Simonton Says...

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc. Newsletter Elkhart, Indiana.....www.simontonlake.org

KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST.....

Log into simontonlake.org, Sign up to be a follower. You will get an email to CONFIRM your subscription. That is all you have to do and you will automatically receive notices about what's happening around Simonton Lake — sent right to your email inbox. Not getting the emails? Let us know by emailing simon@simontonlake.org

A Year At The Lake In Pictures



Photo by: Fall-Maralee Macumber

In this issue...

A Year At The Lake In Pictures 3 Information and Events Keegan Thursby Fishing Champ 5 6 Sportsmen's Club gets a new Sign Sportsmen's Club "Catch Phrases" 6 The Dredger-Superior Seawall & Docks 7 Boy Scouts and Ecozone 8 Speed Bumps on our Lake Roads 10 Biking the Lake Life On The Lake 12 14 Winding Waters Brethren Church An Eagle and His Dinner 16 16 Membership Drive Update **Dredging Project Update** 23 27 Message Board Classified, Birthdays/Anniversaries 27 29 Happenings in Osolo Township Notes from the Board 30 Lake Shorts 32

In the meantime, keep checking the website for breaking news or Simonton Lake stories that you won't want to miss.



Photo by: Spring-Gina Hoff These pictures will be featured in the Lake Calendar 2016. Order details inside.



Photo by: Summer-Maria Hopman



Photo by: Winter-**Diane Marlow**

Page 2 October 2015

1st Annual

Simonton Lake Sportsmen Club
Pumpkin Cup



2-Player Scramble



October 17th, 2015 at 11:00 AM Christiana Creek Country Club Elkhart, IN

- Entry Fee \$50.00 per person / \$100.00 per team
- 50/50 Closest to the Pin on Par 3's
- · Cash Beverage Cart will be available on the course
- Food will be served at the conclusion of golf, followed by Awards Presentation
- · Entry Fees due by October 3rd

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

John Lendman, Jr. (574) 326-7178 John Lendman, Sr. (574) 361-8337

1ST 120 GOLFERS ARE IN

Association Board Members

Vaughn Nickell-President 51147 Maplewood Drive 574-262-3195 VLNickell@gmail.com

John Rose-Vice President 51332 Forest Road 574-333-2433 Johnrose11@comcast.net

Heidi Cintron-Treasurer 24788 North Shore Drive 574-226-6644 Heidijo10@hotmail.com

Ginny Bellamy-Secretary 50973 CR 11 North 574-262-3766 lgbellamy@msn.com

Bob Kelsey-Big Lake Director, North 26137 Lake Drive 574-264-2233 zipi@choiceonemail.com

Carole Foutz-Big Lake Director, South 26109 Lake Drive 574-262-3908 clyfoutz@yahoo.com

Jack Tucker-Little Lake/Channel Director 51110 Sail Bay Court 574-370-3326 Jtu977@frontier.com

Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 1706 Elkhart, IN. 46515-1706 www.simontonlake.org

Email:simon@simontonlake.org Standing Committees:

Membership: Ken & Sue Ward sckjward@comcast.net

- New Neighbors
- Lake Events

Newsletter: Amy Matherly ramatherly@gmail.com

Our Mission

The **MISSION** of the Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's Association is to foster the safety and quality of life in our neighborhood. We strive to protect the value of our homes, the wildlife and the environment surrounding our lake, support local and state law enforcement for the safety of our families and lake visitors, and encourage active involvement in the northern Elkhart area growth and development.

Our Newsletter

Our newsletter is published 4 times a year, but our website is filled with current information, stories, events, photos about the community. Check it out at:

www.simontonlake.org

To become an advertiser contact:

Jon Hart at

jkhadman@comcast.net

Would you like to contribute information, pictures, or stories to "Simonton Says...?"

Email to:

simon@simontonlake.org or mail to: Simonton Says... Newsletter, Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1706, Elkhart, IN. 46515-1706

Environmental: John Rose Johnrose11@comcast.net

- Ecozone
- Weir
- Dredging

Safety: Paul Wilson pwilson@markleyent.com

- Buoys
- Public Landing
- Hazards in the water
- Neighborhood watch

Events on the Lake

Oct 4 Sportsman's Club Turkey shoot/ ATV Drawing

FOR SALE: October Lake Calendar

Go to our website and let us know how we are doing...

Lake Shorts features news about you...
Tell us what is happening on your street.
Do you know someone who is having a birthday, anniversary, etc?
Email: simon@simontonlake.org

Community Contacts

Simonton Lake Conservancy (574) 206-8485

DNR

Main office: (317)232-4160 or toll free 1-877-928-3755

Sheriff Elkhart County

(574) 533-4151 Neighborhood contact person: Cpl. Casey Lehman General information or questions, Email: clehman@ elkhartcountysheriff.com

EMERGENCIES - CALL 911

Phone: (574) 535-6553

Osolo Township Fire Dept. (574) 264-1066 Osolo EMS (574) 262-3052

Lake Safety Committee -To activate our Neighborhood Watch or report a crime contact Chris Toles cmt6061@ comcast.net

(Always call the police first.)

Newsletter Staff: Kathy Flynn, Carole Foutz, Dave Foutz, Connie Hart, Maria Hopman, Linda Jimison, Theresa Maier, Diane Marlow, Amy Matherly, Bob Meyers, Angela Black, Kathy Shewmaker, Andrea Stutsman, Gina Hoff, Randy Hoff, Steve Wogoman and Delores Troyer Wogoman.

Page 4 October 2015

2016 Simonton Lake Calendars On Sale Now

\$10.00 each

Each page features a photo of the lake taken by a lake resident Great for Christmas gifts

Great way to support your Lake Association!

Sponsored by the Lake Association Membership Committee

How do I order calendars?
Mail your order to Sue Ward at 50959
Twilight Drive, Elkhart, In. 46514
Envelope can be found in this newsletter

2015 Simonton Lake Calendar ORDER FORM	
Name	Phone Number
Address	_
E-mail Address	
Number of calendars ordered	
Amount of money enclosed	
(\$12.00 for each calendar)	
Make checks out to Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association	





ome of you might recognize 13 year old Keegan Thursby as a resident of North Shore Drive and others might recognize her

from her regular participation in the Sportsmen's Club's annual fishing tournaments. Keegan has been participating in the tournaments since she was 2 years old and it's become a regular tradition for her and her dad Bryan.

This spring the two made a trip to Northern Manitoba Canada with their sights set on bigger trophies. Keegan who has grown up fishing on the lake, also enjoys hunting for whitetail deer and turkey. This spring she wanted to set her sights on big Northern Pike and her first black bear.

As you can see from the picture Keegan scored big. Her biggest fish of the trip was a 36" Northern Pike.

When asked what's next, Keegan says she ready for Volleyball season and the next fishing contest!





Page 6 October 2015

Sportsmen's Club gets a new Sign



A new sign was installed at the Sportsmen's Club entrance on C·R· 11· This nice looking sign is a wonderful update and has a big area for prominently displaying information of upcoming events.

What does the Simonton Lake Sportsman's Club do, you ask? Look at all that happened so far and will happen in 2015:

- -Fireworks on July 4
- -Donated to Dollars for Scholars
- -Donated to Boy Scouts of America
- -Donated to the Osolo Township Fire Department
- -Built a new Sign (Sensational, isn't it?)
- -Became debt free except for a mortgage on our building
- -We built new tables for our Vegas Night events
- -Added 2 new events: Pumpkin Cup in October and Fall Bash in November
- -Boy Scouts are building a new gate for our property with one scout receiving Eagle Scout recognition

Upcoming events:

Turkey Shoot October 3 and 4 10:00 am Vegas Night October 24 Fall Ball Food Drive November 14 6:00 pm

A NEW SIGN AND A NEW BEGINNING!!!!



BIG thank you to all of you for your support of The Simonton Lake Sportsman's Club. All of you should feel good about what

is happening in your community. A special thanks to every member of the club. Your service to the community is incredible.

We, as a club, have many goals. A major goal is to give back to our community. Another is to increase our membership as we build bridges to success. One doesn't have to live on Simonton Lake to be a member. Just talk with a current member to find out how to become a part of this great organization.

- We will donate food to a local food pantry after the November Fall Ball
- -We created a new website and Facebook page (Like us)
- -We have increased our membership by at least 35%
- -Have approved new events for 2016:
 - A Corn and Sausage Roast
 - 5k Run
 - More fishing tournaments
 - Corn Hole and Volleyball tournament
- -We have had successful raffles
- -We held to Youth Fishing Contests
- -We added 2000 walleye to the lake in September

Only 9 months until summer.....See you on the lake

How do you become involved in all of this?

Join the Simonton Lake Sportsman's Club

Support and become involved in our events. All profits are donated to the community At our Fall Bash we are going to give thanks as we support a local

food pantry. If you cannot attend, you may still donate a non-perishable food item. Call a member and he will pick it up Contribute to the Fourth of July Fireworks. Can you run a fund-raiser to support our marquee event?



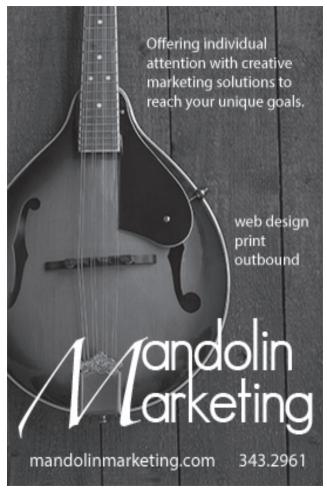
New Dredger-Superior Seawall and Docks

The dredging company recently hired to complete our dredging project at Simonton Lake is Superior Seawall and Docks, located in Illinois City, Illinois, a town close to the Mississippi River in Central Illinois. Doug Harper is the Director of Operations. Superior Seawall has been in business since 2003. The company does dredging and silt removal, seawalls, docks and boat lifts and barge rental. They have a website if you'd like to take a look at superiorseawalls.com. Since Doug will be sending a crew from Illinois to Elkhart to work he has rented a house on the lake for them to live during the work week. He was also looking for someone to cook for the crew and at the time of this newsletter we believe we had found someone to do this.

Safety Committee

he Safety Committee reminds you to continue to follow boating laws as we go into fall. Our buoys were not placed this year because of the dredging project. However, speed restrictions in the channels still apply.

As the dredging project ramps up this fall, we alert you to be mindful of dredging equipment in the waterways. Lake residents interested to see what is happening in the sediment basin to the south of the Forest Road channel are reminded to stay out of this area. We don't want anyone to get hurt on this worksite.



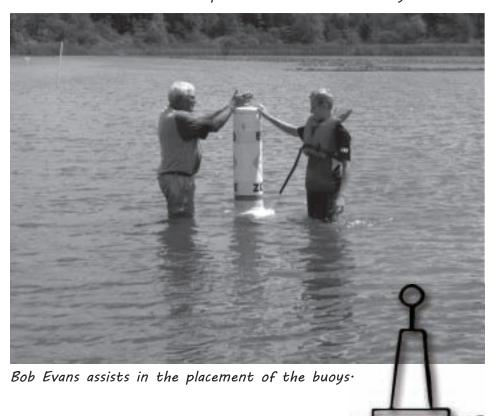
Page 8 October 2015

Boy Scouts continue Work at the Ecozone

s reported in our July issue, Eagle Scout candidate, Carl Horvath of Boy Scout Troop 173 chartered by Grace Methodist Church in South Bend is leading a team of Boy Scouts in making the buoy weights and installing the buoys for the Ecozone. Temporary buoys will be installed while waiting for the DNR furnished buoys. Lake Resident Bob Evans is guiding Carl in this project.



Carl and three other scouts pose with the ecozone buoys.



Speed Bumps on our Lake Roads

any residents have sent comments to the newsletter on how fast cars go on the streets around the lake. We especially find this on Lake Drive and North Shore Drive. One solution might be to add speedbumps. Studies show that speedbumps reduce speeds by about 22%. One local resident, afraid for her small children looked into this and found that the county would only allow us to put out temporary speedbumps that would have to be put in and taken out by the residents each spring and fall. The other hang up was insurance which would have to be carried by the Lake Association. The cost of this insurance at that time was too high for the Association to carry. If you'd like to look into this further be our guest. In the meantime, we all need to watch our own speed.



All hands on deck as the buoys go in:

Join the Lake Association today!

Have you paid your Lake
Association Dues?
Buy your Lake Calendar today
Happy Thanksgiving
We Love our Advertisers

Send us your pictures



The Home Water Experts == Made in USA



Delivery of 15 gallons of water for \$17.97 per month

9 OUT OF 10 PEOPLE WHO TALK WITH US, CHOOSE OUR WATER SYSTEMS.

THREE REASONS WHY:

- SUPERIOR PRODUCTS
- **INDUSTRY-LEADING WARRANTIES**
- NO-RISK 90-DAY UNCONDITIONAL MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

REVERSE OSMOSIS

DRINKING SYSTEM



SERIES 4000 WATER SOFTNER

- 24,000 GRAIN
- · 3 YEAR PARTS WARRANTY





Smart Choice GEN II USES LESS SALT AND WATER

- 1 CUBIC FOOT OF RESIN
- · INSTALLATION* AND 100 LBS OF SALT INCLUDED
- 7 YEAR IN-HOME WARRANT ON PARTS AND LABOR





SAME AS CASH

2121 McKinley Ave. South Bend, IN 46617 574 • 855 • 4422

"Treating Water Since 1959" . ilovemywater.com

Do you want BETTER water?

Here are a few reasons to choose Aqua Systems:

- Aqua Systems is a factory direct Indiana company
- · No commission paid sales representatives
- No hassling to get the best price
- · Possibly the best written warranty in the world

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday

9:00am - 2:00 pm



Water Softener



Iron Filter



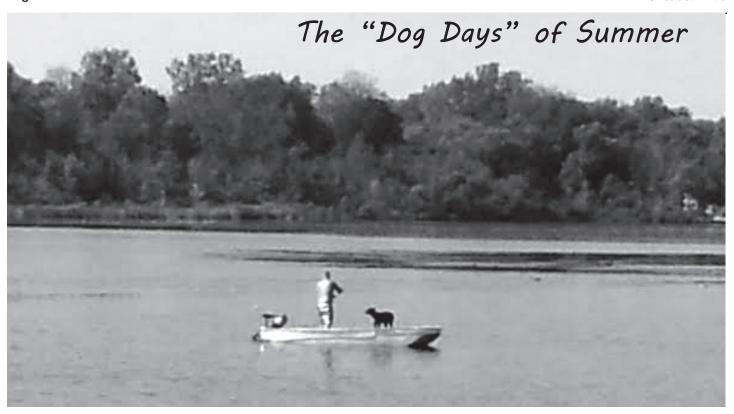
Drinking Water Purification System

We also rent equipment for as little as \$19.95 a month Call us for a FREE Water Test

We promise you the best service at the best prices!



Page 10 October 2015



Submitted by Diane Marlow

Biking the Lake

By Dave Foutz

his summer Bike Elkhart instituted a monthly community bike ride beginning and ending at different restaurants serving adult beverages. Two of these rides were based at Simonton Lake establishments. This seemed to open the door on a previous untapped interest of lake residents, bicycle riding. The first ride of the year was in April and was staged at Pete's. From the very beginning Simonton Lake, people constituted a significant percentage of the participants. It appears that if residents are given the opportunity to engage in biking activities they will participate. Elkhart County is blessed with having the Pumpkinvine Trail, one of the most beautiful and bike friendly bikeways in the state. We also have a good number of bike friendly county roads right outside our doors. There are roads just across the state line that you can ride for miles and not see a car.

Fall is a great time to dust off that old bike and hit the road. The leaves are already beginning to change colors. Before long we will be in the most pleasant bike riding time of the year. Riding your bike around some of our neighboring lakes, enjoying the fall foliage on a mild October day is the stuff from which memories are made. Fall is also the time to snag a deal on a new set of wheels. The area dealers are looking to close out this year's models and ready to offer discounts.

The thought of buying a new bike can be daunting for individuals who haven't hopped on a bike in years. There are so many types and configurations, as well as some that have prices in the used car territory. Let me see if I can help you out a bit. How do you plan to use your new bike? Will you be riding mostly on roads or paved surfaces or off roads on unpaved trails? There are some fine off road trails, if that's going to be your thing. Dr. Lawless Park just north of Birch Lake in Michigan and Bonneyville Mill Park both have excellent trails in the 5 to 7 mile range. This is probably news to many people. Of course, if this is your type of recreation you will have to transport your equipment to an outlying park.

Some type of bike to use on hard surfaces is probably the most likely choice for lake

residents. A bike with straight handlebars is probably going to be the most comfortable for recreational riding. The classic road bike with the drop handlebars is probably not what most people are going to be looking for. Next, look at the tires. A function of physics that applies here is, the fatter the tires the more resistance and therefore the more effort to propel the bike. The big knobby tires are designed for off road or trail use. They are a huge disadvantage if you are riding with a group on a paved road. Some trails are constructed of fine crushed slag. There are sections the Pumpkinvine near Goshen that are like this. The Kalhaven, and excellent trail from Kalamazoo to South Haven is constructed from crushed slag. Really skinny tires don't work as well on this type of surface as a little wider tread width. So think carefully about how you want to use your new bike before you invest and it will return many happy rewards for years to come.

Maybe in the future we can organize some rides for lake residents and enjoy our beautiful scenery together. Happy Trails.

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING FOR BOATS!





- Pontoon Boat Seats
- Pontoon Bimini Tops
- Marine Hardware & Flooring
- Marine Audio
- Boat Parts & Accessories

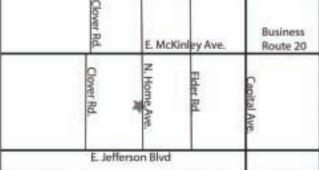
Coastline Storage

- 3 Acre Outdoor Storage
- Secured & Monitored 24 Hours
- Boats, RV's, Motorhomes, Cars, Trailers
- Offering Pick Up & Shrink Wrapping Services



- · Marine Carpet
- Trailer Bunk Carpet
- · Boat Carpet Kits
- Lift & Bunk Trailers For Sale

Visit Our NEW Location



1923 N. Home Street Mishawaka, IN

> 574-204-2345 888-383-7615



Website Coming Soon BoatPartsCentral.com

*
Coastline Inc.

Page 12 October 2015



-by Amy Matherly

y mother and step-dad moved to Greencroft Goshen this spring. They were excited about the new place and the fact that they no longer had to shovel snow, find repairmen, or mow. But, they weren't excited about the actual move.

My folk's house was built in 1958 and they've lived there ever since. My mother is a very neat person but she is a saver. You know, you'll never know when you'll need this or that. They had a basement that was neatly organized with a lot of stuff. Neatly folded dry cleaner bags, every Christmas card they had ever received, old calendars, small boxes of bread ties, drawers with pens and pencils galore. They had it all. And it all had to be moved or given away. Don't tell my mother but the dry cleaning bags and bread ties were thrown away. I have my own stock of those and my sisters didn't feel the need to haul any of that back to Florida or North Carolina.

However, we did find box after box full of photos and newspaper articles. She had kept these precious bits of family history but just had never gotten around to putting them in albums. Mother has memory issues and I don't even think she was aware of all these pictures. There was a picture of my grandmother as an 18 year old co-ed. There was a picture of my dad on leave from the army. He died when I was seven and his face has faded from my memory.

Now, as we sat and looked at these pictures my really intelligent sisters said to me, "Someone ought to organize these things and put them in albums." Whenever a person turns to you and uses the term 'someone' they mean you. Why don't they just say, you? Sometimes when this happens I either refuse or pretend I didn't hear them. But not this time.

So, these boxes and boxes of memories came to my house last spring. I put them on a shelf in the den and they've been sitting there ever since haunting me. Spring turned to summer and I just didn't get to it. But, now its fall and I am weeding through them, putting them in chronological order, writing names on the back and so on.

It's been an emotional journey but one I really do want to do for my mom. She might not remember what day it is but she knows that she was the president of her class in 1948. I think these pictures might be a good thing for her.

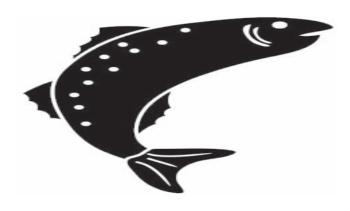
There is one great benefit to doing this big job. I am the controller of what pictures get saved and what gets thrown out. There are almost no pictures of me in junior high school when I had braces on my teeth and a really bad perm. However, there are lots of unflattering pictures of my sisters. Yup, nothing got thrown out. You know those school pictures that sometimes turned out like mug shots. None of mine. Plenty of them. Remember those plaid bell bottom pants that you thought were so



cool back in 1972. Well, they didn't really look that good especially from behind. But, now no one will ever know I had those awful pants because that picture has been incinerated.

Some of you might think I am messing with history, editing what really happened. Well, then you take these 16 boxes and weed through them. Until then I'm doing it my way.

Until next time.









51305 State Road 19 Elkhart , IN 46514 574.264.2874



Page 14 October 2015

Winding Waters Brethren Church Building to be Demolished

inding Waters Brethren Church, the closest church to Simonton Lake, was a church home to many lake residents. In the past decade or so the size of the congregation declined. The difficult decision was made to close the church and the building was to be sold.

WWBC was started as a church plant by a group of 13 people from The First Brethren Church on the south side of Elkhart. For more than 40 years the church thrived with a congregation of more than 400. It was a vital part of our community with many lake residents calling it their church home until this past December.

The land including the site of the church building and grounds is bordered by C.R. 4 to the north, hotels to the south and east and apartments to the west. The plan proposed to the Elkhart Plan Commission includes an apartment complex, hotels and two retail buildings.

If you fish at Simonton Lake you might find any one of the following fish, all of which have been caught at the lake.

- Dogfish
- Catfish
- Gar
- Carp
- Small mouth bass
- · Largemouth bass
- Pike
- Walleye
- Blue Gill
- Sunfish
- Rock Bass
- Black Crappie
- Perch



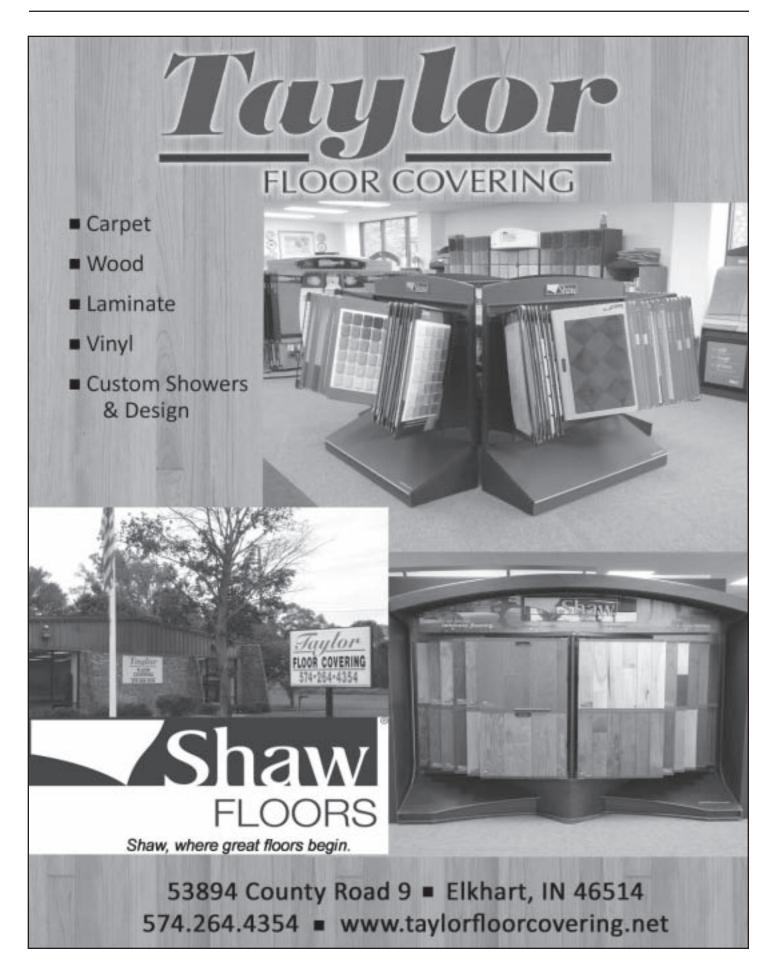


Join the Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's Association TODAY

Your membership brings you

- Four issues of "Simonton Says"
- Maintenance of the boat launch
- Placement of Buoys
- The Annual Hog Roast, Luminary Night, the Annual Lake Garage Sale
- Special Projects like the Wier, Ecozone and Dredging
- Power in Numbers when we deal with the county and state
- Power in Numbers when we apply for grant money
- Additional funding for the 4th of July fireworks

Fill out and mail the membership form in the newsletter.



Page 16 October 2015



Gina and Randy Hoff caught an eagle with a fish in his talons. Randy and Gina watched the huge bird swoop down to the water, catch the unlucky fish, and then fly aloft.

Membership Drive Update

FOREST ROAD/CR 109 HAVE 100% MEMBERSHIP

As you know to help with delivery of newsletters, membership drives and communication, the Association has divided the lake into 8 sections. The map of these sections is always printed as part of the "Notes from the Board" feature. Section 4 includes Forest Road and CR 109 along Little Simonton. As of August 100% of the lake residents in that section were members of the Lake Association. Congratulations!

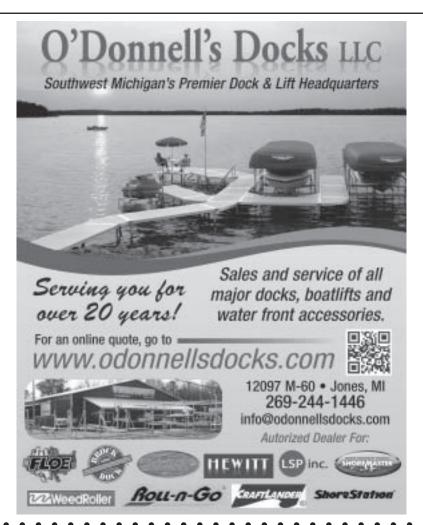
Here is the breakdown by Sections:

Section 1-South Channels	66%
Section 2 North Channels	60%
• Section 3 North Shore Drive from Dolph to Sellers Woods	66%
• Section 4 Forest Road and 109-100%	100%
Section 5 Maplewood and Lake Drive to Lakeland	42%
• Section 6 Lake Drive from Lakeland to St. Rd. 19-	48%
• Section 7 North Shore Drive from St. Rd 19 to the Bell/N. Shore Intersection-	51%
• Section 8 North Shore Drive from the Bell/N. Shore Intersection to Sellers Woods	75%

If you have not paid your Lake Association dues yet, please do so today. Use the form in this newsletter. Remember, if you are 80 or over you pay nothing, 70 or over is only \$20, regular dues is \$30.



Page 18 October 2015



Simonton Lake Preservation Trust

Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Donations to the trust are tax-deductible

And can be made by mail at:

Simonton Lake Preservation Trust PO Box 469 Elkhart, Indiana 46515

For more information call or e-mail: **Ryan Harding**, president and lawyer for the Trust, rwharding@mwe.com

John Rose, treasurer, johnrose11@comcast.net

Amy Matherly, secretary, ramatherly@gmail.com

"To Preserve, Protect and Enhance the Simonton lake Area Watershed for present and future generations."



Now is the perfect time to finish that home improvement project before winter.

A 1st Source home equity line of credit can be used to pay for just about anything, from a vacation, home repairs, or to get a jump on holiday shopping.

Don't let fall pass you by without having some fun, getting something done – or both. Stop in today!



120 Sanford School Road, Elkhart # 266-8300 # 1stsource.com

* Subject to credit approval. Checking account is required.

The Original Lake Meeting Place!

SUNDAYS

4 Piece Chicken Dinner \$9.95

MONDAYS

Frog Leg Basket \$9.95

TUESDAYS

Hamburgers \$2.25

WEDNESDAYS

Chicken and Noodles 86.95

THURSDAYS

Mexican Special Burrito or Taco Salad or Mexican Appetizer Platter \$7.95

FRIDAYS

Fish Fry Pollock, Perch, Bluegill, or Smelt

SATURDAYS

Pasta Night

Order Carryout 574-264-9033 51426 SR 19, Elkhart, IN 46514 Come In and Enjoy One of Our Daily Specials!



Kitchen Hours: Mon. - Sat.: 11:00am - 10:00pm, Sun.: 11:00am - 8:00pm www.petessimontonlaketavern.com Page 20 October 2015

Twice The Size

Our Recent Expansion Now Brings Our Heated Main Building To Over 100,000 Square Feet

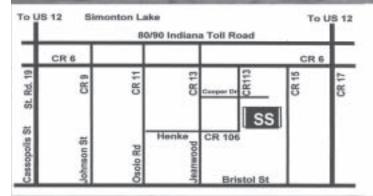


Time To Check Out Our Winter Storage Options



- Indoor Heated Spaces
- Large Individual Units
- Covered Parking Spaces
- Outdoor Parking Spaces
- Visit Our New Website Superior-Space.Com

Specializing In Large Item Storage Boats + Cars + RV's + Motorcycles + Trailers + Etc. Commercial + Industrial





A GK2 Holdings LLC Company

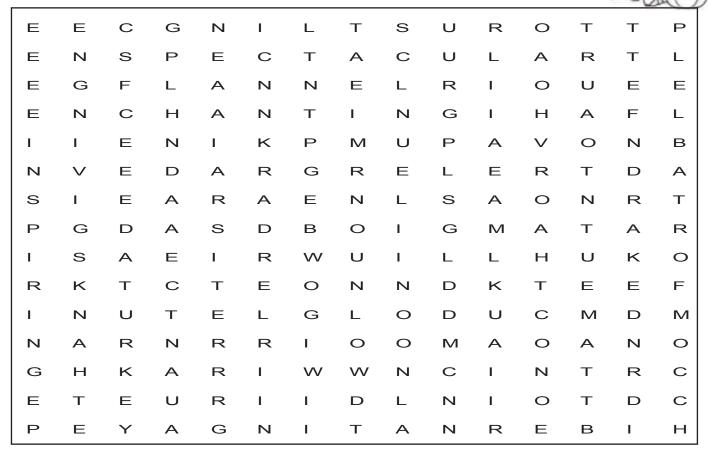
53400 County Road 113, Elkhart, IN 46514

+ Phone: 574-206-8900 + Fax: 574-206-0800 + www.superior-space.com

The IRODGATE

self storage

FALL SEASON Word Search



PUMPKIN LEAVES COLORS HALLOWEEN TURKEY THANKSGIVING WOODLAND CRACKLING **FORAGING** RUSTLING FLANNEL RAKED WILTED **HIBERNATING INSPIRING AUTUMN CIDER ABUNDANT** COMFORTABLE **ENCHANTING SPECTACULAR**



Call IRON GATE SELF STORAGE at 574-264-5598 WWW.irongateselfstorage.com

FIVE convenient locations - 2 are near the lake - CR 9 & Johnson St.

Inside or outside storage. Safe, secure, 24 hour access 7 days a week, convenient, clean and dependable service, pay online, no hidden costs, with storage content insurance available.

Mention this ad for a free Theft Proof Disc Lock with three months prepaid

Page 22 October 2015

Thanks for another great season! We'll see you again in March.



1-800-OVERHEAD

24 Hour Service - 365 Days a Year

We put a Smile on your House!



CALL US FIRST... WE FIX EVERYTHING!

The Genuine. The Original.



Elkhart/Goshen **574-294-7678**South Bend/Mishawaka **574-259-2822**



Free Estimates

OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF ELKHART COUNTY

201 S. Main Street . Nappanee, IN . 574-773-4308 . www.relianceconstruction.net

Designing Homes to Last a Lifetime







Dredging Project Update

s you may remember a dredging contract was signed last summer with All Things Water. All Things Water was one of approximately eight DNR approved and recommended dredging vendors. All Things Water was to have the access road to the Basin prepared and begin dredging as soon as the land acquisition was completed on Oct 29th, 2014. In part, the delayed land acquisition and poor weather prevented the project from starting before year end 2014. The DNR does not allow dredging from January to the end of June because of hibernating critters and fish spawning. All Things Water failed to begin work on July 1. Through the month of August 2015 a minimal amount of dredging took place despite daily communications and promises.

The Environmental Committee and the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust, in close consultation with the Indiana Department

of Natural Resources, decided not to extend the 30 day performance contract on August 28. We began accepting bids on September 2nd from other companies.

We have verbally agreed to hire Superior Seawalls, Inc. as our new contractor and expect to have a signed contract this week with the Illinois based company. The Environment committee has vetted this vendor both financially and for performance references. The owner and his foreman have visited the lake and reviewed the project. They expect to have the LARE project (25,518 cubic yards) complete before year end. We are hoping to resume dredging the other phases (including neighborhood dredging) in 2016, depending on available funding. Superior Seawalls has rented a house on the south side of the lake for their crews.

Unfortunately, all the new bids that we received were higher than All Things Water. We are now short on available funds to complete all 4 dredging phases. Plans are in the works on how to accomplish

this task. We are planning an Association meeting in mid-November to update residents on the project details. The DNR has agreed to extend the deadline of our current \$200,000 grant indefinitely as long as we continue to make progress. Please be aware that funds paid to All Things Water came from the DNR grant. No local funds were paid to the dredger.

To help in keeping lake residents informed, the newsletter staff will assist us in getting out weekly or bi-weekly e-mail updates. These updates will also be posted at our website.

We remain excited about this substantial improvement to our lake, and we thank you for your continued support. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Ryan Harding, John Rose, Amy Matherly, Simonton Lake Preservation Trust

Vaughn Nickel, Bob Putnam, Bob Paul, Bob Evans, Environment Committee Page 24 October 2015





The TOP real estate agent in the USA, two years in a row!

David Miller has been recognized as the top selling agent out of 90,000 agents in the BHHS chain nationwide. He averages over 200 closed home sales per year and brings a wealth of knowledge to the closing table.

As a Simonton Lake homeowner himself, he knows what you need in a home selling or buying experience. Give him a call today to set up an appointment to look at houses on Simonton Lake by boat! Clients who boat with their broker, stay with their broker!



David Miller
Broker Associate
Licensed in Indiana & Michigan
(574) 596-4835
David@BoatingBroker.com
www.BoatingBroker.com







We give you that Unique angle.

Aerial Drone Photography • Custom Photo Shoots Starting at \$150 • Real Estate Properties-Residential and Commercial • Special Events and Festivals • Weddings • Gallery Prints for \$20 each

Call Keith Raven

574-303-4460

skyphotoz.com



CONSTRUCTION

Full Service General Contracting Concrete Projects

Residential & Commerical

call 574-206-1644

FIRE & WATER RESTORATION

24 Hour Emergency Response

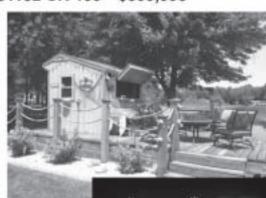
call 574-266-HELP

Building Michiana for over 28 Years Locally Owned & Operated Page 26 October 2015



Home Now For Sale 51182 CR 109—\$399,995







- New Sun Room with wet bar!
- Granite Counters
- Ceramic/Laminate Floors
- Stainless Steel Appliances NEW THIS YEAR!
- · Lush Lawn-1 Acre plus
- Tiki Bar at Waters Edge for your entertaining pleasure



Evelyn Johnston

(574) 304-7148



REAL ESTATE

FriendsAndNeighborsRealEstate.com Email: evelyn@evelynjohnston.com

The People You

Know, Like & Trust! Since 2007

www.simontonlake.org

MESSAGE BOARD



Classified Ads

To place a classified ad, e-mail: ads@simontonlake.org Classified ads are free for paid members of the Lake Association. Non-members pay \$5.00 per ad. Ads must be resubmitted for each issue. No commercial business ads will be accepted to protect our sponsors who are supporting this newsletter.

Deadline: 15th of the month prior to publishing month

Free Rocks: We are dismanteling our stone seawall. If you are interested please contact ramatherly@gmail.com

Cook Needed- The dredging crew will be living in a rented home on the lake and is in need of someone to cook for the crew. This is a paid position. The team will be on for 10 days and off for 4 days until the end of 2015. Contact Bob Paul at kabopa@yahoo.com

LOST Item

BLACK, SOUTH BAY, PONTOON BIMINI TOP COVER CALL: 849-2056 Pulled out of Little Simonton:

Let us know of new neighbors on your street so that we can deliver a Lake Association New Neighbor bag. Contact Sue Ward at sjkward@comcast.net

Happy Anniversary!

8/19 Barbara and Donald Rospopo

10/7 Deb & Tom Swanson

10/9 Ashli & Ben Swathwood

10/11 Erin & Chad Winchester

Daughter of Cindy & Vaughn Nickell

12/20 Carole & Dave Foutz

12/31 Sue & Tedd Johnson



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

www.simontonlake.org

Association Dues are Due:

Dues for the 2015-2016 year are due now. Our year runs from June 1 to May 31. We have had a good response to our membership drive but many households remain unpaid. Use the form below. If you have questions, contact Association Treasurer, Heidi Cintron at heidijo10@ hotmail.com



We wish you a Happy Birthday!

10/5 Kyan Joseph Wilson

Grandparents Paul & Linda Wilson

10/21 Bruce Marlow

10/25 Ken Ward

10/31 Bob Putnam

11/5 Carole Foutz11/5 Marie Garatoni

11/10 Bayleigh Sue Hovarter

11/9 Arlie Jo Barhydt

Granddaughter of Jim Ulery

11/24 Camden Curtis Niederwerfer

Grandparents Curt & Wendy Willis

11/30 Sue Ward

12/6 Chris Schultz

12/9 Olivia McKee

Grandparents Ron & Sue Taylor

12/10 Dave Foutz

12/11 Ron Taylor

12/21 Bobbi Meyers

12/27 Megan Shultz

12/29 Mila Arlene Foutz

Granddaughter of Dave and Carole Foutz

Page 28 October 2015



If your plumbing, heating, or cooling is on the blink... Help is on the way.

When you've got a problem, it seems like help can't get there fast enough. But the good news is Church Plumbing & Heating, your independent American Standard Heating & Air Conditioning dealer, is close by... And with service technicians available from 7am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday (or 24 hours a day for emergencies), we make fixing your problem as painless as possible. Our technicians have the training and expertise to fix nearly any make, model, or problem. Whether its smarter to repair or replace,

you'll get an honest opinion and real solutions for your situation. If you're uncomfortable, we're on the way.



American Standard.



(574)295-6844 www.ChurchPlumbing.com



Happenings in Osolo Township?

solo Fire Department will be getting a new fire truck next summer. It has been many years since the department has had a new tanker/pumper. The fire truck will replace a 1978 and a 1997 tanker/pumper. Both of the tankers will be traded in and replaced with the new. The new truck will have a 2,900 gallon tank capacity compared to the 2,000 gallon tank which the primary truck has that is used now. It is necessary to order a year ahead and this bright, shiny truck will arrive by June of next year.

The Medtec Ambulance at the Osolo Fire Department will also be replaced in late 2017. The current ambulance is a 2007 on a GMC Chassis with an Isuzu power trane. It is difficult to get repair parts which is leading to extended periods of time that it is out of service. As the vehicle grows older, this problem is growing. Ordering the ambulance 2 years in advance, has saved us a considerable amount due to annual increases. The old ambulance will then be traded for the new. Again, it is expected to be delivered in late 2017.

If you have any questions, contact me, Carole Foutz, Osolo Township Board.



New Graphic Designer for Newsletter

For several issues Lou Putnam has been the "Simonton Says" graphic designer. Lou did a great job but she is a busy lady often working out of town. We have been fortunate to find Angela Black, niece of Wendy Willis (Lake Drive) to take over the graphic designer duties. Angela has an associate degree in graphic design from Collins College. She lives in Bristol with her husband and 2 children and works as a graphic designer for Valley Screen.

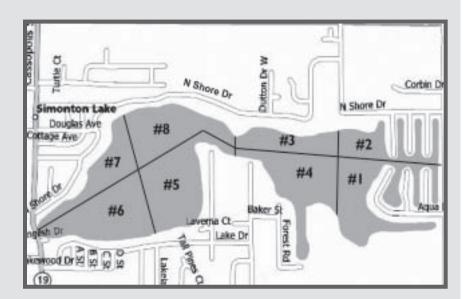
Continuing with us is Jon Hart as our advertising coordinator and Amy Matherly as committee chair person. We have a great team. Come join us. And, keep sending in those pictures and articles.

Page 30 October 2015

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Area Representatives -your delegates for neighborhood concerns

1. Van Kessler	262-1685
2. Ann and Jerry Broderick	264-1331
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
6. Dick Martin	264-7656
Ron Taylor	262-1332
7. Dave VanZile	264-5201
Theresa Maier	361-0517
8. Maria Hopman	262-1655
Anne Harbaugh	264-7792



It is not too late to join the association and support the fireworks!

Please fill out the membership form contained in this newsletter. Thank you for your support of our association through your membership – this support allows us to advance the interests of our lake!

Mark Your Calendar

Poker Run/Fireworks 2016 Saturday, July 2nd Garage Sale 2016-Saturday, May 7th

Association Meeting-Wednesday, May 18

Address:	
Email: 2nd/Spouse Email: Preference for contact:EmailPhoneMail Participation Interest:	Household: \$30 Senior: (70 and over): \$20 Senior Honorary Membership:
2nd/Spouse Email:PhoneMailPhonePhonePhonePhonePhone	
Participation Interest: Meml	
Current committees: Lake Environment, Lake Safety, Membership/Outreach, Newsletter/Website	. AMOUNT SED:
	istration Form

Graphics Group Ad

Page 32 October 2015

Anniversaries / New Arrivals

Donald and Barb Rospopo celebrated their 54th anniversary on August 19th. Congratulations Donald and Barb Rospopo celebrated their 54th anniversary on August 19th. Congratulations Donald and Barb Rospopo celebrated their 54th anniversary on August 19th. Congratulations!



On August 12, a few days before their anniversary, Barb and Donald welcomed a new grandson into the family, Levi Alexander.

Cam and Sue Snyder have moved to Forest Road.

Dr. Randy Cooper will retire this fall. He has sold his podiatry practice. His wife, Wendy, is looking forward to having Randy around ALL THE TIME!



Debbie and Mike Smith have added a third dog to their family. **Jezebel** joins **Jake** and **JoJo.**

New neighbors
We welcome to the lake Joe
and Martha Mammo. The
Mammo's live in Mishawaka
and will use their North Shore
Drive home as a
summer home.

Congratulations Congratulations to **Bob and Bobbie Meyers** on the marriage of their son, **Andrew**.

This past July **Pam Goddard** married **Jim Dunfee** in Jamaica. The ceremony on the beach was attended by their children. Congratulations!



Acknowledgements

Nathan Brekke, son of Leanne and Dan Brekke, is a member of the Elkhart Central Tennis team. Nathan is a new freshman at Central.

Thanks to Terry and Kathy Shewmaker and all of the members of the Elkhart County Fair Board for another wonderful county fair. Hours and hours of work are put in by the members of the board to make the fair the awesome event that it is.

Terry is in charge



Eulah and Trixie enter the track at the grandstand.

of the draft horse barn and all but lives there during fair week. This year granddaughter, **Eulah Shewmaker**, took part in the fair parade walking her pony, Trixie. It was a hot day and the parade route was several miles long. But, she and the pony made it all the way.