is a brief financial update on the association:

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.
January 1, 2011 – October 3, 2011 (CASH Basis Accounting)

Item	Subtotal	Total
Advertising	\$5,540.00	
Fireworks Donations	\$3,925.00	
Other Events (e.g., Hog Roast)	729.00	
LARE Grant from State of IN	18,857.47	
Membership Dues	4,860.00	
Sales (T-shirts, Calendars)	350.00	
Other (e.g., interest income)	37.03	
Total Income		34,298.50
Cost of Goods Sold (T-shirts)	0.00	
Total Gross Profit		34,298.50
Board of Directors (e.g., Hog roast, general meeting expenses, insurance)	1,618.65	
Fireworks Transfer to Sportsmen's Club	3,525.00	
Lake Environment (LARE Grant)	20,607.47	
Lake Safety	1,228.41	
Membership/Outreach	71.94	
Newsletter / Website	3,096.23	
Total Expenses		\$30,147.70
Net Position as of October 3, 2011		\$4,150.80

Please note that Hog Roast expenses and calendar costs are not yet processed in these figures.

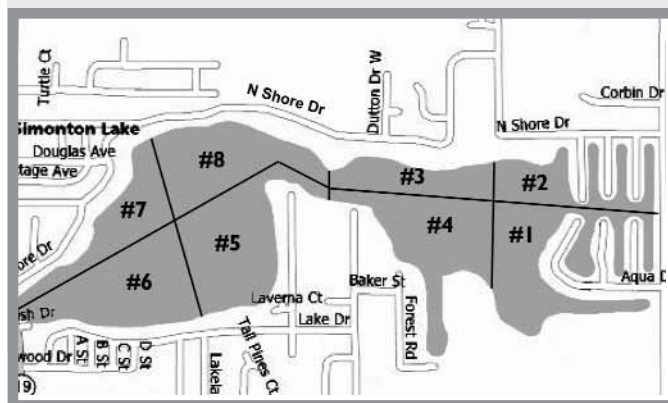
This is already our best year of membership ever. THANK YOU!!! But, we are only 5 households away from 200 families for 2011-2012. Don't wait any longer – support SLAHA with your membership today!!

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

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By Ginny Bellamy

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10/23/2011 - Car theft on Beach Dr. The car was in the garage but possibly the door was open. Be careful not to leave your garage door open.

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Photo Scavenger Hunt Challenge

This month's *Photo Scavenger Hunt Challenge*... take a photo with this theme: **Togetherness**. Be as creative as you want. Email your photo, with your name to simon@simontonlake.org. Use your imagination!!!! It's a fun way to practice with your camera to improve your picture taking skills. Can't wait to see what you come up with. As I get photos, I will post them on simontonlake.org.

Here are the rules:

1. Anyone can participate. It's just for fun!
2. The photo should be taken sometime between now and the end of the year.
3. Email photo to simon@simontonlake.org by December 31st, 2011.

We wish you a Happy Birthday!

10/25	Ken Ward	12/6	Chris Schultz
11/5	Carole Foutz	12/9	Ann Maloney
11/10	Bayleigh Sue Hovarter - 3 yrs. (Vickie Dubbert's Great Granddaughter)	12/10	Dave Foutz
11/30	Sue Ward	12/27	Megan Shultz

Happy Anniversary!

12/31	Sue & Tedd Johnson - 50th
1/9	Megan & James Duncan (Dick & Kay Rhodes' daughter)

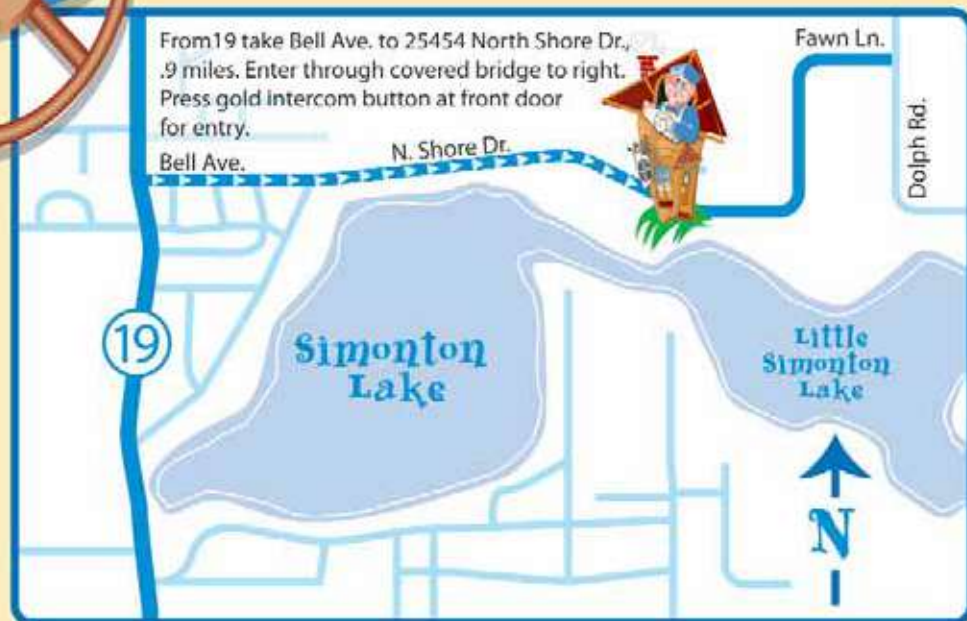
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Lake area resident **Pauline Galen Chester**, 91, passed away on Sept. 1, 2011, in her home on Forest Dr. Our condolences go to her family.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Georgiana Rae Spirito**, 74, long-time resident of Simonton Lake. She passed away on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, following a brief illness. Her husband, Thomas E. Spirito, Lake Dr., survives along with five children & seven grandchildren.



Keegan Thursby - age 10, North Shore Dr., won 3rd place in her age bracket (10-12) in this year's 4-H Fair in the 5k Road Race, July 24th.

Pam and Richard (Zinny) Zinsmeister celebrated 55 years of marriage on September 22nd. Zinny helped install the drywall and vinyl siding to the Simonton Lake Sportsman Club building when it was

being built. They have been "on the lake" for 17 years and love it!

In our last issue we included a picture of the **Terry Shewmaker** driving his wagonette. We wanted to add that their son, Greg and daughter-in-law Kelly (Matherly) drove the wagonette in the Elkhart County fair parade, and their grandsons Tyler and Evan Hoff rode along with them, throwing candy to the crowd. They completed the parade without any mishaps, but Greg was happy when it was over. Red, the horse, didn't like stopping along the parade route, and Greg had to use the brake on the wagon numerous times. I think Red liked the Simonton Lake route much better than the people-lined streets of Goshen!

Sue & Tedd Johnson are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married 50 years ago on December 31st but will probably celebrate in January.

Our own **Amy Matherly** was a "celebrity" at the local "Still Dancing in Elkhart" benefiting the Samaritan Center. It was held on Friday Oct. 21st. There were three tables of supporters for Amy, plus many other friends throughout the room. She was absolutely great! We all were rooting for Amy to win.

Simonton Lake welcomes **Ed & Gina Kramer**, to our neighborhood. They moved to Lake Drive this summer from the Granger area. Son **Blake**, (right), is a Sophomore quarterback for Elkhart Memorial and also ran varsity track as a freshman.



Joshua Randall Conway, 6#15oz, 19 1/2" long, was born on August 17, 2011. Congratulations to Grandpa **Randy Hoff**, Vernon Crossing and parents Kimberly (Hoff) & Mike Conway.

We continue to get information on our lake area veterans. **Steve Wogoman**, North Shore Drive, served as an assistant crew chief on a C130, He was stationed at Lackland and Shephard in Texas, Edwards Air Force Base in California, Kadena and Yakota in Japan. During his time of service to his country, 1972 to 1976 he made many trips to Thailand and Korea. We salute all the veterans among us as Veterans Day approaches.

Congratulation to **Mike and Heidi Compton** on the engagement and marriage of their son Beau to Lindsay Cassity. The couple was married on Oct. 29, 2011, at Riverside Terrace in Mishawaka. Lindsay graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2004 and from Regency Beauty Institute in 2011. Beau graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2004 and is employed with the Elkhart City Fire Department.



Stacia Baskerville provided us with a picture of four generations of the Baskerville family. **Freda Baskerville**, long time lake resident is shown with her son Kent (Stacia's husband). Kent and Stacia's son,

Shawn is holding his son Maddox. Maddox was born December 8, 2010. Freda, Maddox's great-grandmother was 93 years young on October 3rd.



We are thinking of Richard Tate, North Shore Dr. as hospice has been called in to his home.