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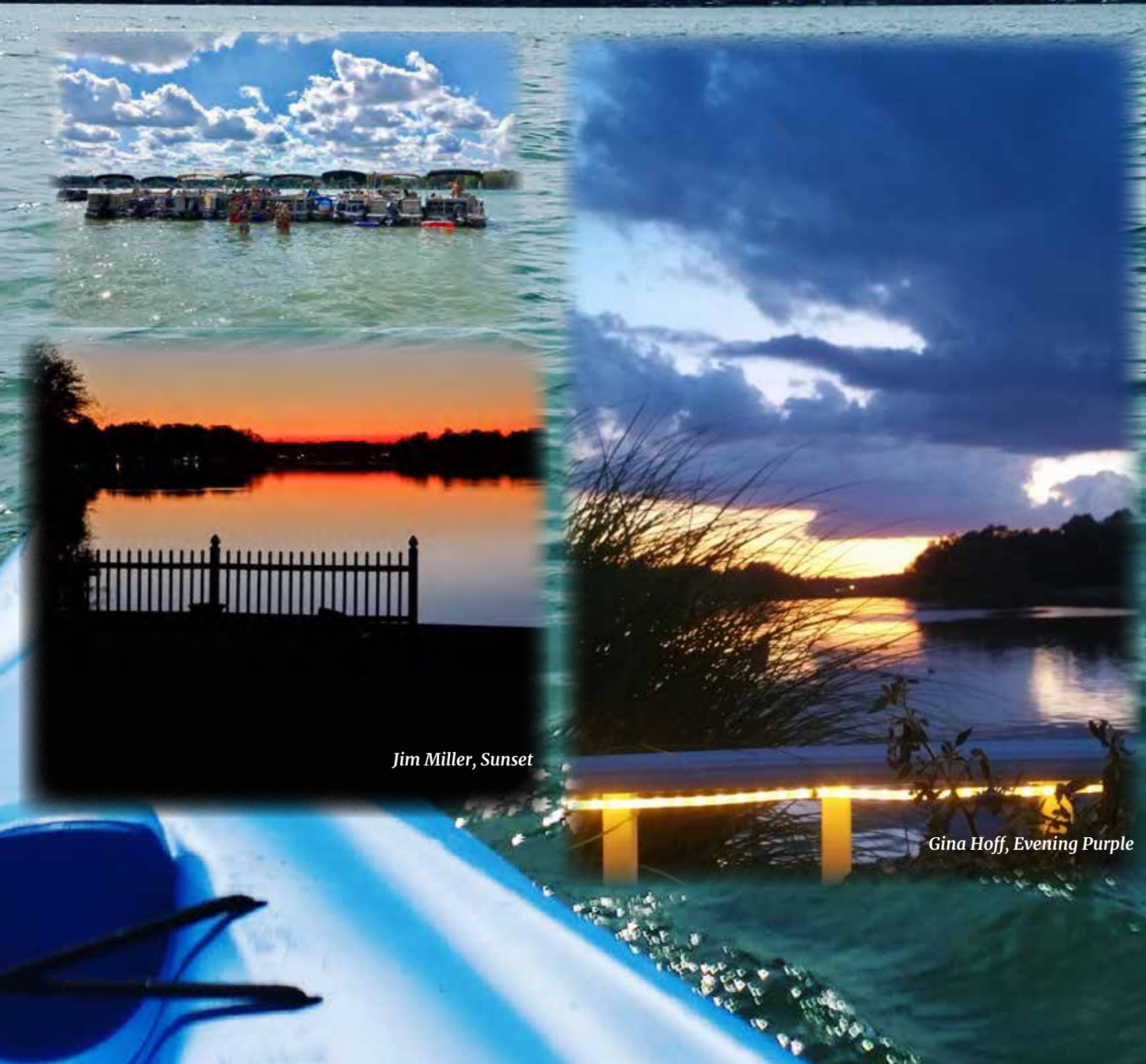


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Elkhart, Indiana.....www.simontonlakehoa.com

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Jim Miller, Sunset

Gina Hoff, Evening Purple

INFORMATION & EVENTS

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- Lake Calendar
- Garage Sale
- Dues

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- Hazards in the water
- Neighborhood watch
- Lake Alerts
- Buoy watch

To activate our **Neighbor-
hood Watch** contact Chris Toles
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Our Mission

The MISSION of the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' 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.

EVENTS ON THE LAKE

Oct. 31 Deadline for Lake Calendar picture submission

November Fall Issue of Simonton Says

NOVEMBER LAKE CALENDARS FOR SALE

Nov. 1 SLSC Fish Fry

Nov. 9 SLSC Fall Ball & Food Drive

Dec. 1 Conservancy Candidate Election Petitions due

Jan. 1 NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR FOR LAKE ASSOCIATION; DUES IS DUE

Jan. 15 Articles and Pictures due for Winter Issue of Simonton Says

Feb. Winter Issue of Simonton Says

Feb. 15 Conservancy Elections

May 2 & 3 GARAGE SALE

May Annual Lake Association Mtg

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Simonton Lake Conservancy

574-206-8485

902 CR 6, Elkhart, In. 46514

Hours M-F 8:30-4:30

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- Drainage issues
- Erosion issues
- Weed Control
- Public Landing
- Buoys
- Hazards in the Water

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

BY SUSIE BRODERICK, SLAHA TREASURER

A new year of our membership drive for the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners Association will begin in January of 2020.

- Residents under the age of 70 pay \$30 per year.
- Residents aged 70-79 pay only \$20 per year.
- Residents over the age of 79 are Honorary.

Please be aware that we need everyone around the lake to be a member of the Association even if you are honorary and pay no dues. Whenever we go to the county, the DNR with concerns or needs of the neighborhood or when we apply for a grant, we must be able to prove that a majority of the residents belong and therefore support the Association.

Your dues supports the newsletter, the website, "Lake Alerts" and other safety programs, the "New Neighbor" program, the "Annual All-Lake Garage Sale," water quality, and so much more.

Beginning in January of 2020 only paid members will have access to our email Lake Alerts. If you want to continue to get these alerts, send your dues in as soon as possible in January.

Remember that the Lake Association annual meeting will continue to be in May – please plan to attend as it is a very important part of your membership.

A membership renewal/new member card will be mailed to your home. You can also find a membership card in every issue of Simonton Says. Please return this card with your membership fee.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
OF OUR
LAKE ASSOCIATION.**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

LAKE CALENDAR

2020

For the past 10 years the Lake Association has produced a calendar featuring beautiful pictures taken by our own lake residents. This calendar includes the dates of big events around the lake and the inside back cover has e-mail addresses and phone numbers for all our local organizations.

Heather Mitchell, a staff member of The Graphic Group, and Calendar Coordinator, Gina Hoff, do the design and layout. Proceeds go to Lake Association projects and programs. The Graphic Group, owned by Mike Smith, prints the calendar.

The best part is that the amazing talents of our lake neighbors is highlighted for all to see. There are so many wonderful pictures submitted that it is hard to make the final decisions on what to include.

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LAKE RESIDENT SAVES A LIFE

A firefighter, a police officer and a civilian were recognized Monday, July 22nd, 2019, for their life saving efforts in recent months. The police officer **Casey Ianigro**, patrolman with the Elkhart Police Department and a lake area resident, was first on scene to a motorcycle accident. Upon his arrival and initial assessment, Ianigro recognized an open wound to the victim's leg with life threatening blood loss. Ianigro promptly applied a tourniquet to control the bleeding. Hospital officials as well as fire department paramedics have all recognized that Ianigro's actions to stop the bleeding directly resulted in the survival of the motorcyclist.



LIAM LANE HONORED BY FIREFIGHTERS

William "Liam" Ahren Lane, age 4, grandson of lake area resident Laura Byrns, passed away on Tuesday July 30, 2019 at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, IL. Liam was born on April 20, 2015 at Elkhart General Hospital to Neil and Kathryn (Byrns) Lane. He has an older sister Raelynn.

Liam was in Pre-K at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Elkhart. He loved music, especially Music Together class with Ms. Tracey and Hamilton the Musical. Liam enjoyed playing with Legos, fire trucks and cars.

His best friends were the firefighters who saved his life more than once—the responders of the Clay Township Fire Department who upon hearing about his unexpected death, wanted to do what they could to honor their fallen friend. This team had been at Liam's house several times but the team didn't stop caring about Liam once they reached the hospital. They kept checking with the family to see how he was doing. On a Sunday night the firefighters came to the Lane's house not on an emergency call, but to join Liam and his family for a fun night. The party was eerie timing, though, by Monday night Liam was hospitalized again. His parents drove him to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Liam died there on Tuesday morning.

Liam got a grand escort all the way home. The Chicago Police Department and the Axemen Illinois Chicago led a precession to the state line, where they were met by the Indiana State Police, Axemen MC Indiana Chapters 1 and 3 and several other fire departments including our own Osolo Fire Department, the Elkhart City Police Department and the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department.

The family asked that people bring in new Lego's instead of flowers that could be donated to the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital.

The hearts of everyone in the Simonton Lake area ache for this family. We hope that somehow, someday, they can go beyond the grief and find peace and happiness.



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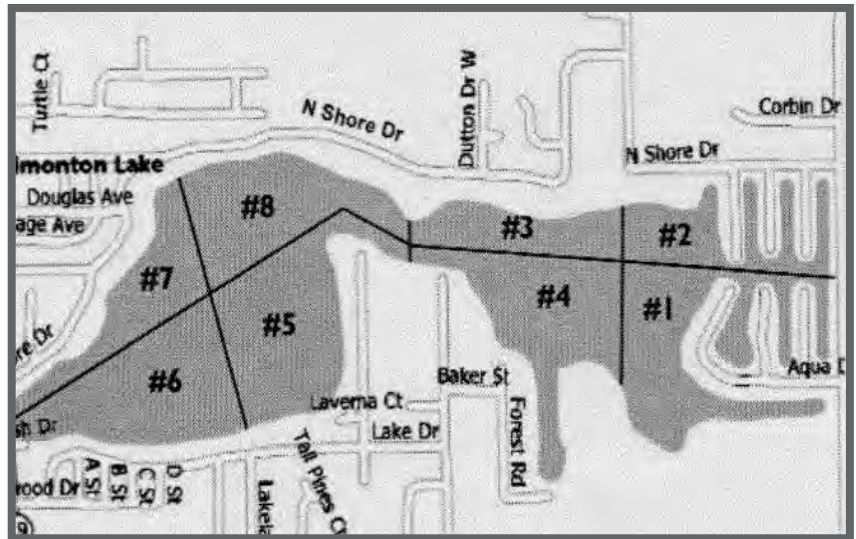
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Association Dues: Lake Association Dues are due January 1, 2020. Letters will be sent out in December. Remember that even if you are an Honorary Member, your membership counts. To represent you to the county, the DNR or the State of Indiana, we need to say that a majority of residents belong to the Association.

Check out the map below.
What area of the lake do you live in?

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BY ELKHART POLICE MERIT COMMISSION

This August Cpl. James Ballard was headed home when he heard a dispatch of a distraught person threatening suicide on Cassopolis Street near the toll road. At that point, being off duty was irrelevant to Ballard. The 22-year veteran officer with the Elkhart Police Department was the first responding officer to the scene and took charge of the situation, Chief Chris Snyder said. He talked to the male and was able to get him the help he needed over at Elkhart General Hospital. For his hard work and dedication, Ballard was commended at the Elkhart Police Merit Commission by his colleagues and superiors Monday morning.

Praising Ballard, Snyder told the commission, "I think this just goes to show a lot of different things, first of all, the importance of the take-home car policy, (James) was able to respond and make the area safe for everybody in the surrounding area as well as the person he was dealing with." "Second, to show the dedication that our police officers have," he continued. "Even though it was out of his way, it was close to where he was at and he was able to have a positive outcome for this." After the meeting, Ballard said being recognized by peers and the Merit Commission is always a "wonderful feeling." But for him, the greatest feeling is being recognized by the public. In this case, he said, the parents of the individual he helped called him personally after the accident. "They are personal friends, but I did not know the individual in distress at the time was their adult child," he said. "They thanked me for saving their child and were in the room when I was recognized by the Chief and Merit Board. That personal connection filled my heart with a lot of emotion." Speaking on his work philosophy, Ballard said, he believes his duty is to "serve each and every one of our citizens." "I believe in servant leadership 24/7 and after 22 years, I am 100 percent invested in our community," he said.



Cpl. Ballard and his wife, Mary Anne, are lake residents.

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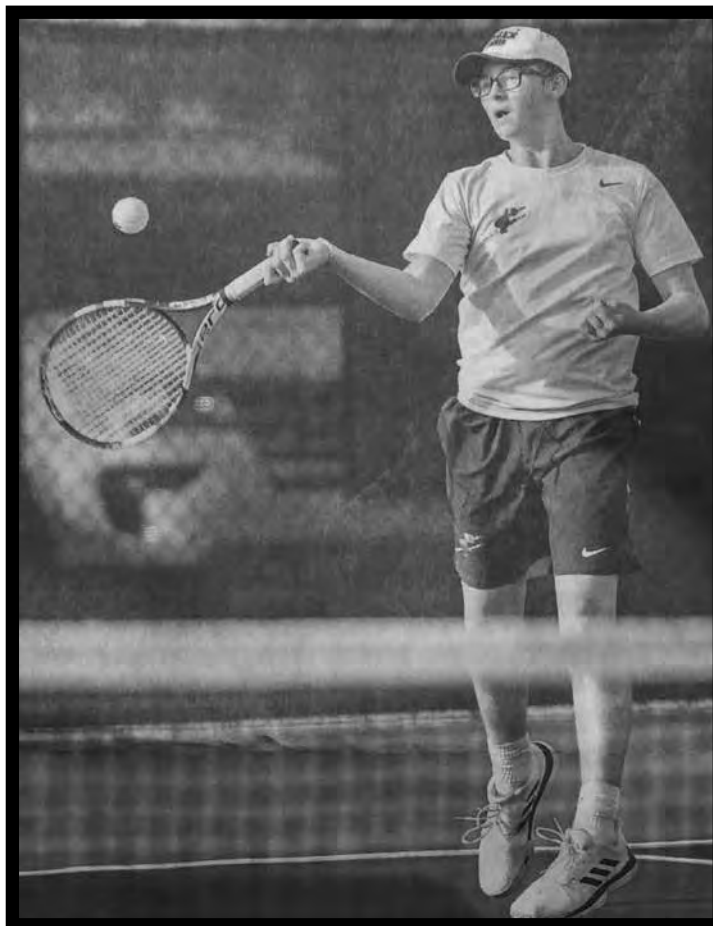
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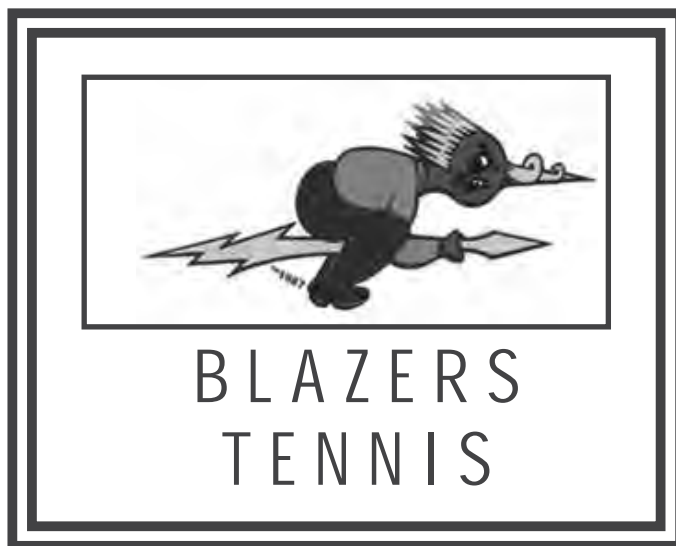


SIMONTON KIDS ARE LOCAL ATHLETES

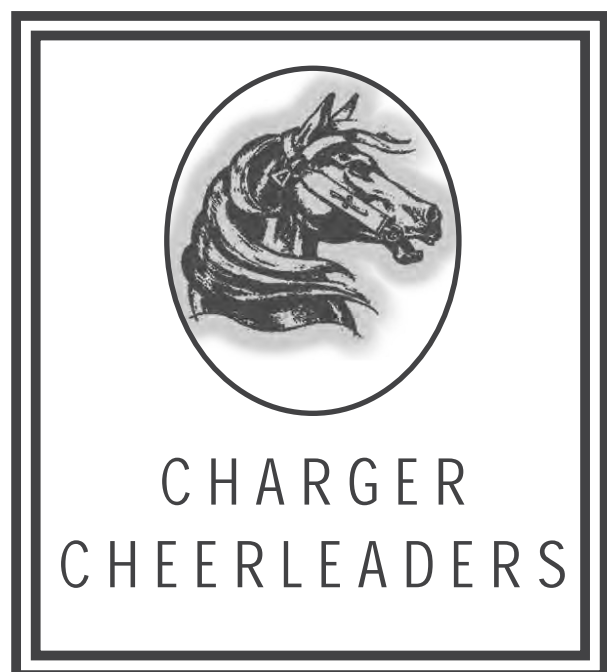
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Dan and Leanne Brekke's son, Grant playing No. 2 doubles, is shown here returning a shot against Elkhart Memorial. The **Blazers** won the match.



Maddie Boomershine, daughter of Jenny Boomershine and Emily Anderson, daughter of Jon and Kathy Anderson are both playing for the Elkhart Memorial AND they are the Co-Captains of the Varsity Squad!



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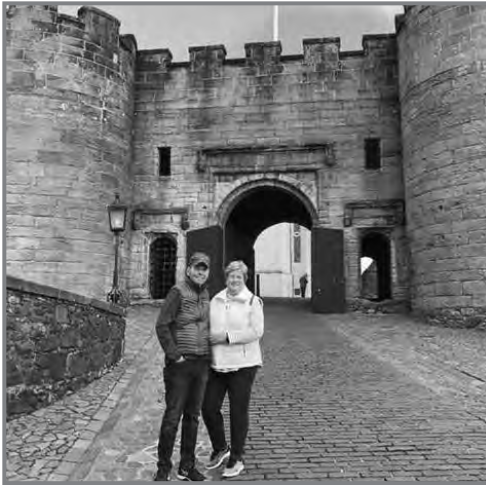
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BY DAVE FOUTZ

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*Here are the Foutz's
in Scotland*



*Here are the Macumbers at Glacier
National Park*

Newsletter Team Announces New Website Designer

Angie Peterson, owner of Mandolin Marketing, will be the new web designer for the Lake Association website. Angie is a lake area resident and creates the advertisements used in the newsletter. She is familiar with the association and the website. Welcome aboard!

Thanks so much to our own Erin Kirchner-Lucas, who designed our current website. She put many hours into making our site an informative and user-friendly website. Erin still lives locally but has taken a job in Chicago, commuting to and from the windy city every morning and night. This leaves little time for anything but work and basic living. Angie will not be undoing Erin's work. She will just be updating the information. We hope that Erin will continue to send in the beautiful pictures she takes on the lake.

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PET TAILS

SNICKERS WARD

Ken and Sue Ward keep very active with their 14-month-old Labradoodle, Snickers, who was from a litter of ten. She likes to run and catch a ball that usually bounces once in midair. Occasionally, she gets to meet up with several dogs at a local park to play and chase one another. Snickers like to run in the sprinkler as well and tries to drink from it. Rain doesn't bother her either. She hasn't tried to venture in the lake yet, but maybe next year.

She's one crazy dog but can be very lovable, especially in the evening on Sue's lap. She tells Sue when she's ready for bed by staring at her. Snickers is very good at destroying pop cans empty or full and remote controls left on the couch. To date, the count is four. Her favorite thing to eat is paper and her household name is "The Terror of Twilight". Everyone tells Sue she's just being a puppy and will be a good dog in about three years. Sue asks if there's a reform school for dogs. She's a handful but Ken and Sue love her.



Fall 2019

CRIME REPORT

In the early morning hours of Monday, September 30 Lake Drive neighbors who live near the intersection of CR 9 (Johnson Street) heard "Stop! Get on the ground!" Police cars were in the street. Kathy Stec took this photo of the damage to the garage owned by the Weldy's. Steve and Delores Wogoman report that the suspect got out of the car and ran along the road towards B Street. The suspect was then apprehended.



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Riding to Remember is a 72-mile police-escorted motorcycle ride through Elkhart County, remembering those that have gone before, honoring those that currently serve, and inspiring those who will. It is Michiana's largest and longest-running motorcycle ride honoring local heroes, according to our own Cpl. James Ballard, an Elkhart police officer and president of the law enforcement motorcycle club Blue Knights' Indiana chapter 8. Jim and his wife, Mary Anne, help organize the ride.

The ride departed from Hoosier Harley Davidson at 2:30 p.m., and participants traveled through Wakarusa, Nappanee and Goshen. A short memorial service honoring Elkhart County's fallen heroes took place at the Goshen Police Department. Motorcyclists then departed Goshen and rode through Middlebury and Bristol before returning to Hoosier Harley Davidson in Elkhart. People across the county lined the route and showed their support.

In the past the event has benefited Elkhart County Public Safety, Veteran's, Elderly, and Children's charities. This

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year, Riding to Remember will once again support an initiative to build tiny homes for the less fortunate in Elkhart County.

The City of Elkhart, Hoosier Harley Davidson, North End Cycle, Elkhart Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 52, and the Blue Knights Indiana VIII Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club are the organizers of Riding to Remember. If you would like to participate next year, go to the Riding to Remember Facebook page.

This is just one of the wonderful things Jim and Mary Anne, do for the community.

Well Done!

LAKE ASSOCIATION

Membership Drive 2020

Support the Lake Association with your Dues

S I M O N T O N L A K E SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



JOIN THE CLUB

The Sportsman's Club is always looking for new members. What a great way to meet people and have a good time and also to give back to the lake community through their various community projects.

Membership is \$25.00 per year.

Call Dave Mille3r at 574-596-4835 or
e-mail Dave at davemilr@cs.com.

FALL TURKEY SHOOT

The fall Turkey Shoot was held on Sept. 22. A good time was had by all including the volunteers.

*Jack Tucker
"guards" the guns.*



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Fall Ball and Food Drive

Nov. 9th, 6-11 p.m.

The Sportsmen's Club Annual Fall Ball & Food Drive is Saturday, November 9th, beginning at 6pm. Tickets are \$50 per couple and include a catered dinner by Chubby Trout. Drinks are included. The "Hippsonics" band will be playing music.

Non-perishable items (toiletries) and canned goods will be collected to be donated to the Osolo Township Trustee.

DAN'S FISH FRY

Nov. 1, 4:30-7

On Nov. 1st 4:30-7 the Sportsmen's Club is having a Fish Fry. This is an "all you can eat" fish and tenderloin extravaganza. Many of you will be familiar with Dan's. Their food is great! Your fish or tenderloin will be served with green beans, chips, desserts and beverages.

Presale tickets are \$11 each, Tickets are \$12 at the door. Proceeds from the fish fry will be used to put walleye into the lake.

If you'd like to purchase tickets ahead of time, contact any club member, or you can reach Dave Miller

(574) 596-4835.

The site is, of course, the Sportsmen's Club. There will also be a drive-through for pick-up orders that night.-We are working with the DNR to create a NO-WAKE Zone around the fireworks barge.

Thanks for your support. Donate to the 2019 Fireworks Today!

HARVEST CLASSIC GOLF OUTING

The Sportsmen's Club fall golf outing, the Harvest Classic, was held on October 19 at Maplecrest Country Club. Proceeds from the event went to the Osolo Township Trustee to provide Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in our area as well as the Kid's Fishing Contests.

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Daniel Hargrove from Elkhart caught this pike on an early August morning in the channels. He did not weigh or measure it prior to releasing the fish back into the lake.

Cody and Colten Newkirk, grandsons of **Dave and Carole Foutz** are assisted by their parents at the last Sportsmen's Club Fishing Contest.



Well, this fish isn't quite as big but the fishergirl is sure cute. This is **Gracie Bulmer** and her dad at the Lake Wawasee cottage of her **grandparents, Susan and Bob Todt**. Gracie caught a 15 inch bass!

GREAT CATCH!



OK, one more fish story. This is **Ron Giska** with a very nice fish caught in the channels at the end of the summer. **Randy Cooper** was the photographer.

GONE FISHIN!



This is **Tom Shultz**, brother of **Bob Shultz** of North Shore Drive, being baptized in the waters of Simonton Lake. Pretty Cool! You don't see that every day.

NEW NEIGHBORS

- ▲ **Matt & Tara Lundy**, have purchased a home on Maplewood formerly owned by Harry Shrack.
- ▲ **Billy & Leigh Dempler**, have purchased a home on Lake Drive formerly owned by the Spirito family.
- ▲ **Kevin & Laura Kreger** have purchased a home on Lake Drive near Johnson Street To all of our new neighbors.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Brud and ElDonna Thorpe welcomed another great grandchild this August! Granddaughter **Kristyn** and her

husband **Anistacio Lopez** are the parents of **Kevin Douglas**. He weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Also welcoming him into the family are older brothers **Karter** and **Adrian**.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kay (Wuchner) and Dale Marcus are announcing the engagement of Kay's granddaughter **Francesca Polizotto and Stan Najmr**. The wedding date is June 13, 2020, Kay's birthday!



FRANGER GRANDSON EXCELS AT FENCING

Mike and Nancy Franger's grandson **Max**, qualified & competed in the Fencing Nationals for Epee in Cleveland, Ohio. He also just placed 2nd at the Windy City Fencing Tournament in Chicago. He's ranked 6th in the region in Y10 Epee so far this season.



HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY TO BOB & LOU PUTNAM



GET WELL SOON

Our good friend and neighbor, **Tim Nusbaum**, has been under the weather. He was in the hospital for a while but is now home. **Phyllis Nusbaum** is his nurse. We are wishing Tim a speedy recovery.

Farewells

Toby Gacek, Jeff and Patricia Gacek's loyal pooch, has passed away. He had 14 good years.



Laura J. Brower, 79, of North Shore Drive, passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Elkhart on May 18, 1940 to the late Paul and Dorothy (Holtz) Compton. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, William "Bill" Brower; daughters,



Mary Richard "Zinny" Zinsmeister Laura Brower, (Martin) Kampars, Michaelyn Louise (Jonathan) Gordon, and Michelle Lynne Brower; sons, David William (Kelley) Elliott and Marc William Brower (Becca); 15 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; sister, Pauline Genrich; and brother, Charles (Holly) Compton. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Jeanne Marie Elliott; son, Bradley Jude Elliott; sister, Mary Lou Haney; and brother, Paul Compton.

Laura worked for many years as a waitress and as a florist, specializing in creating spectacular floral arrangements. Before she retired she worked for a special client through ADEC. She loved music and was fond of dancing. She especially loved spending time with her close friends and family. Laura was never a stranger; she was a very social person who knew just about everyone in the county. She will be missed greatly by her friends, family and neighbors.

Richard L. Zinsmeister (ZINNY), 85, former resident of Simonton Lake, passed away at his residence on Monday, September 23, 2019. He was born in Bloomington, IL to the late Lyndell and Marion F. (Schumate) Zinsmeister. He married Pamela S. (Muir) Zinsmeister on September 22, 1956, who passed away on December 5, 2018. Pamela and Richard spent 62 wonderful years together, including five additional years while they were courting. Now, they are reunited with one another again. Richard is survived by his two sons, Jeff (Shari) and John (Lisa) Zinsmeister; 5 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Richard served proudly in the United States Army and was an auxiliary police officer in Park Forest, IL for several years before becoming a full time Fire Fighter in Park Forest for over 25 years. He was also a talented custom cabinet maker and loved to ride his motorcycle with his wife, Pamela, by his side. Richard was a man of his word and was always willing to lend a helping hand to his neighbors. He always kept his promises and would go out of his way to be a good friend, neighbor, husband, father, and grandfather. Richard loved his family immensely and he will be missed greatly by them all. Richard was a member of the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club and was known as "Zinnie." He and Pam left the lake a few years ago because the house and land was just too much for them to care for. But, they loved the lake and missed living here. He was one of a kind.



Leona Skinner, 97, of Elkhart, passed away on August 11, 2019. On August 30, 1947 she married Marion Skinner & celebrated 56 years of marriage prior to his death on April 11, 2003. She was also preceded in death by a brother, 2 sisters, 1 great-grandson and many beloved friends. Leona is survived by 2 children; Stanley (Linda) Skinner and Nyla (Kevin) Bender both of Elkhart; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and a sister, Colleen Miller of Indianapolis, IN. Leona was a woman of great faith. She fervently prayed daily for each member of her family. Leona and her husband were long-time residents of Simonton Lake. She loved the lake and the wild life that she would easily watch from her windows. Stan and Linda have lived with her for several years and provided care for her in her home. She will be greatly missed.



ASKED & ANSWERED

August 2019

From: Lake Area Resident

RE: Highway Right of Way

Question: The west edge of my property is State Road 19 (Cassopolis Street). Several years ago, the state widened the road and took part of my yard away. People walk along the edge of the highway in what I think is my yard. But, my friends tell me it belongs to the state. Just how much of my yard is not really mine?

Answer: According to the Elkhart County Highway Department, there is a "right-of-way" along both sides of the roads in Elkhart County. The definition is as follows: A strip of land occupied by or dedicated to Elkhart County to be used as by a pedestrian way, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission line, oil or gas pipeline, water main, sanitary or storm sewer main, or any other public use.

In general, the State of Indiana's right of way goes up into your yard the distance of 20 feet beyond the east edge of the center lane of State Road 19. On a two lane road, measure from the center of the road.

However, in special situations such as the widening of a highway or the addition of a multi-use trail along an existing road, governments can amend this general rule.

September 2019

From: Lake Drive Resident

RE: Zoning Question

Question: Recently a business located on State Road 19 purchased a house near the intersection of Lakewood and Lake Drive. The house has been demolished but the garage has not. I think the business must be using the garage for storage. Seems like they would need a zoning variance to take a business into a residential neighborhood. Shouldn't the neighbors have gotten a letter from the county on this?

Answer: If you go to the Elkhart County Planning and Development Zoning Map online, you'll find the map below on page 24. It shows that the properties on the west side of Lake Drive from Lakewood to Simonton

Lake are Zoned B-2, General Business. The remainder of the lake outside of this area shown on page 24 is zoned R-2, which stands for Two-Family Residential. This allows for single homes and duplexes. Because the home you asked about is zoned for business, there was no need for a variance.



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Make checks out to Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association

Simonton Lake Sewer System Celebrates Twenty Years in Operation.

In September of this year the Simonton Lake Sewer System began its 20th year in operation.

Through a legal process established by the State of Indiana, the Simonton Lake Conservancy District was founded in 1995. In 1999 the proposed sewage system was installed with pipes being laid along the streets within the Conservancy District. Those persons wanting to hook on to the system purchased and installed a grinder pump outside of their homes.

Ed Hickman, Conservancy Board Member and professional engineer, gave us this description:

"At your home the sewage flows by gravity into the grinder pump. Each pump is designed to pump that waste to the wet well, at the corner of Lake & Lakewood Streets. One pipeline comes from the east and north sides of the lake and the other comes from the south side of the lake. Those two pipelines go through valves, a mixing manhole and into the wet well. Inside the wet well there are two submersible pumps that run alternately on level controls and pump at 200 GPM. There is a 1300 foot pressure main running to a manhole near Fred's Transmission on Cassopolis Street. From there the sewage goes under the toll road and to a manhole by Arby's and then behind Walmart to CR7 and on to the city for processing. In addition to the wet-well there are two Bioxide stations: one at the intersection of Bell and N. Shore Drive and one on C.R. 109 north of Lake Drive. We pay the city of Elkhart for taking our sewage."

The sewer system is overseen by the Simonton Lake Conservancy District Board. The Conservancy District is divided into five sections. There is one representative for each section on the Board. Board members serve for four year terms.

Is Everyone in the District on the Sewer System?

In Indiana conservancy districts can be set up so that residents are **required** to hook up or that residents may **opt out** of hooking up. Our system is an optional hook up. However, if you are building a new home in the district, you must hook up to the system. If you are not hooked up to the system and your field system fails, then you **must** hook up to the conservancy system.

Call Before You Dig!

At the curb at each home is a curb box. That curb box is the valve that connects the house to the main line. Once the curb box is located the homeowner should be able to tell the path of their 2 inch pipeline from their grinder pump to the curb box.

The main lines are all located in the street right of ways. Green rebar stakes have been installed about every 100 feet right over the top of the main. When a person calls 811 to get utilities marked, the Conservancy District hires a company called USIC to mark the sewer mains. Mains are then indicated with green paint and marked with green flags.

What do I do if the alarm goes off on my grinder pump?

The Conservancy Board recommends you call A & R Septic at 574-674-5779 or if electrical call, Mat's Electric at 574-320-2585.

Any other emergencies to the system:

Call C & E at 574-320-2050

You can also hear this information on SLCD voice mail at 574-206-8485

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Simonton Lake Conservancy Board Position Up for Re-Election

WHAT DOES THE CONSERVANCY DO?

Our local Conservancy is in charge of: the running and maintenance of our sewer system, improving drainage, developing forests, wildlife areas, parks and recreational facilities, preventing erosion, and the operation, maintenance and improvement for water-based recreational purposes (Dredging, Water Quality, Weed Control)

WHO IS ON OUR CONSERVANCY BOARD?

In our Conservancy we have 5 districts. The current Board members are as follows:

District 1-Paul Wilson

District 2-Ed Hickman

District 3-John Lendman

District 4-Bob Kelsey

District 5 Jane Mollo

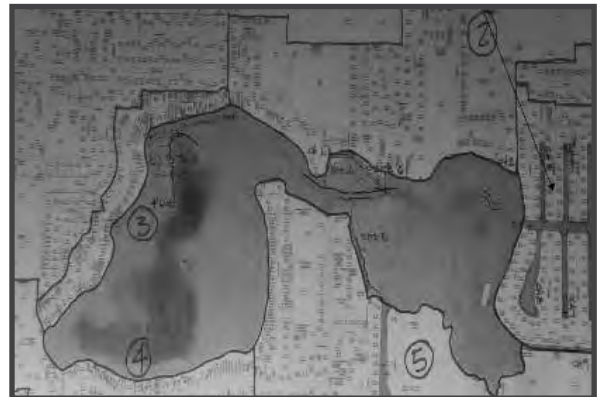
Board members serve for four-year terms. Persons who are interested in serving on the Board would be wise to attend some meetings and talk to board members to get an idea of the responsibilities and time required.

This year an election will be held for section 1. The position is currently held by Paul Wilson.

Look at the Section Map to see if you live in Section 1.

HOW TO RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE CONSERVANCY BOARD

1. In the fall call the Conservancy Office to find out if you live in Section 1. A SECTION MAP IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.
2. Using an official petition format, declare that you wish to run for a position on the Simonton Lake Conservancy Board.
3. Have five freeholders (landowners) who own land within the Simonton Lake Conservancy District sign your petition.
4. Have your petition notarized.
5. Your petition should be hand delivered or sent by registered mail to the Simonton Lake Conservancy District Office at 902 CR 6, Elkhart, Indiana 46514, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1
6. Call the Conservancy Office to make sure your petition was delivered and to confirm the site and time for the Annual Meeting.
7. You and your supporters should attend the Simonton Lake Conservancy Board's Annual Meeting on Saturday, FEB. 15, 2020. ONLY RESIDENTS OF SECTION 1 MAY VOTE.



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November Elections- If you are a resident of the Simonton Lake area, you

will not
be voting this November.

THERE ARE NO RACES AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE OR NATIONAL LEVEL FOR WHICH SIMONTON LAKE RESIDENTS WOULD VOTE. The city of Elkhart is voting for mayor and city council seats.

Lake Association dues letters will be sent out in December.

Lake Association dues is due in January. Send your dues in ASAP. **REMINDER:** Beginning in January, only Association members will get e-mailed LAKE ALERTS!

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Maria Hopman

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

To add your family birthdays and anniversaries to this list,
e-mail tkshewmaker@yahoo.com

BIRTHDAYS

11/5 ---Carole Foutz	1/5 ----Maria Hopman
-----Marie Garatoni	1/10 ---Wendy Willis
11/10--Bayleigh Sue Hovarter	1/12 ---Olivia Freshour
11/9 ---Arlie Jo Barhydt	-----Granddaughter of Theresa Maier
-----Granddaughter of Jim Ulery	1/12 ---Lillian Catherine Fix
11/14--Johanna Jade Obendorf	--Granddaughter of Margot Kessler-Rutter
Granddaughter of Dave & Tammy Obendorf	1/20 ---Gianna Marie Nickell
11/24--Camden Curtis Niederwerfer	-----Grandparents Vaughn & Cindy Nickell
-----Grandparents Curt & Wendy Willis	1/23 ---Graham Ryan Matherly
11/29 Delores Troyer	-----Grandparents Ryan & Amy Matherly
11/30--Sue Ward	1/24 ---Larry Bellamy
-----Marilyn Slock	
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	
-----Grandparents Dave and Carole Foutz	

ANNIVERSARIES

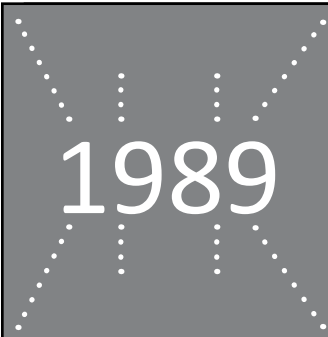
11/26-----	Jodi & Greg Ferro
12/18-----	Amy & Ryan Matherly
12/20-----	Carole & Dave Foutz
12/20-----	Phyllis & Tim Nusbaum
12/21-----	Cindy & Dov Rosenberg
1/18-----	Gina & Randy Hoff

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IT HAPPENED ON THE LAKE

_____ Celebrating their golden anniversary this year are _____
Mike and Nancy Franger.



Parachute water skiing over the lake 1989

THE GIRLS WERE BACK IN TOWN!

Returning to the lake for a mini-lake reunion were:
Cathy Erskine Becker, Denise Rogers Kilgren, Deb
Wilkinson Moore, Linda KilgrenAnderson and
Kyra Matherly Rolstad. Lake Class of 1972!



Simonton Lake

FLOTILLA.



Dredging Update from the Environment Committee

At the time this newsletter was assembled in early October dredging had commenced.

Two areas were left to be dredged this fall: Wogoman's Cove on the northwest side of Big Simonton and the ends of the channels at the east end of Little Simonton. Some residents had signed up and paid for Private Dredging to eliminate sediment build up at their docks.

Here is a progress report:

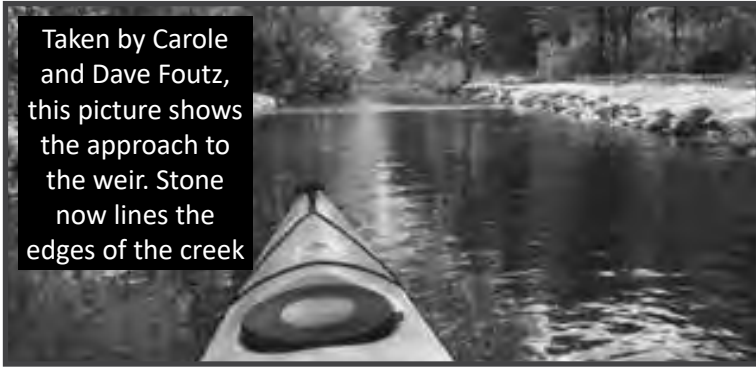
Wogoman's Cove	COMPLETE
Channels	DONE
Private Dredging	50% COMPLETE

Superior Seawalls and Docks has laid pipeline across Little Simonton and Big Simonton in preparation for this dredging. We apologize for the inconvenience. The pipeline will be removed as soon as possible.



THE WEIR OVER LILY CREEK- EST. 2016

Taken by Carole and Dave Foutz, this picture shows the approach to the weir. Stone now lines the edges of the creek



Lily Creek, located at the southeastern shoreline of Little Simonton, drains Simonton Lake. After about 20 years of negotiations with the county and the DNR, the weir was completed in the fall of 2016. This is important to the lake because it controls the lake level. The County had informed us earlier this year that the creek would be cleaned out from the weir south to the toll road. At this point this project is still in the planning stage. We are watching closely as the Elkhart County Drainage Board discusses the issue. It is important the the creek drain when the water is higher than the top of the weir, which is set at the legal lake level. If the creek is full of debris, the creek will not drain properly. Once the level of the water drops to the legal lake level, the weir keeps the water back to maintain the level of the water in our lake. year, Riding to Remember will once again support an initiative to build tiny homes for the less fortunate in Elkhart County.

The top of the weir as it breaks the surface of the water.



The City of Elkhart, Hoosier Harley Davidson, North End Cycle, Elkhart Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 52, and the Blue Knights Indiana VIII Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club are the organizers of Riding to Remember. If you would like to participate next year, go to the Riding to Remember Facebook page.

This is just one of the wonderful things Jim and Mary Anne, do for the community.

Well Done!

A weir is a water control device which regulates the level of the lake. Previously Simonton Lake had no such device. Weirs are very common on most lakes the size of Simonton. A legal lake level was established by DNR based on records of the past ten years of lake levels and the weir was constructed at that level. You can see from the pictures the weir looks like a small dam. This keeps the lake from dropping below the level of the weir. Also you will notice a wide free flowing channel has been excavated to allow lake water to quickly flow out of the lake during heavy rain episodes. There by controlling the level of the lake. But, if the creek below the weir is clogged, water will not drain well. In times of heavy rain, this mean water is backed up making the lake level too high.

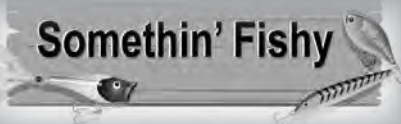
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SPORTSMAN CLUB FILLS SIMONTON LAKE WITH WALLEYE

Over 1,000 walleye were released into Simonton Lake on Friday. Nick Diciaula of Gollen Fish Farm, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, is shown moving the fish to the release tube. The released fish are anywhere from 6 to 10 inches.

Somethin' Fishy





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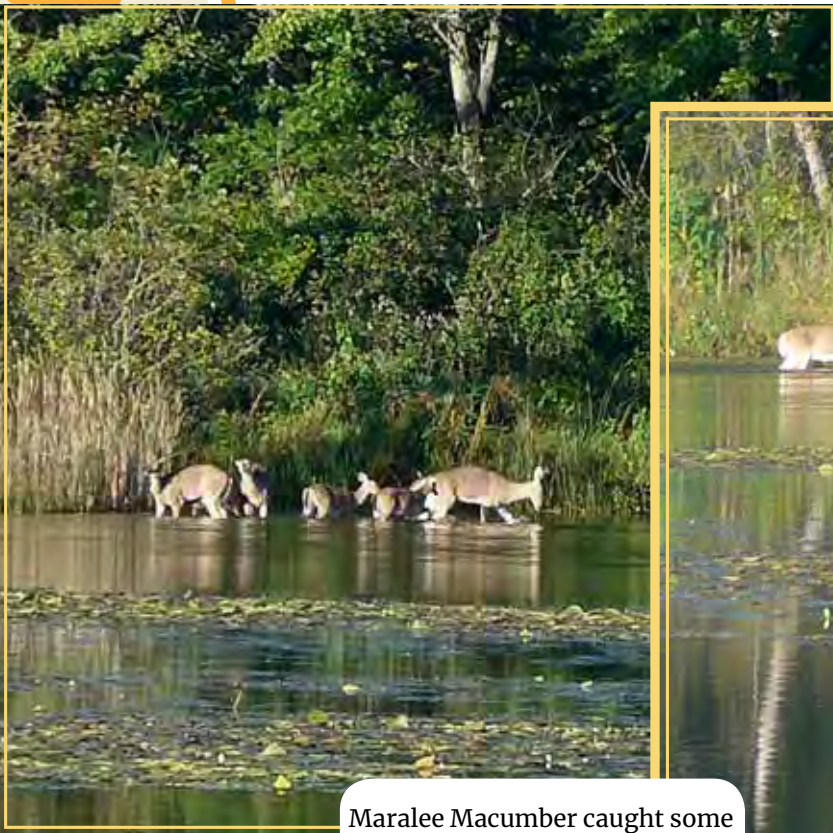
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LATE SUMMER STORM

SUMMER ROLLS INTO FALL



Maralee Macumber caught some young deer at the mouth of Lily Creek

