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Maralee Macumber



Maria Hopman



Swans sitting on a float

Maria Hopman



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Homeowners' Association, Inc.
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership:

Susie Broderick, Ken and Sue Ward

- New Neighbors
Frank and Kathy Stec
- Lake Calendar
Gina Hoff
- Garage Sale
- Memorial Day Boat Parade
- Dues
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- Ecozone
- Weir
- Water Quality Concerns

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- DNR related issues
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- Buoy Watch, report damaged
or loose buoys

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

Aug. 7

Sportsmen's Club Kid's
Fishing Contest

August

Summer Newsletter

Sept. 6

Labor Day

Sept. 18 and 19

Sportsmen's Club Turkey Shoot

Sept. 24 and 25

HOA Fall Garage Sale

Oct. 3

Sportsmen's Club Harvest
Classic Golf Outing

Oct. 16

Sportsmen's Club Casino Night

November

Fall Newsletter

HOA Lake Calendars for Sale

Nov. 6

Sportsman's Club Fall Ball
and Food Drive

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Simonton Lake Conservancy

574-206-8485

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- Sewer issues
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- Weed Control
- Public Landing
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- Hazards in the Water

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

NEW GRAPHIC DESIGNER

We have a new graphic designer, Karen Thomas, from South Bend. Thanks to Angela Black, niece of Curt and Wendy Willis, who has been our graphic designer for many years.



WEBSITE UPGRADE

We are looking into upgrading our website so that dues and calendar purchases can be made with a credit card.

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NEW EMAILS

As reported in the last issue, we are working on setting up new emails for our officers and committee chairpersons that are not tied to their personal emails. That work is still in progress.



FACEBOOK

Michelle Coleman is doing a great job running our Facebook page.

Lake Calendar 2022

For Sale in November!



A reminder that the 2022 calendar will be available for sale in November.

Be watching for new online ways to purchase. As always, your calendar will be delivered to your door.

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WE NEED YOUR PICTURES. DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Send them to Gina Hoff at gmhlifeisgood@aol.com

REMINDERS

Keep those articles and pictures coming! We are awed by the talent of our lake photographers.

Remember if you have the information for an article, just send it to us and we'll do the polishing.

If you are interested in advertising in the newsletter, contact Jon Hart at jonhart150@gmail.com

If you didn't get a newsletter, contact your "Neighborhood Representative". You can find your representatives name on the "Notes from the Board" page.

Remember to look for us on Facebook.

We have a great website. Look there for boating rules, pier rules, information on County Offices, as well as the latest lake pictures and current lake issues.
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JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

We are a fun group. Watch for notices of our regular meetings at Re-Pete's.

Lake Association President, Carole Foutz, Retires, Doug Reese Steps Up

When Carole Foutz became president of the Lake Association in 2019, she had no idea that she would stay for two years. When the pandemic hit in 2020 lots of things went on hold and so did any thoughts of changing leadership. Instead, the Board of the HOA decided to stay put and stay the course.



Carole served for many years as a Board member. During her tenure as president, Carole finished up the final business of our massive dredging project and helped us to look forward to the future.

We appreciate her dedication to the Lake Association.

Stepping into the role as president of the Lake Association is Doug Reese. Doug has served for several years as a Board member. He has high hopes for the Lake Association and wants to promote cooperation between all the different groups at the lake.



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CRIME REPORT

After many weeks with no crimes to report we had an incident during the early morning hours of July 12, 2021.

Cars left outside were broken into and a variety of items stolen. In some cases, car windows were broken to get the items inside.

Reports were made to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office. Officers were actively investigating these thefts. Detectives were looking for any video or photos of a white male that may have been dropped off by car or small SUV on or near Aqua Drive.

As of later that day the Lake Association received reports of similar incidents on Doe Meadow, Deer Run and several spots along North Shore Drive. A LAKE ALERT was sent out.

**LOCK YOUR VEHICLES! CHECK YOUR SECURITY CAMERAS TO HELP
CATCH THE THIEVES!**



Please report any incidents to us at ramatherly@gmail.com after you make a report to the County Sheriff's Office.

SAFETY REPORT

On June 9th and again on June 27th the lake was hit with high winds during storms. The Safety Committee advises that for future storms all lakeside or in-water items be marked with your last name or address. When the wind takes something to the other side of the lake, this will make return easier. Using Lake Alerts and Facebook posts we have been able to locate several items lost during summer storms this year and return them to their owners.



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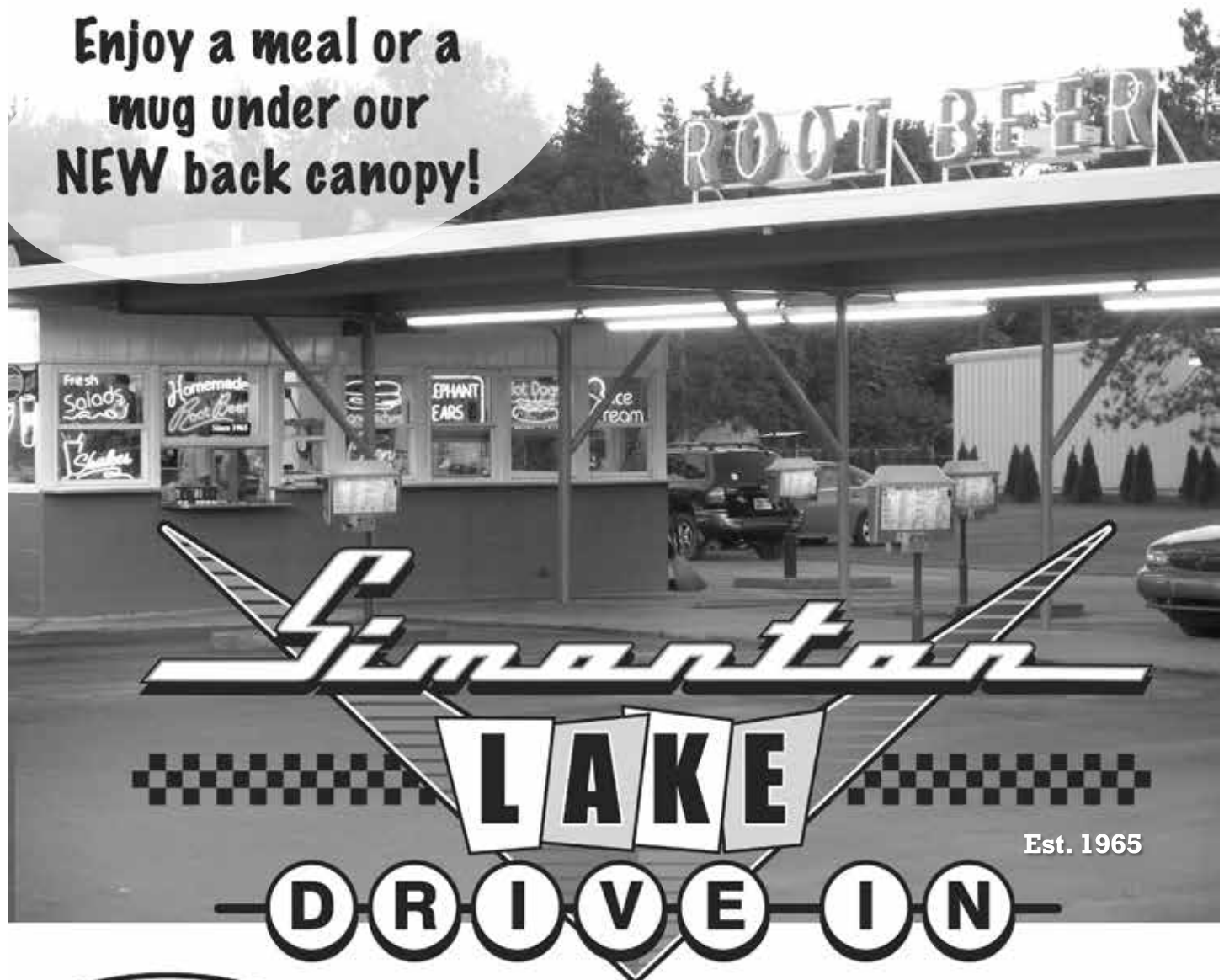


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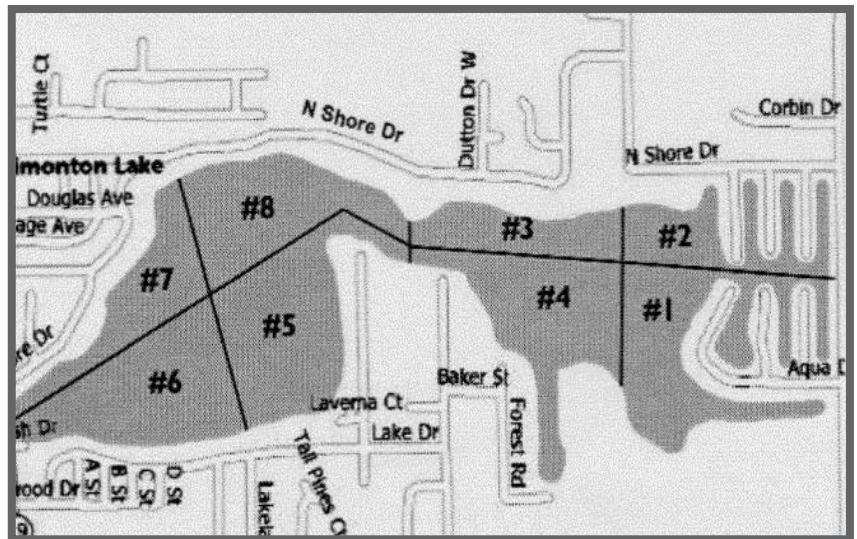
Association Dues: The membership drive for 2021 is underway. A form was mailed to you to utilize, or you can use the form at the bottom of this page. Remember that even if you are an Honorary Member and pay no money, your membership counts.

Contact your Area Rep. if you have questions about membership, volunteering, to let us know about a new neighbor or because you didn't receive your newsletter.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Your Delegates for Neighborhood Concerns

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	Theresa Maier	361-0517
Area #8	Amy Matherly	262-4773



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PHONE/HOME _____

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PARTICIPATION INTEREST IN A CURRENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairpersons
are listed in Newsletter

- [] Lake Environment
- [] Lake Safety
- [] Membership/Outreach
- [] Newsletter
- [] Website

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MEMBERSHIP/OUTREACH COMMITTEE HAS A BUSY SEASON

Susie Broderick has joined Sue and Ken Ward as a co-leader of the Membership/Outreach Committee. With some new people on the committee there are new things coming your way.

Garage Sale

On April 30 and May 1, the Lake Association Garage Sale was held and was another great success with heavy traffic to more than 50 sales around the lake.

**The FALL GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25**

Annual Meeting

For the first time in two years the Lake Association held its Annual Meeting. Pizza and salad were served for dinner followed by updates from committee chairpersons and our outgoing president, Carole Foutz. The Annual meeting is held every year in May. Try to attend next year. You'll learn a lot.



Memorial Day Taps and Parade

For the second year in a row, we celebrated Memorial Day with taps played by our own Stan Skinner and a flotilla of about 30 decorated boats.



Simonton Lake Gear Update

Custom Yeti Tumblers were offered as a first of many items yet to come. The Tumblers could be ordered using a link sent out in a "Lake Alert."

The committee is disappointed that the processing has taken so long but they are not giving up. Keep watching for more "Simonton Lake" items for sale!



LOG HOME TAKES SHAPE ON SIMONTON LAKE



One of the memories from summer 2021 is the construction of a beautiful log home by Vince and Julie Robinson. If you want to follow more closely go to the Facebook page of H and M Construction. Watching the process this spring and summer as the huge logs came in and went into place was really amazing!

Log Cabin Trivia

Built around 1638, Nothnagle Cabin, in Gibbstown, New Jersey, is the oldest log cabin in the United States.

New Interactive Map Available from DNR for Anglers

Adapted from a DNR Press Release

Habitat structure, such as bundles of Christmas trees, rock piles and wooden platforms, improves aquatic habitat for fish by creating areas for cover, nesting, and more. The structure also attracts bait fish and provides other feeding opportunities.

The new interactive map includes project lakes, structure locations, structure types, and photos of structure types. As DNR completes habitat work in the future, information will be added to the interactive map.

Learn more about the program and access the new interactive map at on [IN.gov/fishhabitat](https://www.in.gov/fishhabitat).



Check out the New DNR Reservoir Habitat Map.

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“Jim Friend” Kids Fishing Contest

Sponsored by the Simonton Lake Sportsmen’s Club

Held June `12th at the waterfront of Jack Tucker, the Sportsmen’s Club held the Kid’s Fishing Contest in honor of Jim Friend.

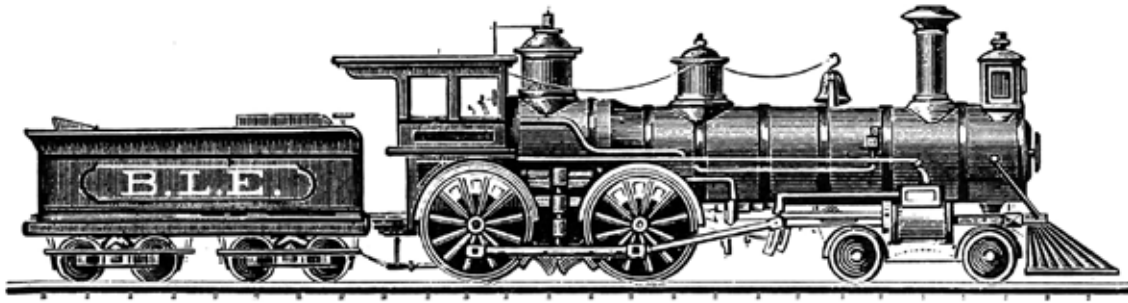


**EVERYONE
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DO I HEAR A TRAIN?

By Amy Matherly



Many times, especially in the evenings, area residents report hearing a train whistle. The nearest train tracks are miles away. To the west a railroad goes from Mishawaka through Granger and up into Michigan. Then there's the line that comes from Goshen along US 33. It turns westerly in downtown Elkhart. Finally, a line goes from Elkhart in a northeasterly fashion through Bristol.

So, why do we hear the trains? The answer is a scientific one:

If there is a thermal inversion, i.e., a cool blanket of air on the ground with warm air above it, sound can travel for miles and miles. Sound bounces off the cool/warm air interface and gets directed back to the ground instead of going up into the sky. These thermal inversions typically occur in the evening after the sun goes down. The phenomenon is known as acoustic refraction.

Remember that for your next Trivia game!



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OH! THOSE GEESE!!!

By Amy Matherly

Less than fifty years ago, the giant Canada goose was extremely rare in Indiana. But now, after efforts to save an endangered breed, Canada geese are now quite common. The law in Indiana prohibits us from harvesting geese except during hunting season or by permit.

Here on Simonton Lake, we are not advocating killing off all the geese, although I admit that after picking up a bucket of goose droppings from my lawn, I have thought about it.

Why they like us so much:

We landowners have created an ideal goose habitat. Geese feed extensively on fresh, short, green grass. Geese, including their young, also have a strong tendency to return to the same area annually. Once geese start nesting in a particular place, it is likely more geese will nest there in the future.

There are many products on the market including lights that produce light that disrupts the sleep patterns of the geese, and "fences" that can be placed at the shoreline discouraging geese from coming into a lawn. In addition, several homeowners on the lake have purchased coyote decoys. I did that and found one day that the geese were taking selfies with the plastic coyote.

The State of Indiana offers two other ideas:

OIL THE EGGS

Once there are 5 eggs in a nest a thin coating of food-grade corn oil can be applied to the eggs which prevents them from hatching. Because the female has created her quota of eggs, she will not re-nest and lay more eggs. The Indiana DNR says that egg oiling is 95 to 100% effective. The problem with this solution is that you must watch for nesting to take place and check the nests daily for eggs and apply the oil with a rag or sprayer.

GET A PERMIT TO RELOCATE THE GEESE

The other solution is to get a state permit to relocate the geese. This can be done by an HOA or an individual landowner. Across the state there are several companies who do relocation. Of course, there is a fee for this service.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP THE GEESE OFF OF OUR LAWNS?



"Away With Geese" Light



"Goose D-Fence"



Coyote Decoy




PET TAILS By Gina Hoff

MaryAnn and James Ballard purchased Inga, a 4-year-old Norwegian Forest cat from a breeder in Florida after adopting their first Norwegian Forest cat from the Elkhart County Humane Society several years ago. They fell in love with the personality of the breed. Sadly, that cat had multiple health problems and lived its last year at their house, happily on Simonton Lake.

Inga is more of a dog than a cat. She is their cat/dog as they call her. She will come when called, greets you at the door and will gladly "tell" you about her day and what happened while you were away.

If you travel by boat down the Forest Road channel, make sure you look in the window of the first house on the point on your way back out, as you might just see Inga sitting in her window perch watching the boats go by!





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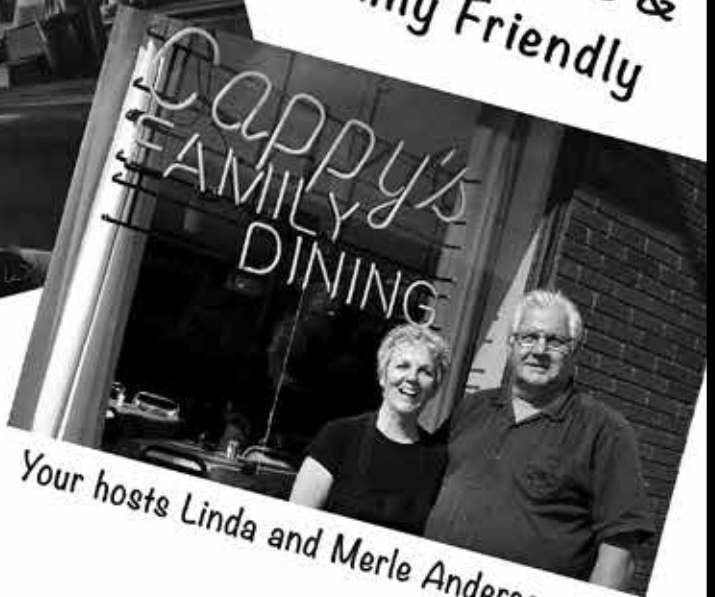
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LAKE SHORTS

The lake was well represented at the Prom this year!



Grant Brekke, son of Leanne and Dan Brekke and Whitney Judd, granddaughter of John and Peggy Milliken



Emily Anderson, daughter of John and Kathy Anderson



Maddie Boomershine, daughter of Jenny Boomershine (second from right)



Irie Roll, daughter of Nate Roll and Vinny Ambrose, son of Tammy and Steve Ambrose

Lakeside Wedding

Congratulations to Randy Cooper and Lisa Sheetz who were married on June 19th in their front yard on North Shore Drive.



Hoff Post Pandemic Family Reunion

After not seeing their grandsons during the pandemic, the Hoff boys were reunited with their grandparents. That's grandpa Randy in the middle of both photos.



Obendorf Duck Tale

Tammy and Dave Obendorf were without their boat earlier this summer as they waited for a mother duck to hatch her eggs. The duck was so comfortable in their boat that she didn't even bother to make a nest. She just laid the eggs right on the upholstery!



Bob Evans has retired from the Lake Association Board

Bob has a long history of volunteering in many ways to help make the lake a better place. He may think he's retired but we know where he lives. Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of the lake.

Great Fishing

Little Finn Shewmaker was visiting his grandparents, Terry and Kathy Shewmaker and Ryan and Amy Matherly, over the Memorial Day weekend. While trolling along the north side of Big Simonton he pulled in several nice-sized fish including the one in the picture to the right.



National Volleyball Champion

Maddie Boomershine who is headed off to Huntington University this fall to continue her education and play volleyball was a member of the team that won the USA NATIONAL JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP in Las Vegas this spring. Congratulations!

New Neighbors

- **Charlotte and Kelly Custer** are building a home on the north end of Forest Road.
- **Cindy Hahn** has bought a home on North Shore Drive. She will move in this August.
- **Lesa Hershberger**, a former resident of Simonton Lake, is returning to her old neighborhood on North Shore Drive. We are so glad to have her back.
- **Cami and Ab Salee** have bought property on North Shore Drive. Cami is the daughter of Bill and Susie Broderick.
- **Becky and Tim Leis** are new neighbors on Sail Bay,
- **Deb Davis** joins the lake community on Woodsedge.

Leaving the Lake

- **Cindy and Dov Rosenberg** and **Sally Coy** have sold their home on North Shore Drive. Cindy and Sally are sisters of Amy Matherly.
- **Martha Molebash** has sold her side-by-side homes on North Shore Drive.



Kilgren

A new Kilgren at the lake is Little Deklan Kilgren, son of Chad and Oday. Deklan is a real cutie.

Nickell Granddaughter Has Successful Tennis Season

Taylin Cress, daughter of Tim and Kelly Cress and granddaughter of Vaughn and Cindy Nickell, had a perfect season at Northridge High School at the #2 doubles position with her partner Morgan Mack. Taylin and Morgan finished their regular season undefeated. The Northridge girls had an outstanding season winning NLC, Sectionals & Regionals which advanced them to Semi-State where their season came to an end with a loss to Ft. Wayne Homestead. Taylin will be attending Indiana University this Fall and pursuing a degree in Nursing. *Go Hoosiers!*



Talbot Baby an Anniversary Gift

Rachel and Walt Talbot celebrated their 10th anniversary with a new baby, Ethan Barrett Talbot.

Harts have a New Grandson

Jon and Connie Hart have a new grandson, Aiden James Hart, born on May 11th in Troy Michigan, and weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. Proud parents are Austin & Megan Hart. Big sister Emma is really proud of her new little brother too!



Ginny and Larry Bellamy

Ginny Bellamy, shown here with her husband, Larry, was our Lake Association Secretary since 2008. She retired in 2019. What dedication!

Farewells

Hanna Rose

Mrs. Hannah Yvonne Rose, 77, of Elkhart, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 10, 2021. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 13, 1943, and married Myron D. Rose on August 27, 1960, in Elkhart. He survives at home after 60 wonderful years together. Also surviving are her sons **John R. (Stephanie)** and David J. (Lorene Faus) Rose, both of Elkhart.

Hannah wore a lot of hats over the years, but the one that gained her the most appreciation was that of mother, homemaker, and beloved wife. She loved spending time with her family and celebrated any excuse to have everyone together. Over the years, she also worked at the SR 19 Ponderosa in Elkhart with (yes) her entire family cooking, cleaning, and serving at her side, as well as working as a receptionist for Dr. Boling over the years.

She was a prolific volunteer and enjoyed helping others in any way she could. She spent many hours at local nursing facilities, but her most loved avocation was with Aux Chandelles (French for "Into the Light"), an Elkhart based extension of ADEC and CAPS, which assisted local mentally challenged youth to prepare for life experiences and sustainable career paths. She worked with Aux Chandelles for many years, becoming a beloved, recognizable face to the students and a published author as well on teaching techniques for the mentally challenged.

When she wasn't helping others, she enjoyed travelling, especially to Panama City, Tucson, and Sedona. She also loved to read, do freehand watercolor painting and visit museum and zoos. She was also an avid animal lover and attended Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorial donations in Hannah's name be made to the Center for Hospice Care in Elkhart, or to any children's hospital, such as Shriner's, Riley's, or St. Jude's.



Hanna Rose

Mike Ronzone

Michael J. Ronzone, 69, of Elkhart, died on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. He was born January 5, 1952, in Elkhart to the late Paschal N. "Patsy" and Rose E. (Borrelli) Ronzone.

On June 30, 1973, Mike married **Beth Hanna** in Elkhart. She survives along with three daughters; Emily (Phil) Gerber, Laura (Jamie) Tucker and Hannah (Carmel) Salinas all of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Payton Gerber, Patrick Tucker, Ty Gerber, and Katie Tucker; a sister, Mary Lu (Sam) Brumbaugh of Waka-rusa; two brothers, Joe Ronzone and Thomas (Darlene) Ronzone, both of Elkhart; and a brother-in-law, **Bill J. Hanna** of Elkhart.

Mike graduated from Elkhart High School and Southwestern Michigan College with a bachelor's degree in business. He was employed as a baker at Ronzone's Bakery and later with Volcano Pizza prior to his retirement. Michael also attended St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. In his free time, Mike enjoyed working in his yard and feeding the birds.

Memorial contributions in memory of Michael may be made to Cancer Resources of Elkhart County 23971 US 33 Elkhart.



Mike Ronzone

Ralph Inabnit

Former lake resident, Dr. Ralph Inabnit Jr., 76, passed away on December 11, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Beth (Katona) Inabnit of Granger, IN. He is also survived by two children, Brent (Lisa) Inabnit of Granger, IN and Melinda (James) Higginson of Osceola.



Ralph Inabnit



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ASKED & ANSWERED

June 2021

Question: I am a new resident of Simonton Lake and live on a channel. My channel is full of these small green mats. I have raked out scores of these mats from the water in front of my home. Is this normal? What is this?

Answer: For those of us who live at the lake these green mats or filamentous algae, also referred to as lake moss, are a yearly occurrence in the late spring or early summer.

SOME ALGAE IS GOOD FOR THE LAKE

Filamentous algae are colonies of microscopic plants that link together to form threads or mesh-like filaments. These primitive plants normally grow on the surface of rocks or objects under the water, but they can break loose and form floating mats. Filamentous algae are eaten by gadwall, lesser scaup, channel catfish and other organisms. They support aquatic insects, snails, and scuds (amphipods), which are important foods for fishes, ducks, amphibians and other organisms.

CAUSE OF TOO MUCH ALGAE

The cause of too much algae is an overabundance of nutrients, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, in the water. The biggest contributor of phosphorus in the lake is soil runoff.

Algae is not all bad. We don't want to wipe it out altogether. It is important to the ecology of the lake unless it gets to a point of overwhelming the entire lake which would harm water quality, food resources and habitats, and decrease the oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive.

This is why the Lake Association pays so much attention to water quality and invasive weed control. Everything in the lake ecology needs to be in balance.

Bottom line: It will go away. As a new resident we want to warn you up front that in August when the good weeds in the lake grow tall and are cut off by propellers those weeds will float up. It's just part of life at the lake.

Get Ready for the SIMONTON LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

Fall GARAGE SALE

Friday, Sept. 24 & Saturday, Sept. 25

- An ad in the Elkhart Truth will be paid for by the Lake Association
- Signs will be placed at major crossroads.

**GET YOUR YARD SIGN OUT AND
SELL! SELL! SELL!**

New Emergency Vet Clinic in Mishawaka

In our last issue we reported that the closest emergency vet clinic to Simonton Lake was closing. Now a new vet clinic has opened.

Here is that information:

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WHY BURN YOUR LEAVES WHEN YOU CAN HAVE THEM TAKEN AWAY FOR FREE?

Three years ago, the Elkhart County Commissioners started an Elkhart County Leaf Collection Competition. With \$50,000 to be divided among the top teams based on pounds of leaves collected, the competition was fierce. Over the 12-week competition period, 218 tons of leaves were collected. Thirteen teams shared the prize money.

If you are interested in having your leaves taken away FOR FREE,
we urge you to contact the contestant:
SmokelessLeafs at wylycoyote86@gmail.com

OTHER ALTERNATIVES:

- Leaves can be dropped off at the Elkhart County Landfill for no cost. The landfill is at 59530 County Road 7 South of Elkhart.
- If you have a compost pile or bin, leaves can be added.
- Placing leaves in your garden in the fall will bring you enriched garden soil come spring.

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM A NEIGHBOR'S FIRE:

- Talk to your neighbor.
- If necessary, call the Elkhart County Police and let them know you are having trouble breathing because of a fire in the neighborhood.

If you must burn, be sure to follow the Elkhart County burning ordinance: Fires must be attended during burning until completely extinguished.

- A fire must be extinguished at any time if it creates a:
 - Pollution problem
 - Threat to public health
 - Nuisance
 - Fire hazard
- Burning may not be conducted during high winds, temperature inversions, air stagnation, or when a pollution alert or air quality action day has been declared.
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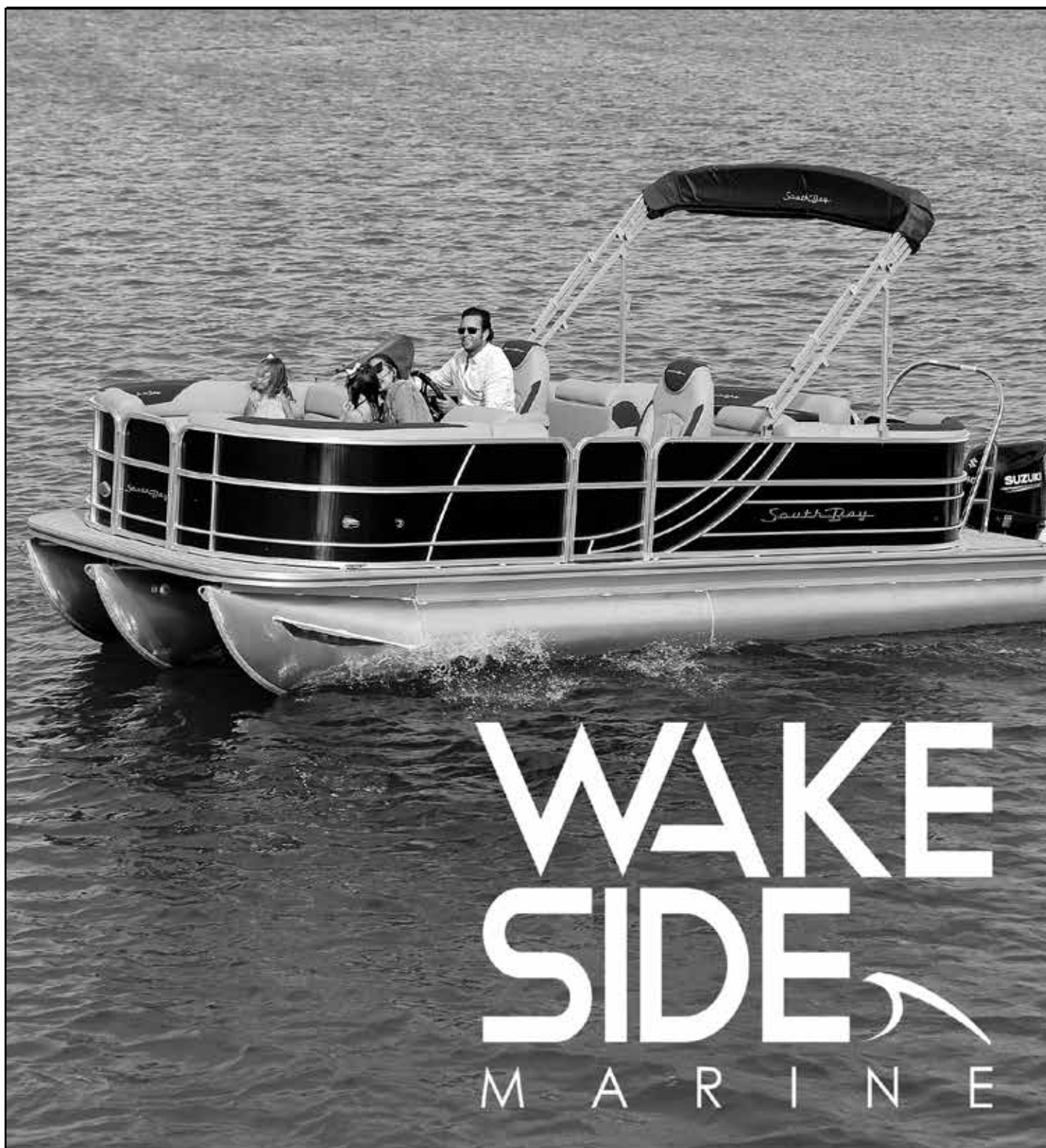
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FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DNR recommends removal of feeders and bird baths statewide

Adapted from a DNR press release

After receiving reports of sick and dying birds, DNR recommends Indiana residents cease feeding all birds statewide. Bird feeders, bird baths, and other sources that encourage the congregation of wild birds should be taken down or discontinued. Feeders and baths should be cleaned with 10% bleach solution and stored until more information is available.

REPORTING SICK BIRDS

Residents who find birds with eye or head swelling, crusty discharge around the eyes, and/or neurological signs (e.g., tremors, stumbling, weakness, lethargy) should submit the sighting to on.IN.gov/sickwildlife. Biologists are actively tracking reports, and samples have been submitted to

the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. No definitive cause of death has been identified at this time.

BACKGROUND

- In late May, DNR started receiving reports of sick and dying songbirds from Monroe County with neurological signs, eye swelling, and crusty discharge around the eyes.
- Reports of sick and dying birds now include 50 counties, including Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, and St. Joe.
- The following species are principally affected: blue jay, American robin, common grackle, starling, northern cardinal, brown-headed cowbird.

- DNR staff have collected samples and submitted them to the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Final laboratory diagnostic results are pending – the cause or transmission is currently unknown and still under investigation.
- All birds have tested negative for avian influenza and West Nile virus.
- As the investigation continues, the DNR recommends all Hoosiers remove their birdfeeders, including those for hummingbirds, statewide.

***NOTE:** Several local residents have reported dead birds on their property. This is affecting birds in the Simonton Lake area!*

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2021 Sportsmen's Club Events

August 7
Sportsmen's Club Kid's
Fishing Contest

Sept. 18 and 19
Sportsmen's Club Turkey
Shoot

October 3
Simonton Lake Harvest
Classic

October 16
Casino Night

November 6
Fall Ball and Food Drive

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JIM FRIEND FISHING CONTEST



The June 12 Jim Friend Fishing Contest was a great success.
Just look at this young man for proof.

*Thanks to everyone who worked to make the Fireworks and the
Poker Run both great successes. A special thanks to Dave and Stacy Miller,
Randy and Carlene Miller, Joe Arredondo and Ed Jones for putting the
fireworks barges in place. Thanks to all the volunteers who cleaned up
Evan's Island, and set up and worked the Poker Run.*

JOIN THE CLUB

Founded in 1983 the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club is entering its 38th year. Over the years the club has sponsored many events highlighted by our 4th of July fireworks and done countless public service projects. In addition, they have a lot of fun together. This might be the place for you. If you are interested, see the information below:

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EMILY ANDERSON WINS CATHERINE WOLF AWARD

Our own Emily Anderson was honored this May as the winner of the Catherine Wolf Award for Female Athlete of the year for Elkhart High School.

This award has been presented since 1979 which was after the high school split. Memorial would send one nominee and Central would do the same. Past honorees for the female athlete of the year include Olympic swimmer Lindsey Benko. Emily is the first winner from Elkhart High School.

Emily played volleyball and ran track. She has a GPA of 4.0 and will attend IU Bloomington in the fall. She was ranked number one in her class. Both her volleyball coach, Jacquie Rost and her track coach, Adam Homo, say she is one of the hardest workers they've ever coached.

In volleyball she was a defensive specialist totally 1325 digs and was a three-time All-Conference selection as well as an Academic All-State selection last fall.

In 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the track season was canceled. But, the loss of the season, she says, may have prepared her even more for this one. The video of Emily running the anchor leg of the 4 x 100 relay at the state meet is a thrill. That girl is FAST!



Emily was a three-time All-Conference selection in volleyball



Emily running the anchor leg of the 400 relay during the Warsaw Girls Track Sectional

Congratulations also to her parents, Jon and Kathy

Invasive Weeds

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Grows to form mat on water surface.

Spread by cuttings that sink and root.

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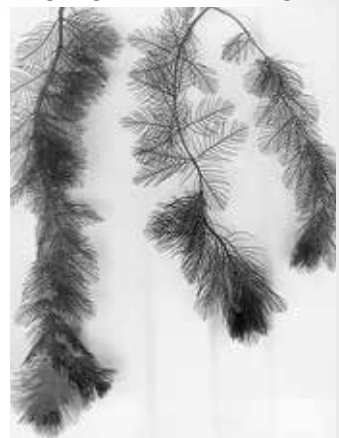
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BIRTHDAYS

8/1 ---- Ethan Delp
8/3 ---- Mary K. Mooi
Nadia Polizotto
Chad Broderick
8/4 ---- Ginny Bellamy
8/5 ---- Jaxon Patrick Kern
8/9 ---- Buck Ulery
8/12 --- Levi Scott
Grandson of Don & Barb Rospopo
8/17 --- Graham Byrns
Grandson of Laura Byrns
8/19 --- Cindy Nickell
Amy Matherly
8/22 --- Gina Hoff
8/23 --- Henry William Saleh
Grandparents Bill & Susie Broderick
8/24 --- Sloan Cooper
Grandparents Randy & Wendy Cooper
8/26 --- Erin Hoffman Harding
8/30 --- Blake Walters
Raelynn Lane
Granddaughter of Laura Byrns
8/31 --- Adam Moore
Grandson of Theresa Maier
9/3 ---- Diane Marlow
Tim Nusbaum
9/12 --- Lincoln McIntire
Grandson of Cam & Sue Snyder,
Brad & Pam McIntire
9/8 ---- Lois Sellers
Shelly West
9/11 --- Tim Taylor
Stacey Miller
9/14 --- Wyatt Samuel Skipper
Grandson of Bufford & Becky Skipper
10/3 --- Kiera Broderick
10/5 --- Kyan Joseph Wilson
Grandparents Paul & Linda Wilson
10/19-- Erica Byrns
10/24-- Louisa Saleh Granddaughter of
Bill & Susie Broderick
10/25-- Ken Ward
10/26-- Morrie DeGeyter
10/29-- Ab Saleh
Son-in-law of Bill & Susie Broderick
10/31-- Bob Putnam

ANNIVERSARIES

8/8 ---- Shelly & Dan West
8/10 Victoria & Tim Taylor
8/13 --- Kay & Dale Marcus
8/17 --- Kiera & Sean Broderick
8/18 --- Sue & Ron Taylor
8/19 --- Barb & Don Rospopo
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9/1 ---- Connie & Jon Hart
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9/3 ---- Becky & Bufford Skipper
9/10 --- Pat & John Brown
9/12 --- Cami & Ab Saleh
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