

# SIMONTON SAYS...

SIMONTON LAKE AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 Summer CELEBRATION

Fireworks with the Grandkids by Carole Foutz




ELKHART, INDIANA

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# SCENES ◀ OF ▶ SUMMER



Bald Eagle with the catch of the day.  
Maria Hopman



Double Rainbow - Shelly West



Fawn nursing her babies - Maria Hopman



Northern Lights - Gina Hoff

# INFORMATION & EVENTS

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## ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

### MEMBERSHIP/OUTREACH

**New Neighbors:** Toni Queener,  
Kim Kieper, Kathy Freehaver  
kink999999@yahoo.com

- New Neighbors
- Lake Events
- Dues: Susan Broderick

### COMMUNICATION

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**Facebook:** Michele Coleman

### ENVIRONMENT

- Ecozone
- Weir
- Water Quality Concern

### SAFETY

- DNR related issues
- "Lake Alerts" - Chris Toles,  
[cmt6061@comcast.com](mailto:cmt6061@comcast.com)
- Buoy Watch, report damaged  
or loose buoys

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

**Simonton Lake Conservancy**  
574-206-8485

Contact the Conservancy for:

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

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**Osolo EMS** 574-262-3052

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

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## OUR MISSION

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

## EVENTS ON THE LAKE

### August

Summer Issue of "Simonton Says"

**August 10** SLSC Kids Fishing Contest

**August 17** HOA Light Up the Night  
with Your Kayak and Koozies

**August 17** Lake Concert

**August 14** Conservancy Meeting

**September 11** Conservancy Mtg

**Sept. 28-29** SLSC Turkey Shoot

**October 4-5** HOA Fall GARAGE SALE

**October 5** SLSC Casino Night

**October 9** Conservancy Meeting

### November

Fall Issue of "Simonton Says"

**November 2** SLSC Fall Ball

**November 13** Conservancy Mtg.



Simonton Lake is a member  
of the Indiana Lakes  
Management Society



# NOTES FROM THE BOARD

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## Join the Simonton Lake HOA today!

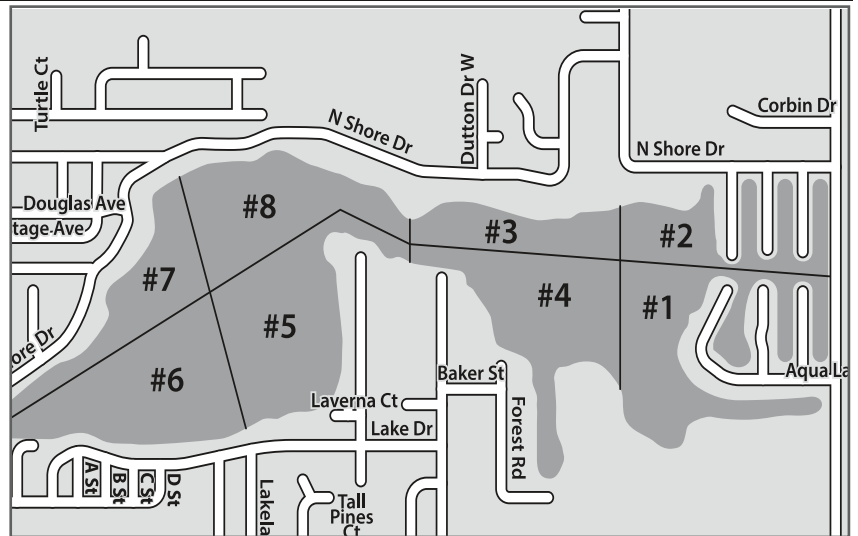
Find a membership form at the bottom of this page.

HOA Email: simontonhoa@gmail.com • Website: www.simontonlakehoa.com • Facebook: SimontonLakeHOA

**THE LAKE ASSOCIATION HAS DIVIDED THE LAKE INTO 8 AREAS. CHECK OUT YOUR AREA IN THIS MAP.**

### AREA REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Area #1</b>	Van Kessler	574-370-2266
<b>Area #2</b>	Ann & Jerry Broderick Sue Ward	574-264-1331 574-596-2020
<b>Area #3</b>	Maria Hopman	574-262-1665
<b>Area #4</b>	Jon Hart	574-262-1404
<b>Area #5</b>	Bob Meyers Cindy Nickell	574-675-0970 574-262-3105
<b>Area #6</b>	Melissa Kessler	574-849-9995
<b>Area #7</b>	Dave VanZile Theresa Maier	574-264-5201 574-361-0517
<b>Area #8</b>	Amy Matherly	574-524-6632



## 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION		DUES: PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024		
NAME(S) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member	\$40		
ADDRESS _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (70-79)	\$25	
PHONE/CELL(S) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary (80 & Over)	<b>FREE</b> Life Member	
PHONE/HOME _____	SL HOA ADDITIONAL DONATION		\$	
EMAIL(S) _____	FIREWORKS FUND DONATION		\$	
MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES AUTOMATED LAKE ALERTS VIA EMAIL		SL PRESERVATION TRUST DONATION		\$
<b>PARTICIPATION INTEREST IN A CURRENT COMMITTEE</b> Committee Chairpersons are listed in Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Environment	Goose/Swan Remediation Project		\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Safety	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Outreach			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter			
<input type="checkbox"/> Website				

Please mail your completed form & check made out to SLAHA to:

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

If you are interested in being a SLAHA Board Member, please contact a current board member listed in the newsletter.

# FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH

Once again Bob and Georgia Evans hosted the Simonton Lake Flag Retirement Ceremony. With the fireworks the night before, the stage was set to finish the weekend with a somber reminder of the freedoms we have through the sacrifices of others. Dozens of boats anchored off Evans Island to watch the ceremony.



Matt, Angie Fisher and Gabriel raise the American Flag on Evans Island



Taps



Matt and Gabriel preparing



Paying respects as the embers die away

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**Opening Early Summer on CR 17!  
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Delivery to Simonton Lake available  
574-264-4579  
(Cassopolis St. will be closing)**

# CONSERVANCY CORNER

SIMONTON LAKE  
CONSERVANCY  
574-206-8485

## 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!**

## CONSERVANCY PURPOSES

The Conservancy deals with the following:

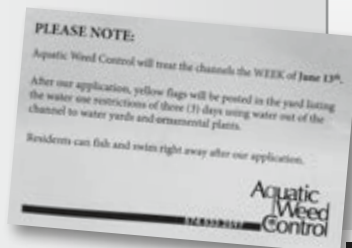
- Sewer System
- Drainage
- Erosion
- Sewer
- Sediment Removal
- Weed Control, issues that improve recreational use of the lake (Example: ADA Compliant Pier).

If you are new to the lake, you will want to contact the Conservancy District to make sure your account is in order and that the name of the bill is yours.

## SUMMERTIME INVASIVE WEED SPRAYING

*Please read the article in this issue on Invasive Weeds.*

This year the Conservancy is once again using Aquatic Control. We are spraying for the same invasive weeds using funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative fund.



## ED HICKMAN, DISTRICT 2, PLANS TO RETIRE

Ed Hickman, a Board member since the beginning of the Simonton Lake Conservancy, will retire at the end of his term in February 2025. Ed's knowledge of engineering has been invaluable to the Conservancy. He will be missed.

Those District 2 residents who might like to run for Ed's position should contact the Conservancy Office.

## BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU DIG!

The sewer system is pressurized. If you puncture the line, you will have a fountain of sewage.

**Call 811 before you dig!**

The installation of our new fiber optic cable has caused several ruptures in the sewer line. No permanent damage was done.

## REPAIR AND INSTALLATION SERVICES

You may use whoever you like to install and repair your grinder pump and sewer line. The companies listed below have done great work for many Conservancy District sewer customers in the past and know our system well.

**FOR SEWER LINE REPAIRS:**

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## SIMONTON LAKE SEWER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1 - Bob Evans	District 3 - Mark Lucas
District 2 - Ed Hickman	District 5 - Randy Hoff
District 3 - Ryan Matherly	

## BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE ELKHART AQUATIC CENTER

August 14 ▪ September 11  
October 9 ▪ November 13



Get ready for the  
SIMONTON LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

# FALL GARAGE SALE

Friday, Oct 4 • Saturday, Oct 5

- An ad on Yardsales.net will be paid for by the Lake Association
- Signs will be placed at major crossroads.

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## GARAGE SALE TEAM LEADER NEEDED

After 10 years of heading up the Garage Sale team, Amy Matherly wants to retire. The job is not a burden. It's just time to give another resident a chance to serve the community.

- All you would be required to do is:
- List the garage sale ad on yardsales.net.
- Distribute the signs to volunteers for placement around the lake. (There are about 40.)
- Ask those same volunteers to return the signs to you.
- Store the signs or find somewhere to store them.

The HOA Garage Sale only happens once in the spring and once in the fall. Please email simontonhoa@gmail.com if you are interested. Or contact an HOA board member.

## FACEBOOK SITE FOR RESIDENTS OF SIMONTON LAKE

While the official Facebook page for the HOA remains the same simontonlakehoa, a second site called "Neighbors of Simonton Lake" can be a helpful page to follow.

The official Facebook page will continue to have messages from the HOA board, notifications about weed control, environmental and crime information. The Neighbors of Simonton Lake page is where members can post things like lost and found items, pictures, events in your part of the neighborhood and more.

Please still follow the official HOA page and continue to send us your pictures but add this new page.

## SIMONTON LAKE CONSERVANCY BOARD POSITION UP FOR RE-ELECTION

This year an election will be held in February 2025 for the Section 2 district. That position is currently held by Ed Hickman who has decided not to run for another term.

District 2 includes homes from 25014 North Shore Drive (Little Simonton) to 25872 North Shore Drive (Big Simonton.) If you wish to run for the District 2 position you MUST own land in District 2.

Board members serve four-year terms and attend monthly meetings.

*People who are interested in serving on the Board would be wise to attend some meetings and talk to board members to get an idea of the responsibilities and time required.*

### HOW TO RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE CONSERVANCY BOARD

1. Call the Conservancy Office at 574-206-8485 to confirm that you live in District 2.
2. Using an official petition format, declare that you wish to run for a position on the Simonton Lake Conservancy Board.
3. Have five freeholders (landowners) who own land within District 2 sign your petition.
4. Your petition should be mailed to the Simonton Lake Conservancy District Office at P.O. Box 4304, Elkhart, Indiana 46515 on or before DECEMBER 1, 2024
5. Call the Conservancy Office at 574-206-8485 to make sure your petition was delivered and to confirm the site and time for the Annual Meeting.
6. **Only residents of Section 2 may vote.**

# SPOTLIGHT

## ON ADVERTISERS



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The Franger family has been a part of our Simonton Lake community for decades. Two members currently maintain residences on the lake, Nick on North Shore Drive, and Mike on Maplewood. So, when you have that need for propane, support a local company and remember.....Their family is in business to serve your family!



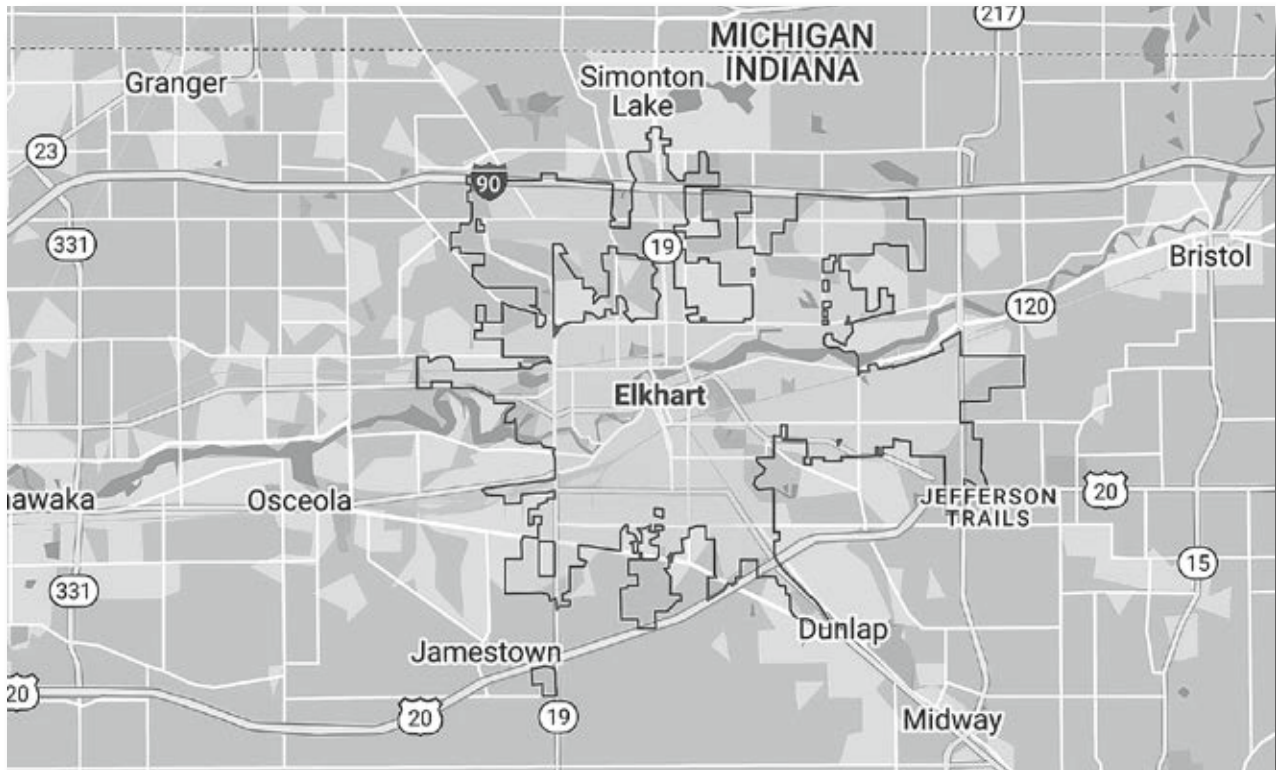
It's likely that by now, **Bruno's** has become the "go to" pizza for many lake residents. Known for having huge, filling pizzas with only fresh ingredients, you get your money's worth. And, that's exactly what Bruno Cataldo wants. He's been the mastermind behind these pizzas since 1979 when he took a bold step and founded Bruno's Pizza on Goshen Ave. Thirteen years later, Bruno journeyed back to Italy for a few years to refine his skill in creating wood oven pizzas, a tradition that continues at his dine-in restaurant, **Per Bacco**. Eventually, Bruno's Pizza settled at the present location on the corner of Nappanee St and Indiana Ave, with Cassopolis St (soon to be moving to CR 17) added later.

While Bruno excels in pizza-making, his wife Marisa wanted a space where she could show off her talent in the kitchen cooking fantastic pasta dinner specials and desserts. So, Per Bacco was opened, and it is well known for huge portion sizes of her delicious home made food. Per bacco! is an Italian expression for surprise, excitement, or pleasure, and that's precisely how you will feel after having a meal there.

Bruno and Marisa manage to do all this with the help of their daughter, Maria, and son-in-law, Craig Rice. They work very well together as a family to make sure every aspect of the three restaurants is running smoothly, and are committed to carrying forward this tradition to the next generation. For relaxation, the family has enjoyed being part of our lake community since 2020 after the four of them purchased a summer home in the southeast corner of Big Simonton. No doubt the expression "per bacco!" has been one heard many times while spending their days on the lake!

# ZONING ISSUES

BY DOUG REESE



**NOTE:** In our Spring Issue we ran an article about how close the City of Elkhart comes to Simonton Lake. In late May, HOA President, Doug Reese, informed us of yet another tract of land that the city was proposing to annex. Recently I became aware of a proposal to annex land near the industrialized area at CR 4 and CR 17 (to CR 15). The following is the ordinance:

Proposed Ordinance 24-O-14-R, an ordinance annexing certain real estate commonly known as Elkhart East Area A, Northwest corner of County Road 4 and County Road 17, Elkhart, IN, 46514, and declaring the same to be a part of the City of Elkhart, Indiana.

This issue was on the agenda for June 3 City Council meeting but was tabled due to necessary modifications to the publication. The next meeting was on June 17.

The land is owned by Almac Inc. Legally, the city of Elkhart can only annex land that is contiguous to its current city limits. This means that a certain percentage of the area the city wants to annex must touch another area already within the city limits. The other concern is that this land butts up to the Elkhart Bog-Overholt CEAS.

**Please read the article on this nature preserve in this issue.** This nature preserve is owned by the DNR, and they may oppose building on this adjacent property.

**WHY WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ANNEXATION**

- Reduction of township tax funding (for our EMS and Firefighting)

- Proposal to build 250+ section-8 apartment complex on the grounds could have a negative effect on our property values.
- Will significantly increase traffic on CR 4
- Worry about future annexation of the lake and increased taxation.

At the time of the June 3rd meeting, it appeared that David Henke (R) - 3rd District Councilor – seemed to be the only council member questioning the need for this annexation and was cognizant of the money that it would take away from the township.

**THE CITY'S DECISION**

At the June 17th meeting of the City Council the annexation proposal did pass by a vote of 8 to 1. The ordinance was not on the agenda but was added at the last minute. Both Chief Smith and I spoke on behalf of the HOA and the Fire Department

The annexation is the first non-contiguous area of the city. Although I have asked for a layout and tax plan, no one has been able to provide it.

We applaud Doug Reese for taking the time to attend the City Council meeting and speaking for us at the lake. Lake resident, Bob Meyers, who follows City and County issues for Simonton Says, adds that the owners of the annexed land requested the annexation. It was not a forced annexation.

**Let's keep an eye on these issues as the city comes closer to the lake.**

# HOA ANNUAL MEETING



On May 15, the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association met for their annual meeting at the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club. About 100 lake residents attended. A meal of Bruno's pizza, salad and a delicious cake from Adam's Bakery was served. While donations were taken, there was **NO COST** for the meal.

The meeting was packed with presentations and great information.

Doug Reese, HOA President, led the meeting and began with a review of the four groups that provide leadership at the lake:

- Simonton Lake HOA
- Simonton Lake Conservancy-sewer, invasive weeds, buoys, drainage, erosion, dredging
- Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club
- Simonton Lake Trust

## BYLAW CHANGE

The Board will now be a 7-member board.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 267 members which is about 46% of total lake residents. **Even if you are considered honorary and pay no dues, get your membership form in so we can count you as a member.**

## MUTE SWAN REMEDIATION

Fifteen swans were taken from the lake last fall. The program of removal will continue.

The program to relocate Canadian Geese is in progress. We received \$4600 in donations for this action.

## WATER QUALITY TESTING

Simonton Lake is entering its third year

of testing through the Clean Lakes Initiative. Van Kessler will be doing testing this year and has received training from the Clean Lakes leaders. We will be testing for: water temperature, dissolved oxygen, phosphorous and chlorophyll.

## NEW EVENTS ANNOUNCED

The HOA Membership Committee Board Liaison, Susie Broderick reported that there are a number of new committee members with great ideas and enthusiasm. The committee will continue with the "New Neighbor Gift Bag" for new residents. New events this summer will include "Circle on the Sandbar," "Boat Decorating and Poker Run Stop Contest," "Scavenger Hunt," "Light Up the Night" with Kayaks and Koozies and a Fall Boat Parade.

The Committee also announced a concert that is planned at the home of Norma Cox (North Shore Drive) on August 17.

## CONSERVANCY REPORT

**BUOYS** This year lights were placed on the top of all buoys in the channel. New buoys to replaced damaged ones have been received and will be placed.

**WEED CONTROL** As usual there will be one application for invasive weeds in July and one in August. In addition, an extra application was done in May because of Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Please read the article on Weed Spraying.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CAMERAS** A proposal which the Conservancy is looking at is adding "flock" cameras at neighborhood entry points. Flock cameras which can do license plate look up may be added to the Simonton Lake Public Access parking lot.

## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB REPORT

Bill Leighton, Presidents, told the crowd that the Sportsmen's Club is working towards creating a fishing pond on their property. They have many events coming up and are excited about the Poker Run and the 2024 Fireworks. Please follow them on Facebook.

## DRY HYDRANTS

For several months leaders from the HOA and the Conservancy have done research into dry hydrants. Several people went to Lake Wawasee to look at their hydrants and hear how they work. The discussion at the Annual HOA meeting centered on whether to put in dry hydrants, where to put them and why we need them. Two members of the Osolo Fire Department, Chief Mike Smith and Mike Graham, an expert on Dry Hydrants, participated in a discussion on Dry Hydrants at Simonton Lake. They told us that the Fire Department would maintain the hydrants.

## GOLF CART COMMUNITY

Some residents of our lake community are interested in making changes to make the lake roads "golf cart friendly." Currently county roads which are numbered are not open to golf carts.

## ROAD ISSUES

Our petition for a stop sign on County Road 11 was denied. But the county countered by NOT raising the speed limit on that road and adding a double yellow line.

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# BOAT DECORATING AND POKER RUN STOP CONTEST

There were 30 entries in the first HOA Boat Decorating and Poker Run Stop Decorating Contest. It was difficult to choose a winner but . . .



## 2024 CONTESTANTS

- 1 ..... DAN & SHELLY WEST
- 2 ..... CHRIS HOOLEY & KIMBERLY BROMEN
- 3 ..... SHERRIE DUVALL
- 4 ..... PEGGY MILLIKEN
- 5 ..... DAN & LEANNE BREKKE
- 6 ..... JERRY & ANN BRODERICK
- 7 ..... MARK & STACEY BOWMAN
- 8 ..... LESA HERSHBERGER & FAMILY
- 9 ..... TONY
- 10 ..... AMBERLY LEER
- 11 ..... MIKE & JESSICA SUBSTANLEY
- 12 ..... ANGIE FISHER
- 13 ..... TONY & BETH SMITH
- 14 ..... SAM & MARLENE STEWART
- 15 ..... PAUL & JULIE DEJOHN
- 16 ..... FRED & KIM KIEPER
- 17 ..... ROB & JESSICA ROGERS
- 18 ..... JEFF MILLER
- 19 ..... RYAN & AMY MATHERLY
- 20 ..... LEIF & KATHRYN FREEHAFFER
- 21 ..... PAT & KELSEY KONESCNY
- 22 ..... IAN & TESS SCHRADER
- 23 ..... DOUG & BECKY COMER
- 24 ..... BROCK & APRIL HANSON
- 25 ..... JIM & LINDA SELLERS
- 26 ..... DOUG & CHLOE ACKER
- 27 ..... VINCE WILDER
- 28 ..... DAVE SLAYTON
- 29 ..... MATT & TONI QUEENER
- 30 ..... MARK & ANITA FRY

Winning First Place in the Boat Decorating Contest was the entry by Dan and Leanne Brekke. Here's a closeup of the cake from the top of the boat.



Winning the Poker Run Stop Contest was . . . Todd Wagner



**JULY 2024** - According to Zillow as of July 26, 2024

## - FOR SALE -

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- 25413 North Shore Drive
- 51198 Aqua Drive
- 50937 Beach Road



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# LAKE SHORTS



**Shelly West** has two baby cranes living near her home. She caught one in a nearby tree.

Shelly also sent us a picture of two Cayuga Ducks in her yard. The Cayuga is recognized as one of the hardiest of the domestic ducks and are easily tamed if hand raised. They are not good fliers.



Each year **David and Mark Hoff** take off in their kayaks and look for trash in the lake. They volunteer to do this and we appreciate their efforts.



## THERE WERE LOTS OF GREAT ENTRIES IN THE BOAT AND POKER RUN STOP DECORATING CONTEST.



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# LAKE SHORTS



**Sam and Marlene Stewart's** dog Bella is ready for the Poker Run.

This lovely little girl is Chloe Thorpe, new great-granddaughter of **Eldonna Thorpe** of North Shore Drive.



**Margot Rutter-Kessler** got a 4th of July visit from daughter Katy and her kids Michael and Lily.



**Dave Wiers, Larry Wiers and Jordan Wiers** of Maplewood Drive with teammates **Brian Keck, Brent Filetti and Jason Schmitt**.

The **Weirs** family has an annual golf tournament they call the Ryder Cup. This was the third year for the tournament and for the first time the winners were Team Weirs.



**Kraig Kessler**, brother of **Van Kessler** pulled out this nice fish over the 4th as did the **Milliken's** grandson.



## NEW NEIGHBORS

- **Shawn Banks and Vanessa Hawkey** - Channel Court
- **Bob Tadevich** - Lake Drive (old Taylor Home)

## LEAVING THE LAKE

**Paul and Yvonne Christian** are selling their home on North Shore Drive



# FAREWELLS



## MARILYN MAUREK

**Marilyn Joan Maurek**, age 84 of Granger, passed away Mar. 23, 2024. Marilyn was born Sept. 19, 1939, in Mishawaka, IN. She was preceded in death by her husband Burnie Maurek. Alongside her family commitments, Marilyn dutifully assisted her husband Burnie with the Maurek's IGA grocery stores in Elkhart and South Bend. Longtime lake residents will remember the Maurek's IGA that stood at the corner of State Road 19 and Lakewood Drive.



## JERI LYNN HART-LENABURG

**Jeri Lynn Hart-Lenaburg**, 66, of Elkhart, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 17, 2024, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

Jeri was born on April 29, 1958, in Elkhart, as the youngest of three children, the only daughter, to the late Donald L. and Jerrie (Beghtel) Hart. Jeri was a proud alumna of Rice Elementary, North Side Middle School and Elkhart Central High School, Class of 1976. Growing up she had many animals – cats, bunnies, a mini horse – she loved and cherished dearly.

On Oct. 6, 1984, she married her best friend and true love, Douglas E. Lenaburg, at First Church of God in Elkhart. Though they met at church at a young age, they would have celebrated 40 years of marriage this October. Jeri and Doug have had a beautiful life of love and laughter, with abundant trips to Michigan, a shared love of tie dye, cats, and their admiration for random car rides and adventure. To this union, they have two beautiful daughters: Molly E. (Alexander) Lenaburg-BeMiller, and Emily A. Lenaburg. Jeri was a doting Gam Gam to her three wonderful grandchildren, Julian Lenaburg, Hannah Lenaburg, and Weston Shelton; and fur grandchildren, Benji, Zeus and Ceasar. Also surviving are two brothers, **Jon (Connie) Hart** of Simonton Lake and Steve (Vicki) Hart; as well as several nieces and nephews, and extended family.

Jeri was a loving wife, mother, grandma, and friend. She loved her time as a volunteer at the Lerner Theatre and equally loved working at Gubi's Restaurant and Lounge, where she never met a stranger. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and flowers. Jeri shares a lifetime of memories with family and friends while at the family farm in La-Grange, Indiana, and her late parents' house on Gage Avenue.

She will be loved and missed by her family and many close friends from childhood and life.



## WENDELL LEE SHAFFER

**Wendell Lee Shaffer**, 89, of North Shore Drive passed away on May 12, 2024. He was born on March 6, 1935, in Columbia City, Indiana, to Pearl and Harry Shaffer.

Wendell led a vibrant and fulfilling life. After graduating from Concord High School, he enlisted in the US Navy. Wendell's career spanned the recreational vehicle industry, where he owned and operated several RV companies. However, his true passion lay in serving his community.

Wendell's legacy extends beyond his professional and athletic endeavors. Coach Shaffer was instrumental in founding the Bristol Beavers and Concord Little League baseball teams. He coached baseball, basketball, golf, and soccer in Bristol, FOP in Elkhart, Concord, Osolo, Mary Feeser, Elkhart Soccer, Riverview, to name a few. Under his mentorship, thousands of athletes were impacted with life altering lessons that are being shared through many generations. His dedication to his community was recognized when he received The American Legion, Civic Award in Bristol, Indiana.

Wendell will be deeply missed by his wife, Fay Shaffer, his children, Robert W. Shaffer (Denise), **Douglas L. Shaffer (Tina) of Simonton Lake**, Debra R. Lecklider (Michael), Carla Pontius (Tom) and Karen Nicholas (Jeff).

The family invites those who are interested, there is a **Shaffer Memorial Bench at Raber Golf Course**.





# FAREWELLS



## CLYDE MINIX

**Clyde "Ray" Minix**, 89, of Elkhart, passed away on July 2nd following an extended illness. Ray was the father of former lake resident **Linda Sellers**, wife of **Jim Sellers**

Ray graduated from Edwardsburg High School in 1953, where he was a varsity starter all four years. He held an Eddie record for holding 14 varsity letters (3 football, 3 track, 4 basketball and 4 baseball). Minix was an outstanding guard and the top scorer of the 1952-53 basketball team. He went on to serve in the Navy National Guard in 1953 and attended Alpena College, in Michigan, where he played a multitude of sports, including golf, basketball, track, tennis and baseball. Ray transferred to Western Michigan University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science and began his teaching career in Edwardsburg, MI. In 1971, they moved to Florida and opened a second day care facility, and a residential youth facility in Virginia for at-risk teens. In his spare time, Ray was an avid golfer, hunter, lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and had a wanderlust for travel.



## ELKHART BOG NATURE PRESERVE

PICTURES BY VAN KESSLER

In September of 2020 after 30 years of trying to protect the area the Indiana DNR opened the Elkhart Bog Nature Preserve

The preserve is at 51455 County Road 15, just a short drive east from Simonton Lake and is handicap compliant.

**WHAT'S A BOG?** The Elkhart Bog is a large wetland formed on top of an old glacial lake. A mat of sedges and sphagnum moss grew across the top of the glacial lake, creating a floating mat of peat, plants, and plant roots. It occupies a large peat basin and contains a variety of plants that are uncommon or rare in Indiana. Small stands of tamarack trees are scattered throughout the bog.



The tamaracks and many of the plants are ancient relics in Indiana, meaning their normal ranges are farther north in the upper portions of Michigan and Wisconsin. An observation deck extends into the bog offering a vantage point for this unique site.

The 60-some acre bog is just part of the nearly 230-acre preserve, and there's another 100-plus acres of land that the state and county hold as conservation easements to buffer the preserve. The preserve is a compilation of land donations, which started with 28 acres in 1990, and land bought with revenue from Indiana's environmental license plates, says Laura Minzes, an Elkhart native who's operations manager for DNR's nature preserves.

**WHY ARE BOGS IMPORTANT?** The preserve harbors 26 species of plants and animals that are rare in Indiana, including the Blanding's turtle. Sandhill cranes croon in the bog.

A more than 200-foot boardwalk crosses a moat that typically circles around a bog. The moat is sometimes completely dry, but it could fill back up at any time. Water levels naturally fluctuate in the bog. The boardwalk is surrounded by a floating mat of vegetation. But it's actually nine feet down to solid ground, while some parts of the bog are 20 feet deep.

Contractors have cleared large swaths of former farmland near the bog where commercial and industrial buildings are rising a half mile south at county roads 15 and 4. Amazon's huge facility is being built at least a half mile from the bog itself. The DNR will be watching these developments and their effect on the water levels in the bog.



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# INVASIVE WEED REPORT

SUMMER 2024

Early in May it became apparent that the mild winter had led to a season of Curly-Leaf Pondweed in the channels. Several people reported the weeds already so thick mats were formed on the surface.

HOA President, Doug Reese, sent out a Lake Alert email:

As you may know, the weeds in the channels have gotten extremely bad already this spring. We have been told this is due partly to our mild winter.

In order to combat this, the Simonton Lake Conservancy has authorized an early (additional) weed control spray that will take place on Friday, May 10th. We do not have adequate time to get the information cards sent out due to the quick notice, so we want to try to make everyone aware via a Lake Alert and social media.

This particular weed application is slower acting and may take up to a week to show the effects. This application is somewhat different and slower to take effect so that it will help protect the fish spawning that is happening now and will cause less stress to them.

The regularly scheduled weed control applications in June and August will still be applied.

Please let either Bob Evans, Conservancy Board President, or I know if you have questions prior to sending out the alert.



On July 11 some lake areas, shown in the map below, were sprayed for Starry Stonewort which has already been identified in our lake.



See accompanying article on INVASIVE WEEDS on pg.26



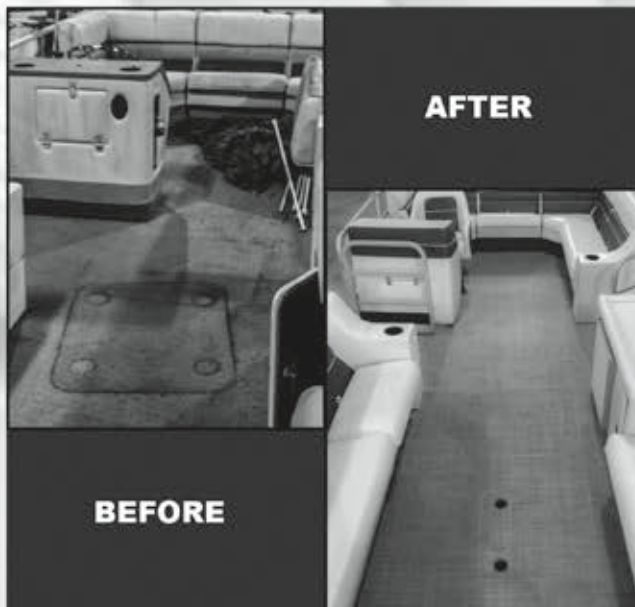
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# CIRCLE OF FRIENDS EVENT A BIG SUCCESS

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One of the new events sponsored by the HOA Membership/Outreach Committee was the “Circle of Friends” event held on June 21. Neighbors were asked to join other boaters for a “spectacular sunset and the opportunity to meet new friends.” Boaters gathered at the sandbar, formed a circle and created a space for swimming in the middle. Each family brought their own food and beverages to share as the participants spent the evening making new connections. Floats and family-friendly lake floats were encouraged.



## INVASIVE WEEDS - THE TOP FOUR MOST INVASIVE

KNOW WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE. REPORT THEM IF YOU SEE THEM.

CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED



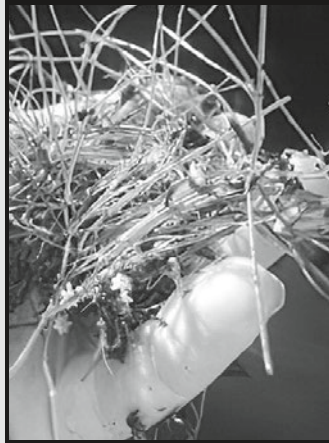
Three-inch leaves that are reddish green. Grows to form mat on water surface. Spread by cuttings that sink and root.

HYDRILLA



Small, serrated leaves. Spread by cuttings that sink and root. Looks like plants used in aquariums.

STARRY STONEWORT



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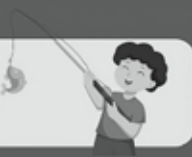
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## 2024 Upcoming Events

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Kids Fishing



Sept 28-29

Turkey Shoot



Oct 5

CASINO Night



Nov 2

Fall Ball  
Pirates of the Caribbean



Nov 23

Tailgate Party  
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## POKER RUN 2024

On April 27, the Sportsmen's Club co-hosted a The theme this year was Jimmy Buffett-Margaritaville. Everyone went all out to decorate themselves and their boats. We hope you got one of the t-shirts, shown right.



## POKER RUN TENT ON EVANS ISLAND



Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the poker run a success.

## FREE FISHING DAYS

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## FIREWORKS 2024

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# CRIME REPORT



**June 1-2** Late on Saturday night or early Sunday morning a food truck traveled up a driveway at a private residence at Dolph and North Shore Drive and did damage to the lawn and a retaining wall. The residents have the culprits on their cameras and have made a police report.

**June 11** Tuesday morning around 10:30 someone attempted to steal a trailer from a lot across the street from the owner's residence on North Shore Drive. The culprits pulled it out onto the street but then left it there. The homeowners noticed that the trailer had been moved at about 10:45. The police were called but since the trailer was moved but not actually stolen, no action was taken. The trailer has been moved to another site.

**June 30** 7:21 p.m. A resident reported the theft of jewelry worth about \$10,000 and cash totaling \$1,500 from her dresser in the 51000 block of Twilight Drive, the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office said.

**July 12** 12:30 a.m. A white female was reported going door to door asking for a man named Anthony claiming his parents passed away. She brought a flower basket to a resident's door. The resident told the woman she had the wrong house. The woman replied that she knew that but was looking in the area. The resident called Elkhart County

dispatch and watched the woman as she continued to go door to door down the street. The woman then met a white male and they continued to walk together toward Lake Drive. Two days prior the same female was at the boat launch claiming to be looking for a child named Abigail, claiming she believed the girl was deceased.

**July 14** On Sunday night someone tried to steal a pontoon trailer from a field on North Shore Drive just north of the channels. Had it not been for the chain that was binding the tires together so it couldn't move they would have made a getaway. But they soon figured out they were dragging a lot of dead weight and dropped it in the middle of Dolph Road. A county officer was there when the owners went to retrieve it. Keep everything locked!



**We remind you to always make a police report.**

After you make that call, please let the HOA know so that we can get the word out and protect the other neighbors around the lake.

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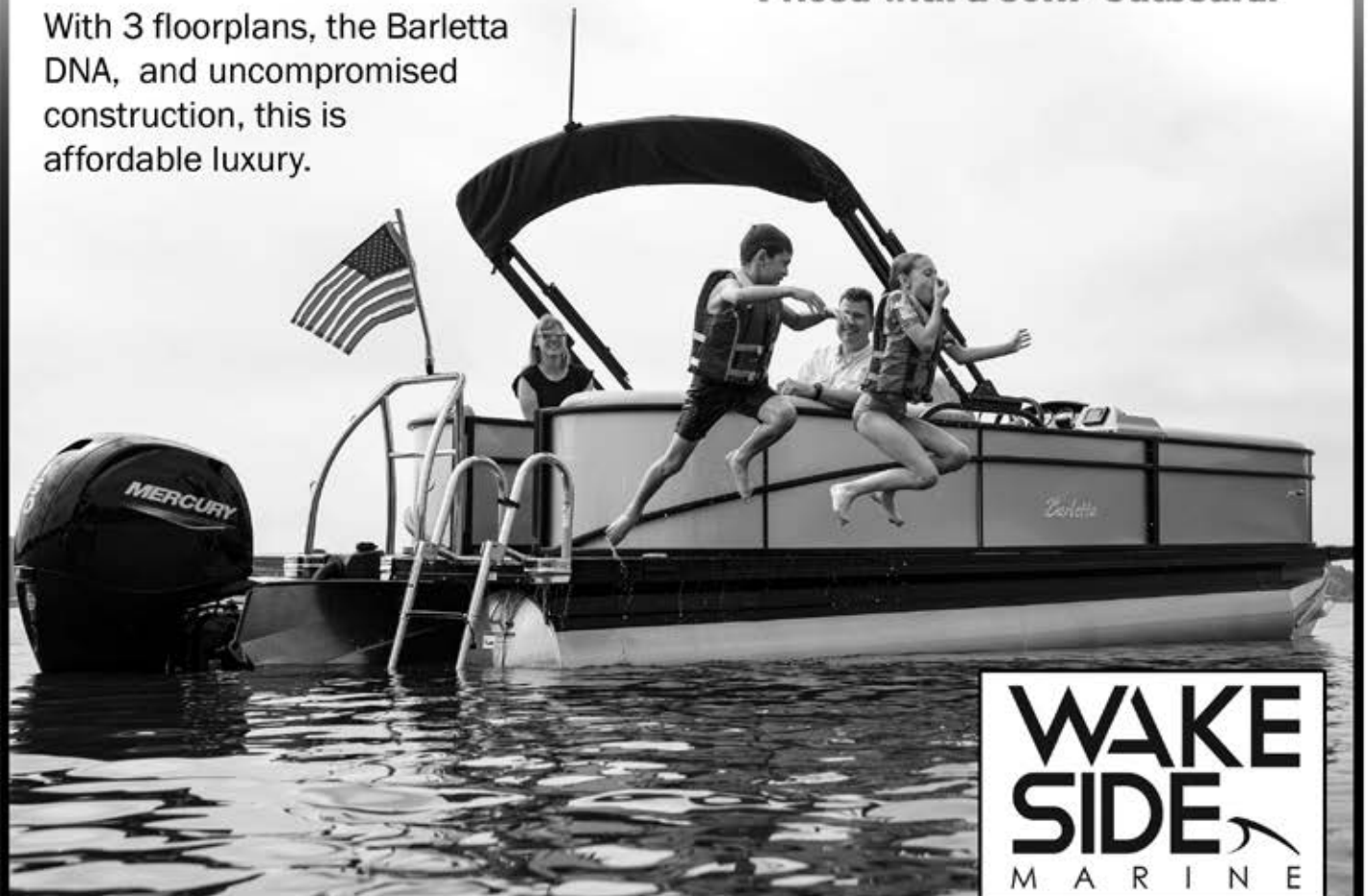
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# FALL LEAF PICK UP

We know the leaves are still green and, on the trees, but before the November issue comes out, we want to address the issue of leaf burning.

We will not be working with a contestant in the County Leaf Collection Contest.

In the meantime, the HOA is looking for someone else who might pick up our leaves. Most likely it will not be for free. But, perhaps as a group we might be able to get a reduced price.

## 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.
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  - Pollution problem
  - Threat to public health
  - Nuisance
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- 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.)

**Surf internet advises us not to burn on the edge of the roadways because the heat may damage the fiber optic cable buried underneath!**

## LAKE SAFETY

We continue to have many reports of boats going way too fast in the channels. Areas where there is to be "NO WAKE" are clearly marked by buoys in the water. Please respect other boats and the residents who live in these areas. For those of you who think these speeders are from the boat landing, think again! Many of the speeders are our own lake neighbors.

### No wake means no wake!

**This incident was reported to us from Coverdale Lake on July 13:** Two children were riding on the front of their pontoon dragging their feet in the water. One child fell off and went under the boat. Fortunately, the driver put the boat in reverse and shut the motor off. The child came out by the motor and was very shaken up. No one was hurt.

**REMINDER:** it is against the law to ride on the front of a pontoon outside the enclosure.

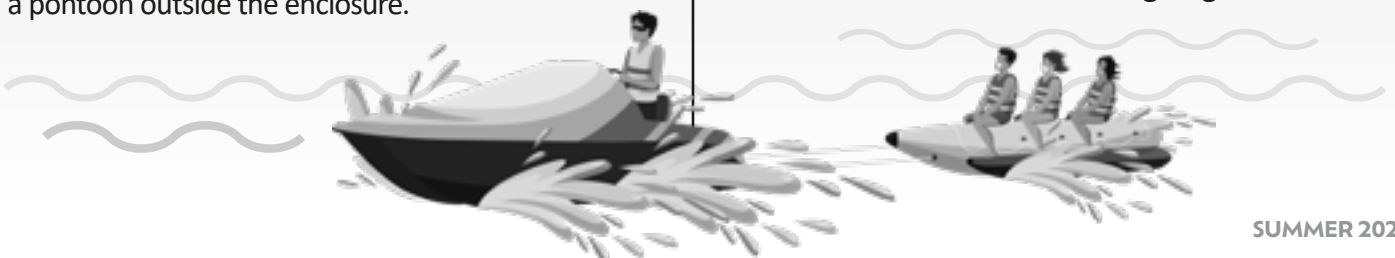
Just over a month ago an Indianapolis man was tried for the fatal boating accident on Lake Wawasee in the summer of 2020 which killed Nathaniel Mroz, age 20 from Fortville, Indiana. The driver was operating a boat and pulling two tubes with three riders on Lake Wawasee. During this activity, it was discovered that all of the tubers had fallen into the water around the same time.

The driver admitted to officers that while he was retrieving the tubers, he failed to notice that Mroz was directly in the path of his boat. The driver ran over Mroz with the boat.

Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful and Mroz was pronounced dead at the scene by the Kosciusko County Coroner's Office.

On the day of the incident the water was extremely choppy and there was a lot of boat traffic.

**REMINDER: Boat motors are unforgiving!**








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