

# Simonton Says...

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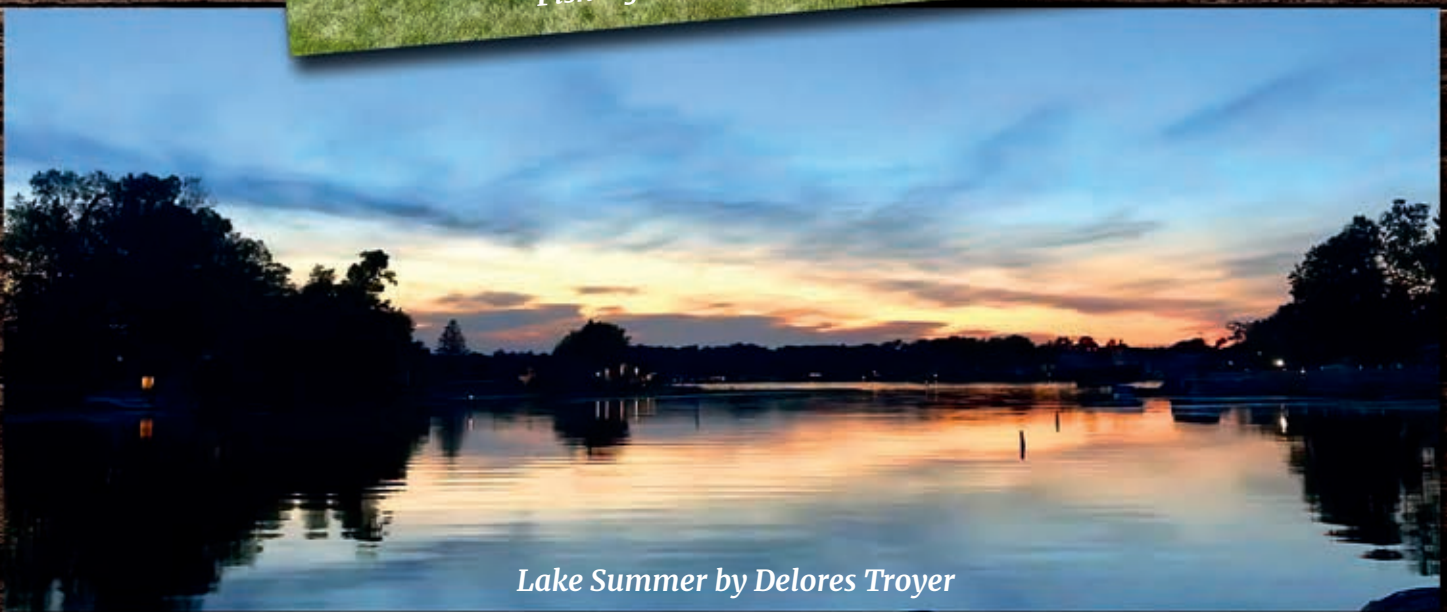


# SUMMER SCENES

*It was a Sandbar Summer! Labor Day 2021*



*Fishing Contest August 2021*



*Lake Summer by Delores Troyer*



# INFORMATION & EVENTS

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## ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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370-2266

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25369 Vernon Crossing

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Simonton Lake Area  
Homeowners' Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1706  
Elkhart, IN 46515-1706

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Membership:

Susie Broderick, Sue Ward

- New Neighbors  
Frank and Kathy Stec
- Lake Calendar  
Gina Hoff
- Garage Sale
- Memorial Day Boat Parade
- Dues  
Van Kessler

### Communication:

Amy Matherly

- To become an advertiser  
contact Jon Hart at  
[jkhadman@comcast.net](mailto:jkhadman@comcast.net)
- To sign up for Lake Alerts:  
[ramatherly@gmail.com](mailto:ramatherly@gmail.com)

### Environment:

- Ecozone
- Weir
- Water Quality Concerns

### Safety:

- DNR related issues
- "Liason to E.C. Sheriff"  
Chris Toles,  
[cmt6061@comcast.com](mailto:cmt6061@comcast.com)
- 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

### Sept. 30

Lake Calendar picture  
submission deadline

### November

Fall Newsletter

### November

HOA Lake Calendars for sale

### Nov. 6

Sportsman's Club Fall Ball  
and Food Drive

### December/January

HOA Membership Drive 2002

### February

Winter issue of "Simonton Says"

### February

Conservancy Elections

### May 6 and 7

Spring Garage Sale

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

### Simonton Lake Conservancy

574-206-8485

902 CR 6, Elkhart, IN 46514

### Contact the Conservancy for:

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

### DNR

District Office 574-457-8092

Pier Rules 317-234-1097

Or 317-234-1063

Find us on   
**SIMONTONLAKEHOA**

### Sheriff Elkhart County

(574) 533-4151

### EMERGENCIES-CALL 911

Osolo Township Fire Dept.

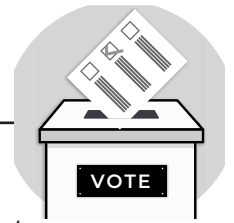
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Osolo EMS 574-262-3052

# SIMONTON LAKE CONSERVANCY BOARD ELECTION

## - DISTRICT 2 -

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19



### 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-Roger Robison's term is being filled out by Ryan Matherly
- District 4-Mark Lucas
- District 5 Jane Mollo

Board members serve for four-year terms. This year an election will be held for District 3. The position is currently held by Ryan Matherly who is completing the term vacated by Roger Robison. Dr. Matherly has decided to run for another term.

#### How to run for a seat on the conservancy board

1. Call the Conservancy Office to find out if you live in Section 3.
2. Pick up a nomination form. The office has moved. Call 206-8485
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 51245 Channel Court, Indiana 46514, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021
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. 12, 2022.

### ONLY RESIDENTS OF SECTION 3 MAY VOTE.

#### NEW FLOATING SIGN AT THE ECOZONE

The Simonton Lake Conservancy Board has paid for a new floating sign at our Ecozone in the southeastern corner of Little Simonton. Hopefully, this sign helps to cut down on boaters going into the zone. The sign was placed in August 2021.

#### Reminders written on this sign:

- Only non-motorized watercraft and trolling motors are allowed inside the ecozone
- AND there is no anchoring.

**This is an area now protected by the Indiana DNR. Violators will be ticketed.**

This ecozone functions as a natural water filter for our lake. It costs us nothing to run (except for the buoys) and keeps our water quality one of the highest in the State of Indiana.



#### Fall Garage Sale

For the second year in a row the Lake Association held a garage sale in the fall as well as the spring. It was a big success. Forty sales were counted around the lakes and channels. The Spring Garage Sale will be Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7.

# VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11

During the calendar year we have two holidays dedicated to those who have served to protect our freedom. One is Memorial Day when we honor those who have fallen. The other is Veteran's Day, when we honor those who have served. We know that the holiday coming up is for those still living but we were so moved by the display created at the Bell Avenue home of Dave and Linda Brown that we felt it was appropriate for this Veteran's Day



The August 26th suicide bombing at the Kabul Airport as the United States completed their massive evacuation of troops and civilians from Afghanistan resulted in the loss of thirteen of our service men and women. Eleven were Marines, one Navy and one Army. The Browns set out one cross for each of the fallen: Pichardo, Gee, Hoover, Lopez, Page, Sanchez, Espinoza, Schmitz, McCollum, Merola, Nikoui, Soviak, Knauss.

***We are the Land of the Free because we are the Home of the Brave!***



## Sign Up for Lake Alerts Emails from the Safety Committee

Several years ago, the Lake Association began a system we call Lake Alerts. This is an email group of lake residents. When there are road closings, storm damage, upcoming events, crimes in the area to report and even lost and found items to report, we share this information with all those via Lake Alerts.

If you are not getting Lake Alerts send a request to [ramatherly@gmail.com](mailto:ramatherly@gmail.com)

If you think you are signed up but are not getting Lake Alerts, check your spam. Your system may be rejecting our messages.

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We remind you when there is a crime or vandalism at your home  
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then contact Chris Toles  
[cmt6061@comcast.net](mailto:cmt6061@comcast.net)  
or Amy Matherly at  
[ramatherly@gmail.com](mailto:ramatherly@gmail.com).

**HELP THE LAKE ASSOCIATION KEEP  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE!**

## Zoning Report

A review of the minutes of the Elkhart County Zoning Appeals Board shows only one issue before the board in the Simonton Lake Area

- North side of North Shore Drive, 3000 feet east of State Rd 19, variance for a secondary structure.

No information could be found on the mobile home park that was planned for an area near Heaton Lake. While this area is further away than the newsletter usually covers, we are concerned that if it is granted, a project of this type so close to a lake might set precedent.

STAN SKINNER, OWNER

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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 this long-time contestant:

James Wyly at [wlycoyote86@gmail.com](mailto:wlycoyote86@gmail.com) or (574)304-1363

*Please leave a message if you call and there is no answer!*

- **Curbside pickup throughout the competition dates Oct. 4th – Dec. 20th.**
  - **The leaves can be bagged or placed at roadside.**
  - **Each homeowner must contact James Wyly personally**
- **Each homeowner will fill out a property information form which you can get from James. Feel free to contact him with any questions.**

This long-time contestant, who lives in northern Elkhart County, was recommended to the Lake Association by enFocus, a company that partners with the County Commissioners on the Leaf Competition.

## 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.
- Private residential open burning must be during daylight hours. All fires must be extinguished before sunset. (Recreational or ceremonial fires are allowed after sunset but cannot be used for disposal purposes.)

***The Lake Association is not taking a political stand for or against burning in the county. However, we do think it would be healthier for all if we could find a viable alternative to burning our leaves.***



## CRIME REPORT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Elkhart County Sheriff's Officers were looking for two persons who they believe stole a car on North Shore Drive in the area of North Shore Landings. As of mid-morning Sunday, September 12 the other suspect had not been caught. All suspects were caught on camera by residents. One suspect was recorded making himself at home on a deck. Another broke into a home and hid in the closet. The homeowners were at home and held him there until police arrived.

Please report any incidents to us at [ramatherly@gmail.com](mailto:ramatherly@gmail.com) after you make a report to the County Sheriff's Office.



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.

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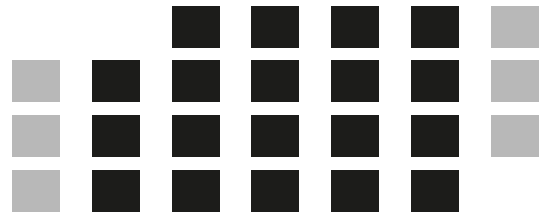
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### How do I order calendars?

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Sue Ward, 50959 Twilight Drive, Elkhart, Indiana 46514
- **NEW!** Or order online at [www.simontonlakehoa.com](http://www.simontonlakehoa.com)
- Your calendar(s) will be delivered to your home.

## 2022 Simonton Lake Calendar Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of calendars ordered

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount of money enclosed (\$12.00 for each calendar)

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# SIMONTON NOTES FROM THE BOARD

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**Association Dues:** The membership drive for 2022 will begin in January. A form will be mailed to you, or you can use the form at the bottom of this page.

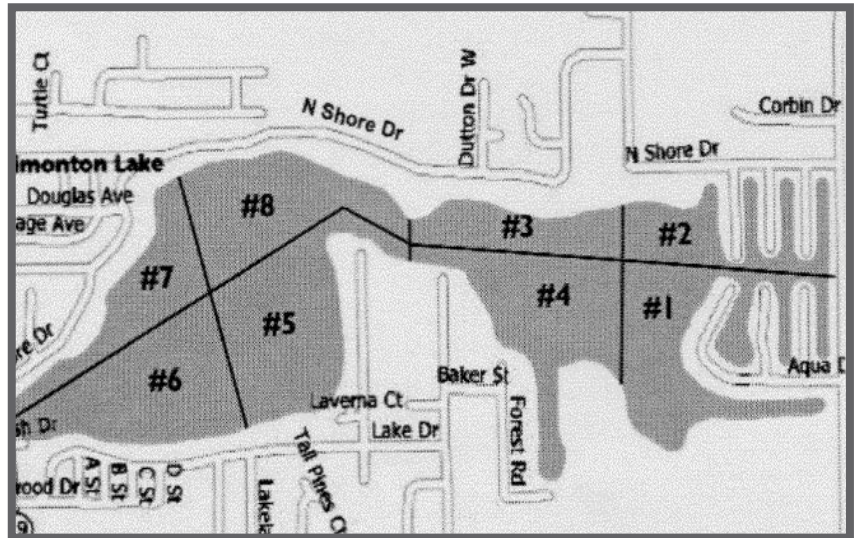
Remember that even if you are an Honorary Member and pay no money, your membership counts.

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

## AREA REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Area #1</b> Van Kessler	262-1685
<b>Area #2</b> Ann & Jerry Broderick	264-1331
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

The Lake Association has divided the lake into 8 areas.  
Check out your area in this map.



## SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

**DUES: PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR**  
JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/CELL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/HOME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PREFERENCE: ☐ Email ☐ Cell ☐ Home Phone ☐ Mail  
☐ I do not want my information shared outside the association

### PARTICIPATION INTEREST IN A CURRENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairpersons  
are listed in Newsletter

- ☐ Lake Environment  
☐ Lake Safety  
☐ Membership/Outreach  
☐ Newsletter  
☐ Website

☐ Regular Member \$30

☐ Senior (70-79) \$20

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# SEPTEMBER 11 20TH ANNIVERSARY MIKE COMPTON REMEMBERS

*Adapted from The Elkhart Truth*



Long-time lake resident, Mike Compton has been a member of the Elkhart Fire Department for many years. Twenty years ago on September 11, he and two fellow Elkhart firefighters, Matt Rody and Anthony Balsano drove to New York City to do what they could to help. No official request had gone out to the nation's fire departments, but Mike and his fellow firefighters felt a need to go and help. They reported to the Department, arranged to use their vacation time, packed their tools, and started driving.

"We all knew that we lost firefighters when the buildings collapsed, because firefighters were going in to do their job when the buildings went down."

Early the next morning they went to Javits Center where volunteers could report for duty.

"They asked you what your specialties were, where you were from and said, 'Here's a number, you need to write it on your arm in case there's another catastrophe so you're identifiable'."

They helped to clean up an area where part of a tower had collapsed on a rescue vehicle, then joined in the so-called bucket brigade working on the pile.

Mike was clearly moved by what he saw, "The magnitude of it was bigger than any one person

can ever think about."

At night Mike, Matt and Anthony slept about four hours in their van. The hope, of course, was to find survivors, and when a large hole with debris, leading down to the parking garages was found, hope went up.

"First, they brought in cameras. Then they sent down audio to see if they could hear anything," Mike said. "People started saying 'Quiet, quiet!' It echoed through the entire area. But that didn't work. That's when a carbon monoxide detector was sent down.

When it came up Mike said, he knew they weren't going to find survivors. The CO levels were so high that someone could have only lived in the air for 30 minutes. After three days Mike returned home but returned later for another four days,

Twenty years later, Mike is still glad he went. He hopes he never has to go back to another event like it but says "If it happened again, I would."

Those of us who know Mike knew he would say that. He's that kind of man. We thank him for his service and for trying to keep alive the memory of those who served that day and those who lost their lives trying to save others that day.

# CONSERVANCY CORNER

Simonton Lake Conservancy

## WHAT NOT TO PUT INTO THE SEWER

There are some things you can do to make your grinder pump continue to work.

**Remember these letters: F.O.G.S.**

**F** stands for Fats

**O** stands for Oils

**G** stands for Grease

**S** stands for Sanitary "disposable" wipes

Grease and fats clog up pipes which eventually need to be cleaned out. And, those disposable sanitary wipes, well, for our system, they are NOT disposable.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

**DO NOT PUT F.O.G.S INTO THE SYSTEM!**

*HAPPY  
Retirement!*

## Roger Robison Retires from the Conservancy Board

After many years of service, Roger Robison has retired from the Simonton Lake Conservancy District Board.

For over a decade Roger has represented District 3 (North Shore Drive from State Road 19 to the home of Sally and Tom Shultz).

Roger tried to retire a few years ago and John Lendman took his place. But then John moved to South Bend and Roger was asked to return.

Roger decided earlier this year that he really did want to retire, and Ryan Matherly agreed to finish out the term.

*Many thanks to Roger for all his years of service to the community.*

## One Buoy arrives, More Ordered

**FLOATING SIGN** A request was made by the Lake Association for a floating sign at the Ecozone. The Conservancy ordered the sign but found there were delays as the manufacturer was having trouble getting materials. Finally, the sign arrived and was placed in the water in August. See the article with a picture in this issue.

## CHANNEL MARKER BUOYS ORDERED

Earlier this year, smaller buoys called "Ice Spars" were added along the main channel and other dredged areas to mark the waterways for boats. These were placed by volunteers headed by Bob Evans. Bob has a GPS system on his boat. Our buoys are placed at exact spots, not just where we think they should go.

We need a few more to complete the waterway that runs parallel to CR. 109. Ten more Ice Spars were ordered for this purpose.



**WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS NEXT SPRING TO PLACE THESE NEW BUOYS. CONTACT BOB EVANS!**



## BUOY INSPECTION

New member, Ryan Matherly, has inspected our buoys and found that most were still in good condition. One old buoy is sunk off to the east of the boat launch. Three additional "No Wake" buoys were purchased for use when one of our buoys in the water needs to be replaced.

## A.D.A. COMPLIANT PIER GOING IN AT THE PUBLIC LANDING

A pier designed for use by the disabled is being built by Rookstool Pier Company at Lake Wawasee. The DNR will install the pier.

## Conservancy Office has Moved

For almost 20 years the Conservancy office has been at the Jeffrey Corn Dentistry Office at the corner of Johnson Street (C.R. 9) and C.R. 6. The dentistry practice has been sold and wishes to use the space occupied by the Conservancy.

No suitable office space could be found. So, temporarily, the office is being housed at a board member's home. Monthly meetings are being held in a meeting room at the Elkhart Aquatic Center. The search continues for a new office in or near the district.



## WALLEYE RELEASE FOLLOWS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB TRADITION

On Friday, October 8, the Sportsmen's Club released 1000 walleye into Simonton Lake. The event was caught on video and can be watched at the Sportsmen's Club Facebook page. The Club released their first batch of walleye back in 1983. Pictured below are four of the original founding members of the Sportsmen's Club.

*Founders pictured are: Robert Hershberger (Farmer Bob), Jim Anderson, Terry Foltz, Rick Hoff*  
*Not pictured and the 5th original founding member is Tim Anderson.*



2021

# RECYCLING 101

By Amy and Ryan Matherly

An easy way to help the environment is to recycle. Most trash haulers will provide a recycling bin for a fee. But, if your service will not, or if you don't want to pay, there is also a recycling center in front of the Martin's Supermarket at Cobblestone Square on East Bristol Street.

After checking this list if you are still in doubt, **IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

**CONFUSING:** When you check the bottom of a container and see a recycling arrow you assume that it is recyclable.

**IT DOES NOT**

**ONLY #1, #2 AND #5 PLASTICS ARE RECYCLABLE**



Here are some helpful hints:

## ALWAYS ACCEPTED

- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Milk jugs
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Cans and tins
- ✓ Glass
- ✓ Detergent Bottles
- ✓ Plastic Bottles

## NEVER TAKE

- ✗ Your recyclables in bags
- ✗ Plastic bags (grocery store type)
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Masks, diapers, needles, food, or any other organic products.
- ✗ Cords, tarps covers, liners



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# AUGUST 11 STORM

On August 11 a storm pounded Simonton Lake knocking down trees and cutting off power. This was a powerful storm that closed many lake roads with downed trees. Piers were ripped from their stands, boat lifts were moved and twisted and awnings ripped to shreds. Here is Maria Hopman sitting on top of a large oak tree that blocked North Shore Drive. We always marvel that the trees that look dead don't go down in storms and the ones that look healthy fall.



*This storm was a reminder  
that Mother Nature is powerful force!*

## 2022 FIREWORKS AND POKER RUN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2022 Poker Run  
SATURDAY, July 2  
AND  
the FIREWORKS  
SUNDAY, JULY 3

### What's for Sale at the Lake?

Information from Zillow- October 2021

- Mary Speicher's home on North Shore Drive has sold to Ed and Christy Ramsey
- 50515 North Shore Drive
- 51361 North Shore Drive
- 50908 North Shore Drive
- Land for sale on Deer Run Trail
- Land for Sale on Dolph Road



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Please call me or text a few pictures if you have any you want to sell. Maybe there are some treasures lurking in that old box or jar!

**Bob Shultz 574-536-6960**



*Petie with Grant Brekke*

## PET TAILS *Petie Passes*

Peter Brekke, Yorkie-poo of Dan and Leanne Brekke passed away on July 31. He was a loyal and good friend to the whole family and neighbors. When he would go outside, he would escape thru the fence and trek through Garatoni's yard to Maria Hopman's house where he would scratch and bark at her door until she came and gave him treats! We will all miss the little guy!



For those of us who have lost a pet, here is a poem sent to us from the Carolina Bassett Rescue organization

### *Pawprints On My Heart*

You're no longer there to greet me,  
As I walk through the door.  
You're not there to make me smile,  
To make me laugh anymore.

Life seems quiet without you.  
You were far more than a pet.  
You were a family member, a friend,  
A loving soul I'll never forget.

You were such a great companion,  
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My heart will always wear,  
The pawprints left by you.



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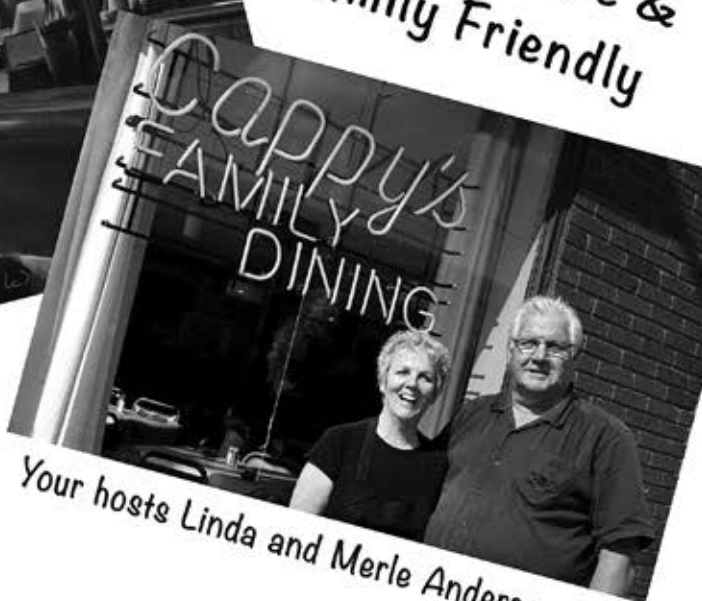


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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Kay Marcus reports to us that her granddaughter, Nadia Polizotto, graduated from UC Berkeley Cum Laud with Academic Distinction in three years with a degree in psychology.

Nadia is currently working as an assistant director for Center for Independent Living, a non-profit aiding the handicapped, located in Berkeley.



## Garatoni

Marie and Steve Garatoni are shown here holding their first grandchild. Daughter Lisa is the mother of this lovely little boy.



## Bikers at Mottville

"Bikers" from Simonton Lake joined some bikers in Mottville at the end of their ride. Lakers include Maria Hopman, Marie Garatoni, Deb Weaver, Theresa Maier, and Cindy Hackman. No one took off with the motorcycle group, but they might have been tempted.

## You know the summer season is over when you see this.



## Gone Fishing!

Deb Weaver's grandson caught this fish on Simonton Lake while on a visit from Chicago. Pretty nice!

## New Neighbors

- Walt and Karen Reimer, Lake Drive.
- Dave and Stacey Miller, purchased a house on Lake Drive.
- Daniel and Andrea Hoover, CR. 109 We think we missed them in our "New Neighbors" section back in the fall of 2019.
- Hayden Matthew Kruger & Kyra Drew Kruger, North Shore Drive.

## Leaving the Lake

- Christian Hmura, North Shore Drive.
- Danny and Nancee Estes, North Shore Drive.



## Polizotto Wedding

Kay's granddaughter, Francesca Polizotto, married Stan Najmr on June 13.

They reside in Rahway, NJ. This was their dream wedding after having a "pandemic" wedding last summer. They were married at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Gary where Francesca's parents and grandparents were married, with a reception at Marquette Park Pavilion, located in Gary on Lake Michigan. Francesca is currently working on her master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania while Stan works as a chemist for L'Oreal.



## Gone from the Lake but not forgotten

When Steve Wogoman and Delores Troyer put the for-sale sign in their yard, it was a sad day for those who knew them. Steve and Delores have been active members of the Lake Association and specifically the Newsletter Committee for many years. Steve delivered the six hundred plus newsletters to the individual delivery persons for several years, a job which he did without fail. Steve

went as far as to make a chart of where each person delivered so that no home would be missed. Desiring to downsize and taking advantage of the seller's market, they sold their home on Lake Drive within a day. They took their profit and bought one of the new condominiums going up on the St. Joe River. They said they hated to leave the lake and if there had been condominiums here, they would have bought one and stayed.

Amazingly, Steve wants to continue his newsletter delivery coordinator job! The newsletter committee is delighted.

You could always tell when Steve and Delores were out because you could see Steve in the driver's seat with his white captain's hat. Steve formerly lived on North Shore Drive. Can we still call the cove, Wogoman's Cove? We'll see.

Who bought their house? Check out "New Neighbors."

## Update on Maddie

As reported this summer, Maddie Boomershine, is now continuing her volleyball career at Huntington College. This is her official individual team picture. Her mom, Jenny Boomershine, her grandparents, Gary and Sharon Martin and cousins, Brud and Eldonna Thorpe are pretty proud of their girl. Ask Jenny just how long it takes to drive to Huntington to watch a game!



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## Off to Florida

Also leaving the lake are long time residents Lou and Bob Putnam. You can read more about Bob on the Sportsmen's Club page. Lou has shared her wonderful photography with the newsletter for many years. At one time she was the graphic designer for the newsletter. During the pandemic she sewed masks and "ear-savers" for hospital personnel. These two are not sitting around in retirement. They are active with their dogs and participate in training guide dogs in Florida. We have more recent pictures of the Putnam's, but we just couldn't resist using this photo from their wedding. Say, they haven't changed much!



# Farewells

## Leland K. Weldy

Leland K. Weldy, 85, Lake Drive passed away on July 19, 2021, at Elkhart General Hospital surrounded by the love of his family.

Leland was born Nov. 30, 1935, in Wakarusa, Indiana, to Maynard Weldy and Edna (Weaver) Weldy. Leland's two brothers and sister, Loren Weldy, Paul Weldy and Elaine Hostetler preceded him in death. On August 25, 1962, he married his best friend, **Sigrid (Swanson) Weldy**. He is survived by his two daughters, Suzanne (Tom) Jones of Osceola, Indiana, and Nora Weldy-Reed of Elkhart, Indiana. He has been blessed with five grandchildren: Kiersten, Madison, Carson, Chandler, and Mitchell.

Leland was a gifted high school basketball player at Wakarusa High School, where he was the first county player to score over five hundred points in a single season and remains a member of the 1000 Point Club. His accomplishments on the court led to his induction into the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame. He was a member of Goshen College's first Intercollegiate Men's Basketball team in 1956. After graduating from Goshen College in 1957, he proceeded to get his Master's in Education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Starr Commonwealth School for Boys in Albion, Michigan, served as Leland's first teaching job. He went on to coach basketball and teach at the American Community School in Beirut, Lebanon, for two years. He enjoyed the experience of traveling throughout Europe, East Africa, and the Middle East. He was a member of the admissions staffs at both DePauw University and Goshen College. Leland went on to serve as a guidance counselor in the South Bend Community School Corp. for many years, where he positively influenced the many young lives, he encountered. He retired in 1996.

Leland has been an active member of Kern Road Mennonite Church for many years. He has volunteered at Little Flower Catholic Church helping out at the food pantry, while also volunteering at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary assisting with the grounds keeping. Leland enjoyed life living on Simonton Lake in Elkhart, Indiana, where he spent his day with his family. He also enjoyed visiting the family cabin in Northern Michigan, where mushroom hunting and hiking was an annual activity. Leland and his family would also frequently visit Englewood, Florida, making memories by the ocean every spring.

Leland was a positive influence on everyone he met and will be missed.



Leland K. Weldy

## Julie Galbreth

Julia "Julie" L. (Bonfiglio) Galbreth, 71, of North Shore Drive, passed away with her loving husband in her arms on Friday, Aug. 13, 2021. Julie was born on Feb. 13, 1950, in Elkhart to the late Frank Bonfiglio and Jean (Andre') Andrews. She married the love of her life, **Thomas "Bert" Galbreth** on May 23, 1981, in Elkhart. She is preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Harold Andrews; and brother, Daniel Bonfiglio.

Julie is survived by her husband, Bert Galbreth; children, Carey (Corey) Chesser of Cincinnati, Ohio; Anthony "Tony" (Ann) Black of Elkhart and Andrew "Andy" Galbreth (Brooke Griffin) of Edwardsburg, Michigan; sister, Lori (Bob) Davis of Jimtown; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Julie graduated from Elkhart High School, Class of 1968, was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and Elkhart Moose Lodge 599. Julie could be found on her boat and dancing at Pete's of Simonton Lake. She was a fantastic cook known for her homemade spaghetti. Julie was a huge movie buff and enjoyed watching among the company of family and friends. In her spare time, she enjoyed adult coloring. Julie was a "bubbly" yet strong willed and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Most of all, her family was her world and Julie always put other's before herself. - She will be greatly missed.



Julie Galbreth

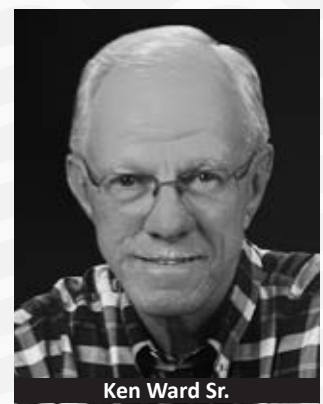
## Ken Ward Sr.

Ken Ward Sr. passed away August 7, 2021, in his home on Twilight Drive with his family by his side. Ken was born on October 25, 1943.

He and Sue were married on February 4, 1983. He leaves behind a son **Kenny J. Ward Jr.**; daughter Michelle Marie (Bill) Niles; three grandchildren Casey Marie (Jerry) Casson, Mike (Julie) Ward, Samantha "Sam" Ward and three loving great grandchildren, Avery and Emma Casson and Isabella Niles; also surviving are his three brothers, Tom Ward, Jim Ward and Robert (Karen) Ward; he will be missed by his Labradoodle "Snickers"; and is now reunited with "Buster", his faithful yellow Labrador.

Kenneth was the retired area manager for Gerber Baby Products for many years and also worked for Weller Truck Parts in South Bend. Ken was a member of the Harold Viking Lodge #13, in Tinley Park, IL, Simonton Lake Homeowners Association and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

He loved living on Simonton Lake, riding in his pontoon and all the other things that lake life had to offer. Ken was a kind man and had a great sense of humor. He was a loyal and dedicated volunteer with the Lake Association Membership Committee. His enthusiasm and faithful service will be missed. Our hearts go out to his family.



Ken Ward Sr.



# Farewells

## Jean Gyori

Jean Gyori passed away on September 4th, 2021, at Caring Junction Assisted Living.

She was born to Linville and Amy Whitaker in Salyersville, Kentucky on December 12, 1930. On July 15th, 1950, she married George Gyori who survives. Jean is survived by one son Kris Gyori (Kari) of Tennessee, two daughters, Pam (Steve) Klebosits of Georgia and **Jody (Bob) Divjak** of Lake Drive, Simonton Lake.

Jean was blessed to have shared a wonderful childhood with one brother, Morris Whitaker and her sisters Aileen Davison, Maxine Szucs and Christine Raker-Nowaczewski and one surviving sister Sherry Rockhill.

Jean's most precious times were spent with her five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Jean loved spending time with her family and was blessed to have spent 20 years at Diamond Lake and the winters in Sarasota Florida. She enjoyed her last years on Simonton Lake. Jean and George celebrated 70 years of marriage this year. She loved spending time with her sisters at Christine's making unforgettable memories. She cherished Jordan reading the bible to her and talking with Kris about her childhood memories in the hills of Kentucky. Steven was her only grandchild for 16 years and she was so proud of him.

Jody and her family are sad but grateful for all the memories. She had a full life and feel that she is now in the arms of angels. They feel blessed to have a lady who loved them all and always put them first. Jodi shared the following poem with us in honor of her mother.

### Mom-

Wherever a beautiful soul has been  
there is a trail of beautiful memories  
If I have a single flower  
for every time I'll think about you

I will walk forever in a garden  
Grace was in your steps  
And now comfort in our hearts  
knowing you are finally home and at peace.



Jean Gyori

## Genevieve Maxwell Cavitt

Genevieve Maxwell Cavitt, 91, died peacefully on Sept. 23, 2021, at Greenleaf Health Campus, Elkhart. She was born May 3, 1930, in Osgood, Indiana, to John and Dova (McCoy) Maxwell.

While attending Hanover College she met Harold (Bud) Bryan Cavitt and they married in Hagerstown, Indiana, on Dec. 17, 1952. He preceded her in death in 2011.

Together Geni and Bud had three sons, Harold Bryan II of Elkhart, his wife Jackie and their children Jordan and Cody (Linda); **John (Jay) Blair** of North Shore Drive, Simonton Lake, his wife **Cynthia (Cindi)** and their children Joshua and Zachary (Elleah); and Cameron Matthew of Cheboygan, Michigan, and his wife Lynn and their children Caleb, Skyler (Lauren) and Emma; and great-granddaughters Arianna and Evangeline.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Genevieve Cavitt



Sharon Kaiser

## Sharon Kay Kaiser

Sharon Kay Kaiser, sixty-eight of North Shore Drive, passed away on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at Elkhart General Hospital.

She was born April 13, 1953, in Elkhart to Bob and Josephine (Miller) Raeder. She married **Richard M. Kaiser** on Dec. 18, 1976, in Elkhart. She is survived by her husband, Richard Kaiser, a daughter **Laurie Kaiser** of Simonton Lake, a son, Michael (Amy) Kaiser of Bristol, three grandchildren, Julia, Ava, and Jacob; three brothers, Richard (Dawn) Raeder and David Raeder both of Elkhart and Mike (Carla) Raeder of Goshen, and a sister, Susan Burnworth of Edwardsburg, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sharon was very hard working. She retired as a line worker. She enjoyed working in the yard and planting flowers, thrift shopping, and taking care of her family. She loved music and was a great cook and baker. She made the best pumpkin pies. She spent most of her life living at Simonton Lake. She loved her grandchildren very much.

Sharon will be greatly missed. It is hard to think of her Simonton Lake neighborhood without her.





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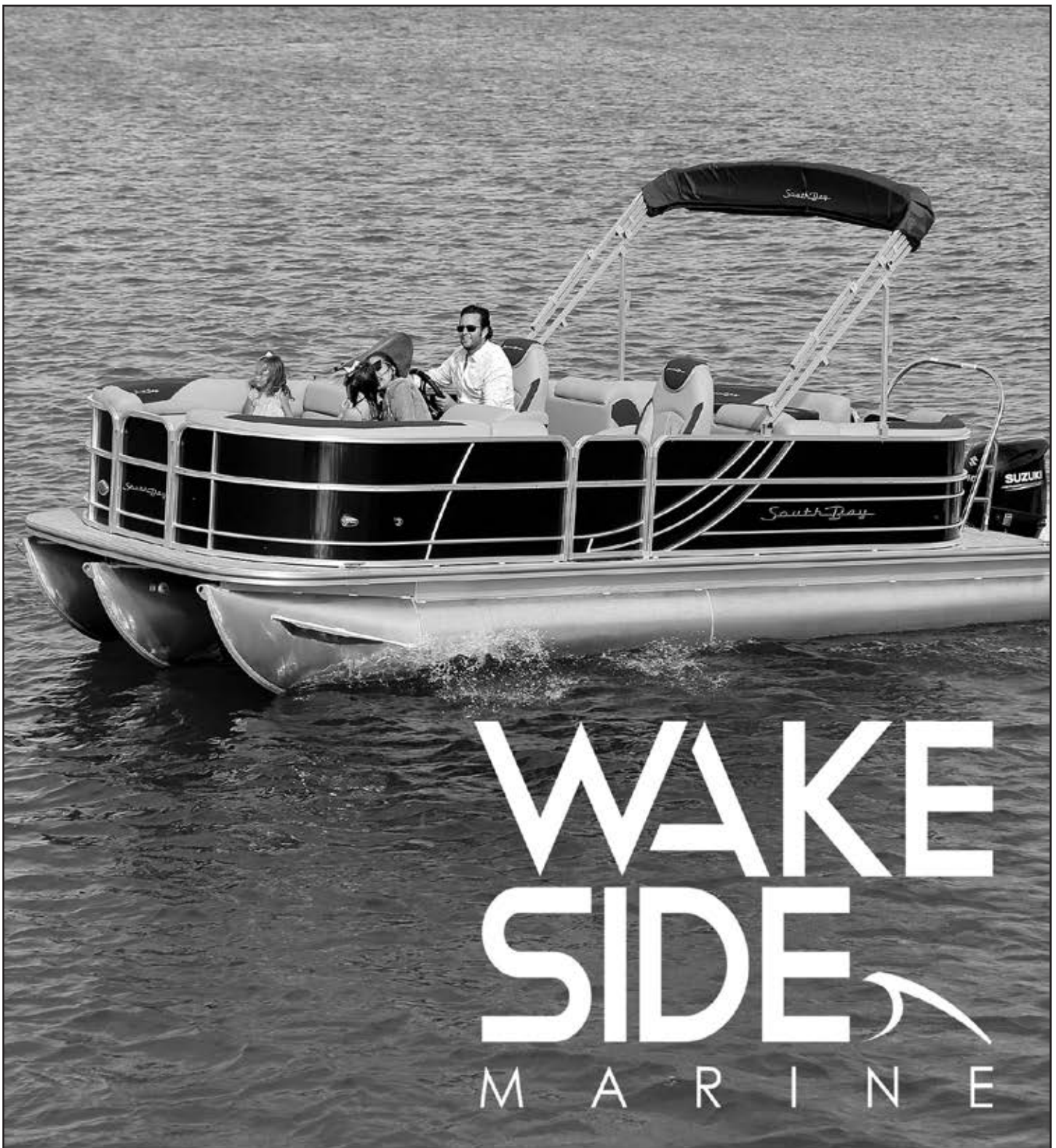
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## 2021 Sportsmen's Club Events

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## Farewell to Bob and Lou Putnam

Bob Putnam, long-time resident and a true Simonton Lake Sportsman, and his wonderful wife, Lou have sold their home on Aqua Drive and are moving full-time to their home in Florida. Except for his time in Florida, Bob was present at every Sportsmen's Club event.

We'll miss Bob and Lou and wish the best for them. When it gets too hot in Florida, we hope you'll miss us.



## Harvest Classic Golf Outing



Tommy Krueger and Ab Salee at the Harvest Classic Golf Outing in October.

This was the third annual Harvest Classic and was once again held at Maplecrest Country Club. Great golf, great people, great time!

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Spraying for Invasive weeds on Simonton Lake is done twice each year.

If the weed spraying is going to be harmful to your lawn you will get prior notice by U.S. Mail. And a yellow flag like the one shown will be placed in your yard. You can see from the notice that the homeowner is warned not to use the



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There was an issue in the summer of 2020 with the wrong date being placed on the notices. They are aware of this, and we hope will be more careful in future sprayings.

We will run this information periodically to remind you of the weed spraying protocol.

## PINECONES GOING BONKERS



If you've looked up at the fir trees in your yard or local woods you might have thought, 'My goodness, there sure seems like a lot of pinecones up there this year.' If you thought that, you were right. There are more pinecones this fall.

Conditions this season are great for production of pinecones. The Purdue University Forestry and Natural Resource Department says some of the abundance could be the natural two-year, cone producing cycle. But more pinecones can also

mean the trees are producing more seeds to deal with stress of a dry or changing climate. The tougher or the drier of the season, the stronger the trees' urge to reproduce through pinecones so the species can survive. In Central Indiana, the dry conditions are worse than northern Indiana.

The cones are the protective coating for the actual seeds. The cone only opens up completely when it's time for the seed to be spread. Some pinecones seeds are even edible.

If these overproducing pine trees are littering your yard with pinecones, what can you do?

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Conner.....John & Gigi	Hmura.....Christian & Amanda	Norkus.....Walter & Kathleen	Thompson.....Daniel & Stacy
Cooper.....Randall & Wendy	Hoff.....Steve & Gina	Nusbaum.....Tim & Phyllis	Todt.....Susan
Cooper, Randall.....Scheetz, Lisa	Holtje.....Steve & Christine	Obendorf.....David & Tammy	Toles.....Chris & Kim
Cors.....Doug & Myra	Hopman.....Maria	Olds.....Torey	Troyer.....Jeff & Trisha
Covey Candice.....Ruemler, Dennis	Hughes.....Chris & Stacie	Olena.....Randy & Lisa	Tucker.....Seth & Tabitha
Coy.....Sarah (Sally)	Humes.....Michael & Laura	Olszewski.....Camellia & Brianna Andrade	Tucker.....Jack
Cranmer.....Jackie	Islas.....Jorge & Rosario	Oltmanns.....Roger & Martha	Vahala.....Ann
Cripe.....Tom & Sherry	Johnson.....Robin & Tim Miller	Osterloo.....Robin D	Vanzile.....Phyllis
Curtis.....Garrison & Aida	Jones.....Matt & Cassandra	Paul.....Benjie & Kim	Verspelt.....Randy & Rose
Dandino.....Angie	Keeslar.....Doug & Sheryl	Paul.....Bob & Kathy Flynn	Vetter.....Charles H
Hardwick, Danny.....Fleming, Cathy	Kessler.....Van & Cathy	Pflugrad.....Frank & Mary	Wagner.....Todd M
Dassow.....Ryan & Nicole	Kessler-Price.....Melissa	Pittenger.....Neil	Walker.....Mark & Nancy
Davis.....Brent & Beth	Kessler-Rutter.....Margot	Pittman.....Maria	Ward.....Ken & Sue
Davis.....Debra	Kieper.....Fred & Kim	Pletcher.....Brad & Deb	Warrick.....Phyllis June
Davis.....Keith & Natalie	Kieras.....Robert	Poppe.....Don	Weldy.....Leland & Sigrid
Degeyter.....Morrie & Peggy	Kilgren.....Joe & Sara	Price.....Paul	West.....Dan & Shelly
Delp.....Lisa	King.....Tim & Kelly	Price.....Tim & Season	White.....John & Cheryl
Dempler, Jr.....William & Leigh	Kwasny.....Kyle & Julianne	Putnam.....Bob & Lou	Wieneri.....Charles & Bev
Denlinger.....Benjamin & Pat	Kyle, Kellie.....Densmore, Terry	Queener.....Matt & Toni	Wilson.....Jacqueline
Schermerhorn, Dennis.....Mcaloon, Maureen	Landis.....Gene	Ramsey.....Ed & Christie	Wilson.....Phillip & Terri
Dexter.....Adam & Jami	Lange.....Tim	Redman.....Dean & Margo	Winchester.....Chad & Erin
Diehl.....Sherrill	Lard.....Steve & Cathy	Reese.....Doug & Misty	Wuchner.....Kay
Dill.....Jim & Sheila	Lavins.....Larry & Mary	Reid.....Rick	



# WHO DOES WHAT AT THE LAKE?

We are very fortunate that we have several organizations looking out for or doing services for Simonton Lake and its residents. As Indiana lakes go, we are one of the smaller ones, but when comparing us with other lakes our size, we are way ahead of the others.

But, it often gets confusing. Who gets my sewer payment? Who gets my fireworks donation? I want to donate my woods to someone so it won't get developed?

Who do I call? Use the graphic below to help.

## Simonton Lake Area HOA

Voluntary membership HOA  
Newsletter, Website, Facebook  
Invasive weed education, ecozone oversight  
"Lake Alerts" email group  
Fall and Spring Garage Sales  
Lake "gear"  
Assists with Fireworks expense  
Cooperates and communicates with the Indiana DNR and local police

## Simonton Lake Sportmen's Club

Social organization and community philanthropy  
Regular events - Turkey Shoot, food drives, Fall Ball, golf outings  
Regular stocking of the lake  
Fourth of July fireworks  
Scholarships  
Kid's fishing contests  
Poker Run

## Simonton Lake

## Simonton Lake Conservatory

Governmental body  
Management of sewer system  
Drainage  
Erosion  
Maintenance - dredging, weed control  
Creation and maintenance of public parks, etc  
Cooperates and communicates with County and State governments

## Simonton Lake Preservation Trust

Not-for-Profit charitable organization  
Donations tax deductible  
Established to create enhancements to the Lake area such as parks, nature areas and community developments  
May protect private land from development through legal means