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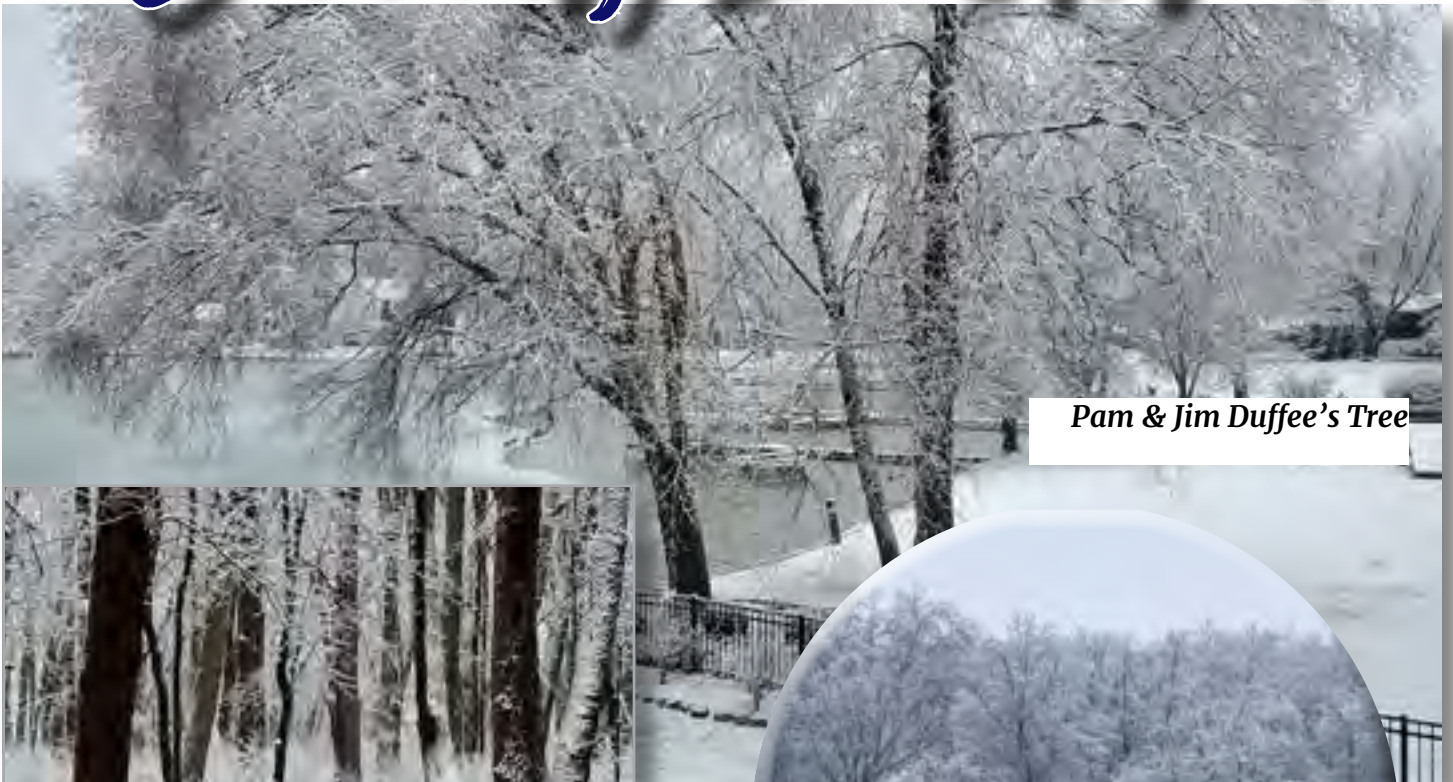
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# January Ice Storm



**Pam & Jim Duffee's Tree**



**Hoff's Woods**

*Submitted by: Gina Hoff*



**Eco Zone**

*Submitted by: Bob Evans*



**Chuck Vetter's Woods**

*Submitted by: Maria Hopman*

# INFORMATION & EVENTS

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- Buoy watch
- Hazards in the water
- 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.*

## SIMONTON

Winter 2021 Edition

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## EVENTS ON THE LAKE

**January** Lake Association Membership Drive 2021

**February** Winter Issue of "Simonton Says"  
**February 13** Conservancy Annual Meeting

**March 19** "Leprechaun Leap" at Re-Pete's

**April 10** Articles and photos due for Spring issue of "Simonton Says"

**April 4** Easter

**April 30, May 1** Spring Garage Sale

**May** Spring Newsletter

**May 8** Postal Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger"

**May 20** Lake Assoc. Annual Meeting

**Sunday, May 30,** Memorial Day Boat Parade

**JULY 3** POKER RUN AND FIREWORKS!

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

**Simonton Lake Conservancy**

574-206-8485

902 CR 6, Elkhart, IN. 46514

Hours M-F 8:30-4:30

**Contact the Conservancy for:**

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# *Support the Lake Association* *with your* **2021 Dues**

Our annual Membership Drive begins each January. It is our goal to bring our membership to 100%. We can do good things together. Get your 2021 dues in today!

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- ▶ Residents over the age of 79 are Honorary.

Your dues support the newsletter, website, Lake Alerts and other safety programs, New Neighbor program, Annual All-Lake Garage Sale, water quality, 4th of July Fireworks and so much more.

*Dues reminders have been mailed. If you misplace your membership form, use the form at the bottom of the "Notes from the Board" page. The Lake Association address is listed at the bottom.*

**Remember, even if you are an honorary member and pay no dues, send in a completed form. Your membership counts!**

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

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# NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

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By Amy Matherly, Chairperson

## Newsletter Committee Thanks Ron Taylor

**F**or the past 13 years, Ron Taylor has delivered the “Simonton Says” quarterly magazine to his neighbors on Lake Street, as well as A, B, C, and D Street. He has decided to step away from this volunteer position this winter. We thank him for all his years of service.

*Ron & His Family*



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## Simonton Lake Photo Submitted to Indiana DNR Magazine

The photo below taken by Maria Hopman has been submitted to the Indiana DNR “Outdoor Indiana” staff for consideration for their next issue. The “Outdoor Indiana” staff includes two photographers. However, they do encourage people across the state to submit pictures for consideration and pick just one of those for each issue.



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- Need to see a past issue of “Simonton Says”?  
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- Sign up for Lake Alert Emails at [ramatherly@gmail.com](mailto:ramatherly@gmail.com)

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PICTURES**

# CRIME REPORT

**Dec. 1, 2020**

During the week of December 1st city and county police were seen at the intersections south of Lake Drive early in the morning. It was reported that at least one car was stolen as it was left in the driveway to warm up. One suspect was captured. The Elkhart County Sheriff's Office reminds us if we warm up our cars, lock the doors. Don't make it easy for someone to drive off with your nice warm car.

**Dec. 7, 2020**

The man pictured here was reported as going door to door in the Lake Drive area attempting to scam residents.

He has a criminal history in Kosciusko County and most recently was arrested for parole violation in St. Joseph County.



**Dec. 8, 2020**

On Monday, December 8 about 7PM, a resident of the 25000 block of North Shore Drive encountered an older black 2 door Chevrolet with a loud muffler. The driver with a trim beard, in his mid-20's was driving slowly passed his house. When the driver saw the resident, he drove several houses to the east, braked, turned around and slowly passed the resident in his driveway. As the resident got into his truck, the driver slowly passed a third time and braked again to the east of the resident's home. Then the driver turned around again and proceeded to follow the resident down Bell Avenue at a distance.

The resident called the County Sheriff and relayed what had happened.

**Dec. 12, 2020**

I & M reported phone scams across the United States. I & M customers are receiving calls from scammers who falsely identify themselves as I & M employees. The scammer claims the customer is late paying their bill, and their power will be disconnected if the customer does not pay immediately. Some scammers then direct customers to call another number to arrange payment. Other scammers seek credit card or banking information. Still other scammers direct customers to buy a debit card and provide the debit card number. I & M said its employees never call customers demanding immediate payment. I and M does not disconnect service without prior written warning. Many lake residents have reported they have received these calls. If you get a call like this, hang up and contact I and M at 800-311-4634.



## DANGER ON DARK WINTER MORNINGS AND EVENING

**FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**T**his winter as you run or walk along our streets in the dark mornings or late afternoons, **don't** assume drivers can see you.

### HERE ARE SOME TIPS:

Wear a reflective vest. Also available are: reflective belts, reflective shoe clips and reflective headbands, reflective strips for clothing, bikes and hats.

If you are walking your dog, collar lights are available.

Walk facing traffic so you can react quickly.

Take your cell phone.

Keep your head up, looking for hazards 10-15 feet in front of you.

Avoid distractions that can cause you to lose focus.

As you drive on dark mornings or late afternoons, remember that walkers and runners are sharing the roadway. If there is deep snow, even the berms may be unavailable to them.

# WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT! BEWARE OF THIN ICE!

*These safety reminders come to us from the Indiana DNR*

## Ice Safety Guidelines

<b>10 Inches of Ice</b> NEEDED TO SUPPORT A MEDIUM WEIGHT TRUCK	
<b>8 Inches of Ice</b> NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A CAR OR LIGHT WEIGHT TRUCK	
<b>5 Inches of Ice</b> NEEDED FOR SNOWMOBILING	
<b>4 Inches of Ice</b> NEEDED FOR SAFE ICE FISHING	
<b>1 Inch of Ice</b> STAY OFF OF ICE	

1. Drill your own test hole near shore. Your test hole, should show at least a four-inch thickness of clear ice like you get from your freezer.

2. Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.

3. Be Aware of various ice strength and qualities. One area of a lake may be a foot thick while another spot of ice may only be an inch thick.

4. Ice Strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honey-combed ice, slush-ice or ice with current under it is also dangerous. New ice is almost always stronger than old ice. Wind, waterfowl and beavers can also keep areas of ice thin.

5. Indiana law limits ice fishing holes to a diameter of twelve inches.

6. Fishing shanties must have reflectors on each side so snowmobiles won't crash into them at dusk or during snowstorms.

**Photo by Dan and Nancee Estes**

**I**f you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice, do not venture out after it. The ice may be able to support the pet or animal, but not you.

Instead, contact local emergency response personnel, who are trained and equipped to make rescues on thin ice.





# SIMONTON NOTES FROM THE BOARD

**Association Dues: The membership drive for 2021 has begun. A form will be mailed to you. 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 get your newsletter.

## Your Delegates for Neighborhood Concerns

<b>Area #1</b>	Van Kessler	262-1685
<b>Area #2</b>	Ann & Jerry Broderick	264-1331
	Ken & Sue Ward	596-2020
<b>Area #3</b>	Maria Hopman	262-1665
<b>Area #4</b>	Jon Hart	262-1404
	Randy Hoff	596-8885
<b>Area #5</b>	Bob Meyers	675-0970
	Cindy Nickell	262-3105
<b>Area #6</b>	Melissa Price	849-9995
<b>Area #7</b>	Dave VanZile	264-5201
	Theresa Maier	361-0517
<b>Area #8</b>	Amy Matherly	262-4773



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				SL PRESERVATION TRUST DONATION	\$
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Please mail your completed form & check made out to SLAHA to: <b><i>Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc</i></b> <b><i>PO Box 1706 Elkhart, IN 46515-1706</i></b> MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES AUTOMATED LAKE ALERTS VIA EMAIL. <i>If you are interested in being a SLAHA Board Member, please contact a current board member listed in the newsletter.</i>					





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	<b>Simonton Lake Location</b>

October to December 2020

# ELKHART COUNTY ZONING APPEALS UPDATES

## October Meeting– Northside Aquatics a business on Lake Drive Gets 2-year Extension

The application of Lisa L. (Delp) Weinley for a Special Use Permit Renewal on Northside Aquatics located on the northwest corner of Lake Dr. & CR 109, was presented at the OCTOBER 15, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

- **26 neighboring property owners notified by the Zoning Appeals Board of this request.**
- **There were no remonstrators present at the meeting**
- **The business first received approval of their request in 2018 for a two-year period**
- **Mrs. Weinleys comments were as follows:**
  - They plan to rent or purchase a building for their business, but they cannot afford it at this time.
  - The business works with a full-time DNR officer to ensure they follow all local rules/guidelines.
  - They work to prevent foreign fish from being introduced into the lake.
  - They operate as a fish rescue.
  - Customers do not park on the road.
  - Parking is available off the road, and their operation does not cause any traffic problems.
  - They have one semi that delivers to the property periodically, but all other deliveries are from straight trucks.
- **The board stressed this operation is in a residential area that is not appropriate for a business use.**
- **One letter in remonstrance was read.**
- **Several board members suggested a 2-year time limit for the permit.**
- **A complaint about outside storage of fish tanks was brought up by a board member.** Mrs. Weinley explained they receive fish tanks of various sizes for trade-ins that they clean outside before moving them inside. She stressed they do not store tanks outside.
- **A two-year extension of the special use permit was approved.**

November Meeting– Nothing local to Report

December Meeting– Nothing local to Report

## ANNUAL

### LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Friday, April 30

Saturday, May 1

### SEND US YOUR PICTURES

We are already collecting photographs for the 2022 Calendar.

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# NO DREDGING AT GOSHEN DAM POND

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Several years ago, when the Lake Association decided to take on the dredging of our lake, the residents of Goshen Dam Pond took on a similar project in their pond.

Goshen Dam Pond is part of the Elkhart River south of Goshen. The river becomes a pond because of a dam across the river on the north end of the pond. If you ever use the bridge on Kercher Road (C.R. 38) just west of State Road 15, you are passing over the south end of the area that is the pond.

Because a river has a current and because of erosion on the banks of the Elkhart River upstream of this area, sediment has collected in the pond restricting access and boating activities.

As with the project on Simonton Lake there were studies required, permits needed and funding required. While Simonton Lake was able to find complete funding for our project, Pond residents did not, even with help from the City of Goshen and the County.

While Simonton Lake sought donations from residents and grants from corporations, the Elkhart County Foundation, the DNR and Elkhart County, the residents of the pond took a different route and created an Economic Improvement District about 5 years ago. This EID allowed them to charge monthly fees from each resident. A legal agreement involving the Elkhart County Board of Directors, the City of Goshen and the residents of the pond was entered.

Supporters of the Pond Dredging Project got a permit from the state as we did at Simonton Lake. They raised part of the money. But the cost of the project remained out of reach, even after the area to be dredged was scaled back from 34 acres of the 140-acre pond to just six acres where a maximum of 24,600 cubic yards of sediment would be removed. In contrast the Simonton Lake project removed over 55,000 cubic yards of sediment.

Because the project stalled, the County and City consider it dead. The County had earmarked \$325,000 but had only spent a fraction of that money. The Stormwater Board in 2019 voted to contribute \$10,000 towards a study to see if dredging the pond would help with flood control and relieve the city of Goshen from their frequent spring flooding. If flood control would be a benefit of dredging, additional funds would be available. The result of that study was that the dam that holds back the waters is a spillway, not a dam with a gate. Therefore, the pond could not hold back water from downstream unless the dam was rebuilt.

While there remain areas of our lake that need to be dredged, we are fortunate to have had leaders who through hundreds of volunteer hours brought our project to a successful end.

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# Bald Eagles No Longer on Endangered List

By Carol Kugler, Herald-Times, Bloomington, Indiana

The bald eagle, once nearly wiped off the map in Indiana, can now be found across the state. In fact, there are so many bald eagles in Indiana that recently the state Natural Resources Commission removed the bald eagle from Indiana's list of state endangered and special concern species. While bald eagles are a native Indiana species, the last eagle nest found in the state was in 1897 until restoration efforts brought the raptors back.

Across the U.S. bald eagle numbers continued to decline into the 1960's even though Congress passed a Protection Act in 1940. Habitat loss as well as pesticides including DDT kept the bird's numbers in decline.

The first major step in reintroducing bald eagles in the state was a project at Lake Monroe. Bald eagle nests in Wisconsin and Alaska that had three chicks had one chick removed and relocated to Lake Monroe. In all 73 eagle chicks were raised and released at the lake. When they reached adulthood (4-5 years old) most of the birds returned to the general area. Some of those original bald eagles still return to Lake Monroe.

Each year since 1991 there have been more and more nests discovered by the Division of Fish and Wildlife who took annual surveys of the birds. Currently there are a documented more than 300 bald eagle nests in Indiana in 84 counties. The DNR no longer does yearly surveys.

Even though bald eagles are no longer on the Federal or State Endangered Species list, that does not mean the birds are no longer protected. Both Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles are protected by Federal Law.

Allyson-Marie Gillet, state bird biologist, says people often tell her they have spotted a golden eagle, when in fact, what they saw was a young bald eagle that has not developed the white head and tail. The biggest difference in appearance between bald and golden eagles is that golden eagle adults have golden feathers on the back of their necks. Also, bald eagles have bare legs, while golden eagles have feathers that extend all the way to their feet. While bald eagles are native to Indiana, golden eagles spotted in our skies are most likely eagles that have hatched out west and have come to Indiana to explore.

There have been at least two reported sightings this year of bald eagles on the lake. It would be interesting to find out where they are nesting.



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# BOB PUTNAM FLIES OVER THE LAKE

BY AMY MATHERLY

Two of the most interesting people on the lake are Bob and Lou Putnam. I sat down with them a couple of months ago to talk about Lou's birthday present to Bob, a flight over Simonton Lake.

Last summer many of us saw a World War II, 2-seater Bi-Plane fly over the lake. Little did we know that the passenger was "Birthday Boy" Bob Putnam. It was a perfect day when Bob met Chuck Marshall at the hanger. Chuck, a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, took Bob over Simonton Lake, Eagle Lake and Diamond Lake for a 45-minute flight of a lifetime. He treated him to a "touch and go" at the Pilot's Club and a "crop duster" maneuver.

Bob's got a better stomach than I do. He loved the adventure and advises others to try it.

Bob and Lou go to Florida for the winter, but they don't just sit on the beach. They take all three of their dogs with them. While in Florida they work with "Southeastern Guide Dogs" based in Palmetto, Florida. For those traveling to Florida with dogs, Bob and Lou say that LaQuinta motels will take dogs. They like the LaQuinta Motels in Macon, Georgia and the one in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



Bob says if you are interested in working with dogs in Indiana the Indiana Canine Learning Center near Ideal Beach is a good place to go. Lou keeps busy making masks and ear-savers for our frontline health workers. She also makes "Knitted Knockers" for persons who have had mastectomies.

Bob is a veteran and has a special place in his heart for those who have served in the Armed Forces. He and neighbor and fellow veteran, Bob Evans, do a pinning ceremony, for veterans. One of the last ceremonies they performed was for Jim Friend. This special ceremony is a way to honor veterans and let them know that we will never forget their service.



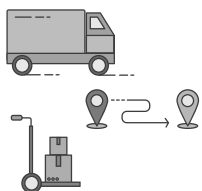
## Memorial Day Boat Parade

Sunday, May 23,

1:00

Rain date Monday, May 24, 1:00

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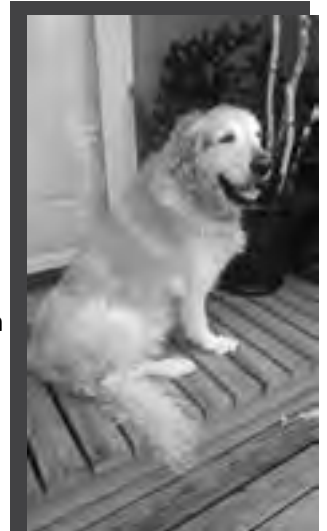
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## **PET TAILS**

BY CONNIE HART

Our Dog Daisy has been with us 12 years, through thick or thin and several window screens. You see, Daisy doesn't like being left at home alone. Whenever we went to one of the neighbors, wanting to join us in the fun, she helped herself thru any open window by popping out and destroying the screen. Not wanting to replace any more screens, we had to resort to driving away from the house - then returning to the neighborhood so she wouldn't know. We also have had to lock the sliding doors whenever we wanted to go out in the boat without her otherwise, she would open the doors with her nose and wander to the end of the channel waiting for us as she sat on the pier.



Daisy is now allowed to go wherever we go and enjoys time with the neighbors. She isn't allowed on the furniture but was allowed on my bed and spent many nights with me. But arthritis has set in and she isn't able to get on the bed anymore. Instead, she sleeps next to the bed on the floor.

Daisy loves going for pontoon rides with us and goes for walks with me down the street. Sometimes not all the way, since it is a dead-end road and she knows that I will be turning around and coming back, so she saves the steps. Daisy loves the grandkids and greets them enthusiastically. She loves to be cuddled by them or in the case of our 3-year-old granddaughter, loves to be crawled over and on. She still has her favorite stuffed toy that she received when we first brought her home, although its gone through several repairs.

Since she loves to be in the water and because it takes a while for her to dry, she'll get her summer buzz haircut in April. For the most part Daisy is a good dog, but after having to replace so many window screens early on, my husband, Jon isn't her biggest fan. But I love her dearly and I think she feels the same about me since she always must be by my side. Daisy is our fourth Golden Retriever and as the previous three she never seemed to want to retrieve anything.

# Lake Shorts

**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 us at [rmatherly@gmail.com](mailto:rmatherly@gmail.com)



**From Von Law via Linnie Hilde.** Jon Law had a flock of flamingos visit him for his birthday. Von Law asked me to submit this for her:

John Law's daughter and granddaughter parked a flock of flamingos in his yard on Thanksgiving Day to help him celebrate his birthday! Of course, they did not get to stay long, as John was concerned about the quantity of flamingo poop! Thanks to Linnie Hilde for getting us this information.

## *New Baby*

**Delores Troyer and Steve Wogoman** have a new granddaughter born three weeks early on September 18, 2020. Her name is Dylan Ann VonGunten. Even though she came a bit early, she weighed in at 6 lb., 3 oz.



## *New Neighbors*

- **Jennifer and Jeremy Walters** have bought a home on Blue Ribbon previously owned by Tom Regney.
- **Christian Hmura** has bought a home on North Shore Drive previously owned by Roby Robison.
- **Danny and Renee Cocanower** have purchased a home at 25614 North Shore Drive.

- **Byron and Aimee Moore** bought the home formerly owned by the Gaceks at 25856 North Shore Drive.

- **Keith and Gianina Chard** have purchased a home on Forest Road formerly owned by the Grabers.

To all of our new neighbors  
*Welcome to the Lake*

## *Leaving the Lake*

- **Jeff and Patty Gacek**, going full time to Florida.
- **John Leary and Kim Palos** have left the lake.

## *Just Married*

**Sally Lindsey and Tom Shultz** have been friends for many years. Sally was in Tom's wedding when he married his wife. Tom stood up for Sally's husband at her wedding. Each of them lost their spouse. They were friends. That friendship grew. Sally's mother Henrietta Wenger lived in a house on North Shore for many decades. After "the Hen" died, Sally inherited the house. Both Sally and Tom had homes in Elkhart. Tom had experience in the home building industry. Last Summer Sally and Tom were married. Then they each sold their homes and tore the old house down at the lake. And with Tom's expertise, they built a new home for the two of them and their family members to enjoy. Here's to second chapters in life. Congratulations!



## *Look at the Fish*

This picture was taken by Maria Hopman on October 10. We don't have the name of the fisherman, but the bass measured in at 20 inches!



**Gia Theresa Matherly**, back row second from left, was a cheerleader for the Mud Socks Elementary Football League in Fishers Indiana last fall. She was voted the outstanding cheerleader. Her grandparents, **Ryan and Amy Matherly**, are very proud. They just wish the colors for the team she cheered for weren't black and gold.





## The Beavers Are Back



**Kay Wuchner Marcos** submitted this picture of her family reunion last summer. She let them take off their masks for the picture so we could see their smiling faces. Oh, how we all wish we could get together again! Maybe next summer with no masks.



**Maddie Boomershine**, daughter of **Jenny Boomershine** was named one of the Kiwanis Fall Outstanding Athletes at Elkhart High School. That's Maddie on the left. She was an outstanding setter for Jackie Rost's varsity squad for two years.



Here is **Maddie**, her mom **Jenny**, her grandparents, **Gary** and **Sharon Martin** and her aunt **Courtney**.



**Margo Rutter** submitted this picture of her daughter, **Katie Rutter Fix** with her kids. Katie is a former emergency room nurse in Arizona. Thanks to all of you who are frontline caregivers during the COVID pandemic.



## Farewells

**Jim Friend, Simonton Lake's Best Friend**

**James B. Friend**, age 86 passed away Sunday, November 22, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with ALS.



Jim was a member of the Local 292 Iron Workers Union for over 65 years, 10 of those years he taught Iron worker apprentice at IUSB. He retired from Sollitt Construction. He was a member of the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club, where he received the Sportsmen of the Year Award SEVEN times, helped stock the lake with walleye and most important

taught his grandchildren how to fish. He was founder and chairman of Children's Fishing Club. He impacted several people's lives. He was a friend to all, always thinking of others. He was a member of Bristol United Methodist Church and graduated from Elkhart Community Schools May of 2017.

He was born May 4, 1934 in Elkhart to Charles and Mary Friend. On May 7, 1977 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Elkhart, he married **Jane A. Ellingwood** who survives along with 5 children: Cindy L. (Joseph Thomas) Collins of Union, MI, **Linda S. (Eugene) Jimison** of Simonton Lake, Gary V. (Denise) Cromer of Upland, IN, Lora L. (David) Slaughter of Bowling Green, KY and Donna J. (Colin) Kelly of Marion, IN, 11 grandchildren, Shawn (Kimmey) Collins, Jamie (Eric) Kirklin, Leah (Michael) Runyon, Stephanie (Brandon) Sisley, Ashley (Luke) Recker, Jason Cromer, Maggin (Jason) Lahr, Sam (Lynde) Rick, Jacey Slaughter, James (Shawna) Lambert II and Toni (Josh) Smith; 30 great-grandchildren, Landri Collins, Joseph D. Collins, Payton Collins, Trey (Alexa) Collins, Kaija Kirklin, Eric Kirklin, Ekeyuia Wilson, Zakaria Kirklin, LaOvriana Kirklin, Icily Cromer, Dylon Hargis, Anna Hargis, Emmy Hargis, Alex Knappenberger, James Lambert III, Capri Lambert, Aiden Lambert, Sera Noe, Brooklyn Noe, Carter Smith, Jaxon Smith, Reese Smith, Avery Runyon, Finley Runyon, Ellis Runyon, Nolan Sisley, Marisa Sisley, Ahnalise Recker, Noella Recker and Emmett Recker; 11 great-great-grandchildren Silas Cromer, Aubrey Millsap, Kehlani Millsap, Layla Collins, Jeremiah Collins, Zander Collins, Bryson Mitchell, Taylor Coons, Ryder Rich, Halie Starks and Hanna Starks. He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Olivia Sisley, his siblings, Robert Friend, Charles Friend, Edward Friend, Patty Hargrove, Harriett Fisher and Marjorie Gordon.

Due to COVID all services were held privately. In memory of Jim the family asks that donations to Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club, Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center, Attn: Voluntary Services, 1481 West 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or Bristol United Methodist Church, 201 South Division Street, Bristol, IN 46507. Memories of Jim may be emailed to his wife, Jane at [jafriend4@gmail.com](mailto:jafriend4@gmail.com)

All of us at the lake who knew him, loved him. He loved this lake and he worked tirelessly for the health of this lake every day. While he cannot ever be replaced, we can use Jim's dedication as an inspiration. Our hearts go out to Jane, Lin and Gene and the rest of the Friend family.

**Janet M. Cress**, 74, of Dunedin, FL and formerly of Elkhart, IN, died Thursday December 3, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She was born July 7, 1946 in Mishawaka, IN to Kenneth L. and Virginia A. (Kaiser) Zeiger.

On May 24, 1969 she married Richard K. Cress. He preceded her in death on May 12, 2011. Also preceding her in death was a stepson Paul R. Cress, and a sister-in-law Jan Zeiger. Surviving are her children, Dawn M. Cress of Syracuse,



IN, **Timothy J. (Kelly Nickell) Cress** of Goshen, IN; 2 stepchildren, Pam E. Wilson of Belleview, FL, Patrick T. Cress of Ocala, FL and a daughter-in-law Dr. Susan Cress of South Bend, IN. Additional survivors include 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 2 siblings, Barbara (William) Kelsick of Mishawaka, IN and James (Carolyn) Zeiger of Columbus, IN. Janet graduated in 1964 from Elkhart High School. She married Richard Cress in 1969 in Mishawaka, IN. Soon after the wedding, work took them to Jacksonville, Florida where Tim and Dawn were born. In 1978, the family moved to Spring, Texas. Ultimately Richard and Janet ended up back home in Indiana to be near family. Janet had a knack of making new friends wherever she went. She loved her job at Jackson Manufacturing as well as Chandler Elementary where she was loved by staff and students alike.

Janet was always up for making people laugh. She was loved by all that knew her with her quirky sense of humor and contagious smile. For the last several years, she was living her best life in Dunedin, FL with Ray Michaud and friends enjoying social events, golf cart rides and playing cards and games. She was well-versed in baking and sewing and shared her passion for those activities with her granddaughters. Janet was an avid Cubs fan and watched all the games. She also had a Tupperware collection that would put Martha Stewart to shame. Janet loved her family, and her family adored her. She will be missed dearly.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or to the American Leukemia Association.

**Robert J. Morris, Jr.**, 88, died Friday, Dec. 4, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Jan. 12, 1932, in Decatur, Illinois to Robert J. Sr. and Margaret L. (Ross) Morris. On June 6, 1952, he married Jean Nelson in Springfield, Illinois. She died Aug. 6, 2015. He later married **Betty Jo (Kinnison) Gawthrop Morris** Oct. 8, 2016.



She survives, along with his children, R. Thomas (Sandi) Morris, Bristol, Debora (Reid) Heinekamp, Sugar Grove, Illinois, Charles (Teresa) Morris Sr., Elkhart and Sandra Jean (David) Gould, Rockford, Michigan; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Nancy Anne Walker, Arizona.

Mr. Morris graduated from Decatur High School, Decatur, Illinois, in 1950 and received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1957.

Following his military service, Robert earned a master's degree from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia in 1962. As a research chemist he earned seven patents and had 13 research papers published in professional technical journals. He furthered his education at Harvard Business School, receiving an advanced management program degree in 1972.

His interests then led him on a new career path, moving his family to Middlebury as vice president of engineering at Coachmen and later as president of Coachmen Homes.

As an entrepreneur, Mr. Morris was founder and president of Medallion Plastics from 1976-1993, a family business operating in Middlebury and Elkhart. He served as a member on several boards of directors. After retirement he began focusing on his true passion in fine art photography, opening his own gallery, publishing several books, and receiving several national awards. Robert was a member of First United Methodist Church, Goshen, where he served in leadership positions. A celebration of Robert's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts in his honor may be directed to the First United Methodist Church Primetimers.

**Carol M. Wakeman Anglemyer**, 90, Goshen, died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa. She was born Dec. 20, 1929, in Argos, to Owen E. Singrey and Dollie Marie (Steinbarger) Singrey. On Aug. 27, 1950, she married Willis "Bill" Wakeman. He died May 7, 1995. Then on Aug. 23, 1997, she married Glen Lamar Anglemyer.



Surviving are her husband, Glen, Goshen; children, **Dennis (Gina) Wakeman** of Simon-

ton Lake, Victoria (Gary) Norrod, Rebecca Barnes, Teresa (Paul) Szobody; two stepchildren, Glen (Kay) Anglemyer Jr, Elkhart, Kent (Diane) Anglemyer, Wakarusa; 32 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Carol graduated from Bourbon High School in 1949, attended Bethel College and graduated from IUSB with an associate degree. She was an office manager at Mid-City Supply, restaurant manager, McNess Distributor, tax preparer and owned Carol's Professional Tax Service until age 85. Carol was a member of Beulah Missionary Church for many years.

**Susan Kroh Myrick** passed away on Friday, October 16, 2020. She was born on November 15, 1930 to Charles Weaver Kroh (known as Jim) and Lucy (Freeman) Kroh. She was the fourth of seven children:



Susan grew up in Syracuse. She had fond memories of playing outside with the neighbor children as well as her brothers and sisters and swimming at Lake Wawasee at the home of her grandparents. Susan was an excellent swimmer.

Susan's father was a partner in the Thornburg Drug Stores and she worked behind the counter in the soda fountain during the summers. She graduated from Syracuse High School in 1948 where she had been president of her class for three of the four years of high school and was the base drummer for the Syracuse High School Band.

After graduation Susan attended MacMurray College. Susan married Marshall E. Coy, son of Zella and Chauncey Coy, on July 6, 1951 in a ceremony at the home of her parents. They had two children: **Amy Coy Matherly** and **Sarah (Sally) Ann Coy**. Marshall died suddenly and unexpectedly on January 27, 1960.

In 1961 Susan met Carl Myrick, originally from Fairmount, Illinois. They were married in December of 1961. Susan and Carl had one daughter, **Cynthia Myrick Rosenberg**. Carl died in 2016.

Susan was active in her children's education and was a room mother on numerous occasions and a member of the local PTA. She served two terms as the Turkey Creek Township Assessor, a job she loved. Susan was always involved in her community. She served on the Cemetery Board, the Kosciusko Property Tax Appeal Board, attended Town Council meetings, helped care for local parks, supported the local schools was an active member of St. Andrew's United Methodist church and was a member and past officer of the American Legion Auxiliary Wawasee Post 223. For decades she was the precinct committee person for Precinct 3 in Turkey Creek Township. During that time, she had a 98% voter turnout rate, the highest voter turnout rate of any precinct in the State of Indiana. The Indiana Republican Party presented her with an award for her years of excellent service.

In retirement Susan enjoyed traveling and being part of the lives of her grandchildren: Benjamin Ryan Matherly, Kelly Matherly Shewmaker, Andrew Jacob Rosenberg and Molly Margaret Rosenberg. She found great delight as well in being a great grandmother to Gia Theresa Matherly, Eulah June Shewmaker, Graham Ryan Matherly and Finley Alan Shewmaker. She was very fond of her sons-in-law **Ryan Matherly** and **Dov Rosenberg**.

Of all her accomplishments and awards, and all her community service to the Town of Syracuse and the State of Indiana, she counted her family as her greatest joy.

A service for Susan will be held on July 17 at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse. A gathering of family and friends will follow at Oakwood Resort on Lake Wawasee. Memorial donations can be made to the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum at 1013 North Long Drive, Syracuse, Indiana 46567. Donations in Susan's name can also be made online at [syracusemuseum.org](http://syracusemuseum.org).

# ASKED & ANSWERED

**November 2020**

**From:** Simonton Lake Resident  
**RE:** Burning my Old Couch

**Question:** I have an old couch that really needs to go, can I burn this couch in my burn pile?

**ANSWER:** According to the Elkhart County Burning regulations, NO! **Just because we can burn leaves in the county does not mean we can burn at will whatever we want.** First try sitting it at the road for a day. It might get picked up. If that does not work and you are trying to avoid a fee for disposing the couch, strip your couch of the upholstery placing it into trash bags. Then deconstruct the frame. Place the bags into your trash a bag or two at a time.

If you decide to go ahead with burning, you might get away with it. Then again, a neighbor who does not like the smoke could turn you in.

**January 2021**

**From:** Simonton Lake Resident  
**RE:** 4th of July Fireworks

**Question:** Will there be fireworks over the lake this year?

**ANSWER:** According to Dave Miller, Sportsmen's Club President, the Club has committed to doing the fireworks show this summer.

**THE DATE FOR THE FIREWORKS AND THE POKER RUN IS SATURDAY, JULY 3!!**

With many of the Club's events cancelled because of COVID, donations are more important than ever! Donate via your Lake Association membership card or mail in a donation to Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club, 25845 Lake Drive Elkhart, IN 46514

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Membership is \$25.00 per year. Call Dave Miller at 574-596-4835 or e-mail Dave at [davemilr@cs.com](mailto:davemilr@cs.com).

On November 21, members of the Club worked a food drive at the local Martin's Supermarket for the Osolo EMS. Shoppers simply shopped for the food drive as they did their own shopping. At least 25 families benefited. Thanks guys!



## 2021 Officers

**David Miller, President,  
Jason Ringle, Vice President,  
Randy Miller, Secretary,  
Scott Stephan, Treasurer,  
Jack Tucker, Sergeant of Arms.**

**Board Members: Randy Cooper, Dale (bubba) Swihart, Bob Evans, Bill Leighton, and Tom Krueger.**

## CLUB SADDENED AT LOSS OF JIM FRIEND

On November 22, 2020, the Sportsmen's Club and all of Simonton Lake lost a great man. Jim was a charter member of the Sportsmen's Club and won the annual Sportsman of the Year Award many times. He was instrumental in all our activities and programs especially the Kids Fishing Contests. The Club has decided to name the Fishing Contests after him. Rest in peace, job well done! Jim received his last award from President Dave Miller.



## Walleye Project Continues

Once again, the Sportsmen's Club has committed to stock the lake with Walleye. This year 1000 walleye will be placed in our waters.

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## REMINDERS

If you are going south this winter, call the Elkhart County Sheriff's office. They'll do occasional patrols around your home.

Lake Association Membership Drive for 2021 has begun. Watch for the mailing or use the form in this issue.

## 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KEEP IN YOUR CAR'S EMERGENCY KIT

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- Jumper cables
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- First-aid kit
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- LED flashers

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

To add your family birthdays and anniversaries to this list,  
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### *Birthdays*

2/2 ---- Cami Broderick Saleh  
 2/5 ---- Ron Glick  
 2/6 ---- Edward Kramer  
 2/10 -- Mike Lucchese  
 2/12 -- Bob Shultz  
 2/17 -- Sue Johnson  
 2/18 -- Kathy Shewmaker  
 2/19 -- Janie Friend  
 2/20 -- Bob Evans  
 2/23 -- Terry Shewmaker  
 2/25 -- Vaughn Nickell  
 2/28 -- Randy Weinley  
 3/2 ---- Dan West  
 3/3 ---- Jody Divjak  
 3/20 -- Cody Kalil and Colton Jesse  
 Newkirk Grandparents Dave & Carole Foutz  
 3/20 -- Karen Glick  
 3/26 -- Eulah June Shewmaker  
 Grandparents Ryan & Amy Matherly,  
 Terry & Kathy Shewmaker  
 3/27 -- Bill Broderick  
 4/2 ---- Ryan Matherly  
 4/3 ---- Dave Adams  
 4/5 ---- Cassandra Ulery  
 4/8 ---- Shirley Adams  
 4/14 -- Ryan Harding  
 4/19 -- Finley Alan Shewmaker  
 Grandparents Ryan & Amy Matherly,  
 Terry & Kathy Shewmaker  
 4/20 -- Sean Broderick  
 4/24 -- Preston Thomas Ryan  
 Grandparents Tim & Phyllis Nusbaum  
 4/26 -- Heidi Polizotto  
 4/28 -- Michael Thomas Fix  
 Son of Katy Rutter & Ryan Fix;

Grandparents Margot & Tom Rutter  
 Susan Banks  
 4/30 -- Grant Brekke  
 Nick Coleman

### *Anniversaries*

2/6 ---- Ken & Sue Ward  
 2/19 -- Don & Carol Bradshaw  
 4/4 ---- Karen & Ron Glick  
 4/14 -- Lonnie & Cari Waggoner  
 4/26 -- Glenna & Doug Nickell  
 4/30 -- Bob & Bobbi Meyers

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## What's for Sale at the Lake?

- If you are looking for a house or land at Simonton Lake the inventory is very limited, or so says Zillow, January 2021
- The home owned by Tom Regney at 51154 Blue Ribbon Lane has sold.
- A lot with an address of 51055 Twilight Drive is now off of the market.
- Ed and Gina Kramer's home at 26043 Lake Drive has an offer pending.
- Roby Robinson's home at 51310 N. Shore Dr. sold in August
- The home formerly owned by Brent Stettler at 51264 N. Shore Drive is off the market
- The home at 25614 North Shore Drive has been sold.



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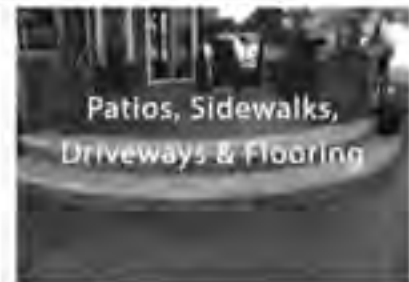
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